

4th Sevenoaks (St John's) Scout Group

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Held on 1st July 2022 6.15pm Mill Lane Scout Hut

Present: Tony Mann, (Group Chair), Catherine Martin (Group Secretary), Jo Brookbank (Group Scout Leader), Michael Dreksler (District Commissioner and Scout Leader), JoAnn Etherington (Treasurer), Steve Kelley (Cub Leader), Emily Chertkow (Squirrel Section Assistant), Tim Gillespie (Parent Rep), Martin Maystone (Estates Committee), Rob Southwell (Scout Leader), Edmund Grobel (Beaver Leader), Shelley Williams (Beaver Leader), Robin Coombs (Cub Leader), Carl Ellmer (Assistant Scout Leader), Linsey Fox (Squirrel Leader), Elliot Ashby (Section Assistant), Andrew Hutchinson (Parent), Matt Etherington (Parent), Julia Newall (Parent), Louise Walker (Parent), Ben Moore (Parent), William Moorish (Parent), Sarah Smyth (Parent), Sam Devenney (Parent), Samantha Stericker (Parent), Heather Tyrell (Parent), Kerry Maystone (Parent), Andrew Gibson (Parent), Chandar Poddar (Parent), Divya Poddar (Parent), Rob Furr (Parent), Bianca Steinhardt (Parent), Neresse Ditri (Parent), Tony Ditri (Parent), D John (Parent), Lucy Clayton (Parent), Adrienne Skelton (Parent) and Nick Smyth (Parent). Many other parents and young people were present but not recorded.

Apologies: Matt Podd (Scout Leader).

- **Opening and welcome** by Tony Mann (Group Chair)
 - a. Noted: @310 young people pass through each week. @60 Adult volunteers.
 - b. Opportunity for all to join to help and very much welcomed
 - c. Applauded Jo Brookbank and Michael Dreksler for the quality of the provision given at the 4th.
 - d. Highlighted Jo Brookbank's British Empire Medal, awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2022 for Jo's unwavering support for children during Covid.
- **Approval of last year's AGM minutes (AGM held on 27th March 2021 on zoom** (previously circulated in the AGM pack)
 - Unanimously approved by the meeting, no matters arising.
- **Chairs Report: Presented** by Jo Brookbank (Group Scout Leader)
 - a. April 2020 is the first month we are reporting on and the changes and adaptations we have overcome have been monumental.
 - b. Scouting continued virtually throughout the Covid lockdown periods and returned to face to face as soon as restrictions were lifted.
 - c. Parents need to be thanked for supporting their young people to "get online" each week and in coping with keeping 2 meters apart initially.
 - d. Our public fireworks display was cancelled in 2020 but was followed it up with our 1st Santa's campfire grotto experience. This was such a huge success it was repeated again in 2021. Fireworks 2021 fully sold out.

- e. The group has continued to grow.
- f. Squirrels launched in September 2021
- g. During the lockdown, the site was improved. First installing outdoor sinks and an outdoor shelter and additionally the larger bouldering wall was progressed, to be completed end summer 2022.
- h. Plans to improve our toilet facilities, rebuild the adventure trail and further outdoor storage were put on hold but are looking to complete later this year.
- i. It was confirmed that the delivery of activities was the priority, even when short of volunteers. Jo Brookbank ended by saying that they welcome anyone with any skills to support Scouting.

- **Group Scout Leader's Report** (previously circulated in the AGM pack)
- **Group Treasurer's Report** presented by JoAnn Etherington, Group Treasurer
 - a. Approval of Treasurer's report.
 - i. Accounts were adopted unanimously by a show of virtual hands
 - ii. Accounts were circulated prior to the meeting and in the AGM Pack.
 - b. NOTED: 2 Years of Financial Reports – 2020-2021 and 2021 – 2022
 - i. 2020-2021 saw Subs fees reduced during COVID due to inability to meet but back up to £27,720 in 2021-2022.
 - ii. Grants include Covid relief funding £21k+ in 2020-2021 and £10k+ Covid Omicron grant in 2021-2022 period.
 - iii. Back into scouting: Total income 2021-2022 £55,791.
 - iv. The largest single expense to the group continues to be our annual membership fees (currently 48% of subs) which goes to support leader training, the national scout organisation, and county and district facilities.
 - v. 2021-2022 Dip into Expenses for @£11k camps (ie Intl Jamboree), and Equipment, ie: Camping Equipment, Outdoor Shelter and Bouldering wall.
 - vi. 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 spending on improvements and maintenance ie: Scout Hut flooring and improvements in security following break-in.
 - vii. 2020-2021 Profit £15,685 2021-2022 Profit £16,500
 - viii. 2020-2021 Funds £57,884 2021-2022 Funds £74,385
- **Group Executive Committee Appointments** Presented by Tony Mann, Group Chair.

The following ex officio members of the committee were nominated:

- **Group Chair:**
 - Tony Mann, proposed by Jo Brookbank, unanimously approved
- **Group Secretary:**
 - Catherine Martin, proposed by Jo Brookbank, unanimously approved
- **Treasurer:**
 - JoAnn Etherington, proposed by Jo Brookbank, unanimously approved
- **Elected Members:**
 - Robin Coombs proposed by Clara Kelley, seconded by Will Morrish, unanimously approved

- Martin Maystone proposed by Emily Bowles, seconded by Rob Southwell, unanimously approved
- Michael Dreksler, proposed by Carl Ellmer, seconded by Kelly Moore, unanimously approved
- **Co-option of additional members nominated by the GSL:**
 - Tim Gillespie, unanimously approved
 - Ellen Brooker, unanimously approved
 - Matt Etherington, unanimously approved
- **Ex-Officio members & Trustees**
 - Hollie Silver (Squirrels), unanimously approved
 - Shelley Williams (Pinewood Beaver Colony), unanimously approved
 - Steve Kelley (Greatness Cub Pack), unanimously approved
 - Matt Podd (Chapman Scout Troop), unanimously approved
- **Appointment of Independent Examiner:**
 - Clare Chapman, unanimously approved
- **Charles Chapman Trust:** Jo Brookbank, Robin Jones and Paul Davis, unanimously approved.
- **District Representative** - Michael Dreksler (District Commissioner), Gave thanks for being here and thanks for the time and effort of the leaders and adults involved in scouting, which makes this the biggest group in the district.
- The GSL report and section leader reports were provided in written form and accepted as such. (previously circulated in the AGM pack)

AOB:

- **Challenge Awards**
 - Jo Brookbank presented Chief Scout's Gold Awards to Squirrels
 - Jo Brookbank presented Chief Scout's Bronze Awards to Beavers
 - Jo Brookbank presented Chief Scout's Silver Awards to Cubs
- **Scout Hut Roof.**
 - Jo Brookbank gave an update on the Scout Hut Roof. We have approval that the roof is covered by insurance to repair, details are being finalised as to if it is enough to cover the cost of the full repair. No timelines yet as to when work will be completed.

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm