

**17<sup>th</sup> Hordle Scout Group**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**7pm, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Minutes**

1. Introduction

Welcome to all parents, young people and District Commissioner, Kerie Wallace.

2. Apologies: Jonathan David

3. Approval of minutes from the last AGM: Proposed Chris Campbell, seconded Victoria Sandford

4. Treasurer's Report (Lee Griffiths)

A summary of the accounts was given, drawing attention to the increase in income from subs and reduction in expenditure following sale of minibus. Accounts approved.

5. GSL's Report

Another year of highs and lows. It was decided to have one last push at increasing numbers which was successful and as a result we were able to offer other activities such as sleepovers and a camp.

With so few leaders it was decided not to consider opening a new Squirrels section. More adult volunteers are needed in all the current sections and as trustees.

Sadly the Blue Wolves Explorer Unit decided to move their base, partly because of the attraction of the better condition, rent free facility offered by another Group.

We hope to address the maintenance situation of our hut over the next year. The recent agreement with the Parish Council over the parking of their van in our area in return for some gardening has eased the maintenance pressure a little but we are still looking for volunteers to help with the general upkeep.

6. Section Reports

Beavers (Sharon Sheard)

Another busy year for the Beavers during which they had fun and adventure. Among the highlights were the forest walks, building dens, making and sailing mini rafts and the sleepover, which caused so much excitement and anticipation that one Beaver was packed and ready to go a week early! At the hut Beavers played all the usual games and took part in activities contributing to badge work, air activities being a particular favourite.

Thanks to all the YLs for their help. Also thanks to the parents who have helped on our trips out.

Cubs (Gaye Padley)

What a busy year! Cubs lit fires, roasted marshmallows and made stick bread, made cakes and decorated themselves and the hall. They learned knots and made a full sized shelter which everyone sat in together. They made a raft which they sailed in a bowl of water on the grounds. They had sports on the field and played hockey indoors. They went den building in the Forest and the results were truly impressive. They had an evening of forest games. The Easter challenge was to make our own chocolate Easter eggs, which turned out to be quite messy!

When asking Cubs for the highlights, almost all enjoyed the sleepover and night hike and of course the camp earlier this summer.

Thank you to all the leaders and parent volunteers who helped transport and build the outpost. Thanks to the volunteer young leaders: Reuben who worked with us for the summer term; special thanks to Charlotte whose help and support is invaluable. Thanks also to our adult helpers Chris and Tilly, and Emma. Parent helpers are always welcome and actively encouraged.

Looking forward to an active year ahead.

Scouts (Steve Storey)

Numbers in the Scout section have increased which is very promising. Activities over the last year have included pioneering and electrical projects. There was a joint night hike and sleepover with the Cubs and the weekend camp at Braggers Wood.

7. Election of the Exec Committee/Trustee board

Gemma Magudia and Alex Weddell were elected as new trustees: proposed Sharon Sheard, seconded Gaye Padley. Lee Griffiths to continue as treasurer.

It was agreed that quorum for trustee meetings should be set at 3 trustees.

Proposed Kerie Wallace, seconded Jo Kitcher

8. Presentation of Awards (Kerie Wallace, District Commissioner)

**Beaver of the Year 2022**

Finley Horswell-Buirds

**Cub of the Year 2022**

Riley Kitcher

**Scout of the Year 2022**

Ted Storey

**Commitment to Scouting 2022**

Oliver Finch

9. Any other business

Adoption of the model constitution as in Policy, Organisation and Rules. Approved by Sharon Sheard, seconded by Jo Kitcher.