

18th Edmonton (Methodist) Scout Group Minutes of the AGM Friday 21st May 2010

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman, Dave Edwards, welcomed everybody to the AGM.

Flag Break was performed, the Rev Alistair Jones said an opening prayer and the Group Scout Leader, Paul Symons, explained voting rules.

The District Commissioner, Mark Dowsett, stated that the District's aim was to raise numbers in Scouting, adding that the Group had increased its numbers by 3 over the previous year. He then presented Sarah Bragg with her Jack Petchey award.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Heather Connor.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting (15th May 2009)**

The Minutes of the last AGM were approved as a true record of the meeting by show of hands.

4. **Health & Safety Report**

There have been no major incidents since the last AGM.

5. **2009/2010 Accounts**

The 2009/2010 Accounts, which had previously been emailed out by the Group Scout Leader, were approved by show of hands.

6. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman thanked all members of the Group Executive, the Church and Ministers, and the Group Scout Leader for their help over the previous year. He also thanked all parents who had helped out and explained that the Group requested assistance from all parents at the Friday evening meeting at least once a term. He asked any parents with specific skills to put their names forward to assist.

The Chairman reported that, in addition to ongoing activities such as walks, camps, fund raising and social events, a new Scout Flag had been obtained and a replacement Fund Raising Hut was due to be erected in the forthcoming May half-term week. He concluded by stating that vacancies still existed for an archivist, web manager, grant application specialist and transport manager.

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

The Group Scout Leader thanked everyone for attending. He reported that 18th Edmonton was the fifth largest Group in Enfield, and the largest of the old Edmonton Groups. He thanked the Group Executive, leaders and young leaders for their efforts, and explained the changes that had taken place within the leadership team over the past year, adding that the Group would still like more leaders. He encouraged parents to volunteer to assist wherever possible.

In her absence, the Group Scout Leader thanked the recently departed Subscriptions Manager, Sue Morrissey, for her work in this role since November 2004. A Thanks Badge, personal thank you from the Chief Scout and flowers will be passed on to her. Jane Wheeler was presented with a card and travel vouchers to celebrate her forthcoming wedding. Presentations were made to leaders, young leaders and miscellaneous helpers.

8. **Nomination of Chair by GSL and approval by Group Council**

The GSL nominated Dave Edwards as the Chairman. His election was agreed by 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 show of hands.
10. **Election of Treasurer**
The Chairman nominated Nicola Headland for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations and her election was agreed by show of hands.
11. **Election of Scrutiniser**
The Chairman nominated Rob Bruce for the position of Scrutiniser. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by show of hands.
12. **Agreement of Account Signatories**
Nicola Headland, Dave Edwards and Paul Symons were agreed as Account Signatories by show of hands.
13. **Sponsoring Authorities Nomination to Group Executive**
The Rev Alistair Jones paid tribute to Mary Bird and advised that he wished her to continue.
14. **GSL's Nominations for Members to Group Executive**
The GSL nominated the following members to the Group Executive Committee:
Anna Brown, David Jackson, Cheryl Keen and Chris Pocock. These nominations were approved by show of hands.
15. **Election of Members to Group Executive**
The Chairman proposed that the following be elected to the Group Executive Committee:
Jo Allen, Sue Bateman, Ian Kirby and Heather McIsaac-Hall. These nominations were approved by show of hands.
16. **Presentations**
Year Stars were presented to all eligible children.

A cheque for £200 was presented to Christine Clark from Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, who thanked the Group and said a few words about the work of Noah's Ark.

The Beaver Leader thanked leaders and helpers and presented gifts. She explained that a programme of outdoor activities was being planned for the next year.

The Cub Scout Leader presented her report and gave the Best Behaved Cub award to Lucy Boskov. She listed a multitude of activities that had taken place throughout the year, and mentioned the relationship that had grown with the 20th Southgate Pack over the year. She thanked the Church for all their support and everyone who had helped out over the past year, and presented gifts to a variety of helpers, paying special tribute to Jo Allen.

The Scout Leader thanked leaders and helpers for their assistance and presented Julie Bragg and Sarah Bragg with the Chief Scout Gold Award.

Darren Leonard gave a talk about Explorers, saying that the Bush Hill Park Explorer Unit was now 24 people strong, and had been the largest in the District for the previous 4 years.
17. **Entertainment**
A programme of entertainment was provided, involving children from all the sections.
18. **Meeting Closure**
The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm and was followed by refreshments.