

18th Edmonton (Methodist) Scout Group Minutes of the AGM Friday 16th May 2014

1. Welcome

The Acting Chairman, Richard Clark, welcomed everybody to the AGM. Flag Break was performed. Voting rules were explained. The Rev Tim Swindell referred to John Wesley's exhortation to do the best we can in all circumstances and drew parallels with the values of the Scouting movement. An opening prayer was then said.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Abby Clark, Heather Connor, Dave Fox and Pat Powell.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting (10th May 2013)

The Minutes of the last AGM, which had previously been emailed out by the Group Scout Leader (GSL), were approved by a show of hands as a true record of the meeting.

4. Health & Safety Report

There have been no major incidents since the last AGM.

5. 2013/2014 Accounts

The 2013/2014 Accounts had previously been emailed out by the GSL. There were no questions for the Treasurer and these were taken as approved by show of hands.

6. Acting Chairman's Report

The Acting Chairman praised the work of his predecessor, Heather Connor, who had been forced to stand down as Chairman due to illness, focusing in particular on her work relating to the minibus. He thanked the Church for their constant support and all the Exec, leaders and helpers who had contributed throughout the previous year.

The Acting Chairman stated that the ability that Scouting provided for children to develop as all round individuals was more important than ever given that our children are now the most tested in the industrialised world. However, he stressed that the Group was desperate for parents to provide help to the leaders, who were now carrying a very heavy load on their own shoulders. Help could be anything, not necessarily assisting at Friday night meetings, and parents should approach their child's leader to discuss how they could help.

7. Group Scout Leader's Report

The GSL thanked everybody for the support they had given her in her first full year as GSL, especially Sally, Paul and Pete. Dave Fox was thanked for his three years in the role of Treasurer and Pat Powell was thanked for all her help with the Beaver team. The Beaver, Cub and Scout teams were thanked, with a special mention given to Simon Fouracre, who will shortly be leaving the Cub section. The GSL emphasised that, whilst it may look like the Group has a large leader team, the majority are in fact young leaders. Whilst the young leaders do a fantastic job, they are not yet adults – and it is adult help that the Group really needs.

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

The GSL nominated Richard Clark to continue in the position of Acting Chairman. His election was agreed by show of hands.

9. Election of Secretary

The Acting 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 Acting Chairman nominated Rob Bruce for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by show of hands.
11. **Election of Scrutiniser**
The Acting Chairman explained that there had been no nominations to date for a replacement for Rob Bruce for the position of Scrutiniser.
12. **Agreement of Account Signatories**
The holders of the GSL, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary roles were agreed as Account Signatories by show of hands.
13. **Sponsoring Authorities Nomination to Group Executive**
The Rev Tim Swindell advised that he would be continuing in this role.
14. **Section Leaders Sitting on the Group Executive Committee**
The Scout Leader, Graham Reid, has elected to sit on the Group Executive Committee. The Cub Leader and Beaver Leader have elected not to sit on the Group Executive Committee.
15. **GSL's Nominations for Members to Group Executive**
The GSL nominated the following members to the Group Executive Committee: Gervase Bush, Anna Gill and Karli Turner. These nominations were approved by show of hands.
16. **Election of Members to Group Executive**
The Acting Chairman proposed that the following be elected to the Group Executive Committee: Jo Allen, Dave Edwards, David Jackson and Ian Kirby. These nominations were approved by show of hands.
17. **Agreement of Group Executive Quorum**
It was agreed by show of hands that over half of the members of the Group Executive would need to be present in order for the Group Executive Meeting to be quorate.
18. **Group Charity for 2014 – 2015**
Sue Bateman spoke about the work of St Elizabeth's, the Group's chosen charity for 2014 – 2015. (See www.stelizabeths.org.uk for more information.)
19. **Presentations**
The Beaver Leader outlined the packed programme that the Beavers had enjoyed throughout the year and thanked all the young leaders and helpers who had assisted her. Gifts were presented.

The Cub Scout Leader presented her report, detailing the varied and active programme that had taken place during the year. She thanked young leaders and sectional assistants for their help and presented gifts. She stressed the need for adults who have been DBS checked to help with external activities – without sufficient adult to children ratios, activities will simply not be able to take place. The Best Behaved Cub award was presented to Ben.

The Scout Leader outlined the many activities that had taken place during the year. Whilst eight Scouts had received their Chief Scout Gold Award, a particular highlight had been a Scout from the Group obtaining one of the six Enfield places to go to the International Jamboree. He thanked leaders, young leaders and helpers for their assistance and presented gifts.

Darren Leonard gave a brief summary on behalf of the Bush Hill Park Explorer Unit. He stressed the need for more parental help. Jake Orros from the Explorer Unit gave a very interesting presentation explaining the varied activities that he taken part in whilst working towards receiving his Queen's Scout Award.

Chief Scout Silver Awards were presented to five Cubs by the District Commissioner.

20. **Entertainment**

A programme of entertainment was provided, involving children from all the sections.

21. **Flag Down**

The Meeting closed at 8.30 pm and was followed by refreshments.