

18th Edmonton (Methodist) Scout Group

Minutes of the AGM Friday 18th May 2007

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman, Paul Symons, welcomed everybody to the AGM, extending a special welcome to Mark Dowsett, the District Commissioner for Enfield.

Flag Break was performed by Alex Chetty, the Rev Alistair Jones said an opening prayer and the Chairman explained voting rules.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting (19th May 2006)**

The Minutes of the last AGM were agreed, with one minor correction being required to replace '20006' with '2006' in Item 15 (Beaver Items). Agreement of the Minutes was proposed by Mr Kennedy, and approved by a show of hands.

4. **Health & Safety Report**

There have been no major incidents since the last AGM.

5. **2006/2007 Accounts**

The Accounts prepared by the Treasurer, Rob Bruce, and scrutinised by David Lo were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman started by thanking all of the leaders for their work on behalf of the Group. He welcomed back Mary Bird to the Beaver Colony, thanked Pat Powell for staying on, and announced that Lucy Bragg had become a new Assistant Scout Leader. The Chairman also thanked the Executive Committee for their work during the year.

The Chairman explained that the most significant event of the year had been the closing of Edmonton Scout District and our inclusion in Enfield Scout District. The Group will retain the name of 18th Edmonton (Methodist) Scout Group, and keep our red and white scarves.

Finally, the Chairman stressed that the Group was still in need of leaders and helpers on a regular basis, stating that all help would be most gratefully received.

7. **Group Scout Leader's Report**

The GSL reported that it had been a very busy year, with events held to celebrate both the Group's 60th anniversary and Baden-Powell's centenary. The Group has joined Enfield Scout District, and is looking forward to the benefits that this will provide. The GSL stated that numbers were slightly down, but that Mary Bird arriving and Pat Powell staying in the Beaver Colony was leading to an increase in Beaver numbers, which bodes well for the future of the Group. She finished by reiterating the need for adult helpers.

8. **Chair Nomination**

The GSL nominated Paul Symons for the position of Chairman. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by a show of hands.

9. **Election of Secretary**

The Chairman nominated Richard Clark for the position of Secretary. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by a show of hands.

10. **Election of Treasurer**
The Chairman nominated Rob Bruce for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by a show of hands.
11. **Election of Scrutiniser**
The Chairman nominated David Lo for the position of Scrutiniser. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by a show of hands.
12. **Sponsoring Authorities Nomination to Group Executive**
The Rev Alistair Jones advised that he wished Heather McIsaac-Hall to continue in this role.
13. **GSL's Nominations for Members to Group Executive**
The GSL nominated the following members to the Group Executive Committee:
Claire Gopoulos, Barbara Barnicoat, Karen Walker and Paul Boulter.
These nominations were approved by a show of hands.
14. **Election of Members to Group Executive**
The Chairman proposed that the following be elected to the Group Executive Committee:
Sue Bateman, Jan Ballett, Brenda Kennedy, Ian Kirby, Dave Edwards and Mike Morrissey.
These nominations were approved by a show of hands. There were no other volunteers to serve on the Group Executive Committee.
15. **Beaver Items**
The Beaver Leader presented her report. She thanked the Beavers for attending each week, The Minister and the Church, and the Group Executive for their help. She also thanked all Beaver parents who had helped out at Beaver meetings or any other activities, Paul for transporting the Beavers, and Lilian, Sally, Lucy and Mary for their ongoing assistance. Presentations were made to Lilian, Sally and Mary as a token of her appreciation.
16. **Cub Items**
The CSL presented her report and gave the Best Behaved Cub Award to Charlie Barrow. Julie Bragg was presented with the award for Bridies Challenge. Presentations were also made to Richard Clark for his help with Cub 5-a-side football and to Gwen for playing the piano.
17. **Scout Items**
The GSL presented her report. She thanked all of the leaders, the Group Executive, the Treasurer and the Secretary, and the football coaches. She thanked all parents who had helped out over the year, with special thanks going to Sue Bateman for help at Scout Meetings. Zoë, Martina, Tennessee, Sally and Rob were also thanked for their assistance. Presentations were made to the leaders and to Sue Bateman.

Lucy Bragg was then formally invested into the Scout Association.
18. **Presentations**
Priya Singh of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, the Group's chosen charity for 2006/2007, was presented with a cheque. She thanked the Group for choosing her charity, and said a few words about how the charity had been progressing.

Mark Dowsett, Enfield District Commissioner, led a round of applause for the leaders. He then presented all of the children and leaders with their Enfield District Badges.
19. **Meeting Closure**
The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm and was followed by a Show involving children from all the sections.