

17th Hordle Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

7pm, 19th October 2024

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: Alex Weddell; Seconded: Sam Spiers

4. GSL/Group Lead Volunteer's Report

It was reported that membership numbers increased. Figures for the census in January showed double the numbers for 2023 and these numbers were maintained. Beavers was the largest section which was promising for the future of the whole group.

Gaye Padley left her role as Cub leader at the end of the summer term and a replacement was still needed. However, Rob Alldis-Smith was welcomed as a Beaver leader and Mehul Magudia offered to help out whenever work commitments allowed. Lack of leaders continued to be the greatest risk to the group. Parents who helped were thanked, especially those who helped at camp which meant that Beavers could be invited to Group Camp again. Changes to the volunteering process were mentioned and it was hoped volunteering would be more attractive as a result of the changes.

It was noted that the Board of Trustees was working well and offering real support to the development of the group. A new website for the group was set up and progress was made with governance items.

The lease was due for renewal and a request was made for the term to be extended to 15 years.

Garry Spiers gave an update on the application for refurbishment work to be carried out under an energy company's local community scheme.

5. Treasurer's Report

A summary of the accounts was given, drawing attention to the need for a £5 termly increase in subs from January 2025, taking subs to £45 per term. A reminder of the difference made by Gift Aid was also mentioned.

Accounts approved. Proposed Alex Weddell; Seconded Nick Nugent

6. Approval of the Constitution

Proposed: Beth Nugent; Seconded Alex Weddell

7. Section Reports

Beavers: (Sharon Sheard)

It was another active year of fun and adventure. Beavers tried new things and gained many badges through organised activities and working at home. When asked for highlights, Beavers mentioned crabbing, fire lighting, toasting marshmallows, the sleepover and camp. It was fantastic to have the Beavers back at camp where they enjoyed archery and were introduced to camp fire entertainment thanks to Mehul and the 17th Bournemouth leaders and Cubs who joined us for the evening. A successful year for the Beavers and thanks to all who helped achieve it.

Cubs: (Sharon Sheard)

There was always a buzz and a hive of activity at Cub meetings with leaders, adult volunteers and YLs all working extremely hard to offer a varied and interesting programme. Cubs took part in team building games, cooking indoors and outdoors, map reading challenges and a visit to Lymington hospital where they earned their emergency aid badges. Top of their list of favourites was the camp, which they all enjoyed despite the rain. Thanks to Gaye, Chris and Tilly and the YLs for all their work and commitment.

Scouts: (Steve Storey)

The Scout section continued to grow. They had another busy year with activities including pioneering, hikes and cooking. As usual, the Group Camp was very popular and Scouts enjoyed the activities provided by Braggers Wood.

8. Election of the Trustees

Chair: Alex Weddell – proposed Sharon Sheard; seconded Sam Spiers

Steve Storey – proposed Sharon Sheard, seconded Alex Weddell

Lee Griffiths to continue as treasurer, Gemma Magudia as trustee

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

9. Presentation of Awards

Beaver of the Year - Oscar Badger

Beaver Endeavour - James Nugent, Tilly Howley

Cub of the Year – Jack Spiers

Scout Endeavour – Tom White, Finley How

Commitment to Scouting – Charlotte West

10. Any Other Business

Kerie Wallace thanked all the leaders for their commitment to the group.