



BSO 1st Majadahonda Annual General Meeting

Date: 10th December 2020

Attendees: John Pearce
David O'Gorman
Melissa Pearce
Ursula Theobald
Kirsty Doyle
Enrique Almohalla
Frederic Ebrard
Inmaculada Ruiz Taravillo
Linda Wickenden
Sandra Garcia
Nuria Gómez
Michal Mizrahid
Leandra Clark
Mairi Murphy
Mechteld van Heuven
Shirley Byrne
Victoria Sacristán
Philip Pickering
Alejandra Val Cubero
Alberto Arroyo Mulero

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Opening comments from the chairman

Thanks to all those attending the AGM.

It's been a difficult year for everyone but thanks to John, Melissa and all the other leaders and helpers 1st Majadahonda Scouts have gone from strength to strength. Membership has increased to 58, with more on waiting list.

1) Approval of new Executive Committee (specifically: new Secretary)

A new Group Secretary is needed as Sarah Aparicio has stepped down as Treasurer and Ursula Theobald (previous Group Secretary) has taken on the Treasurer position. Leandra Clark volunteers to be Group Secretary. Other positions are unchanged (David O’Gorman as Chairman, John Pearce as Group Scout Leader).

Result of vote: 100% in favour of the new Executive Committee.

2) Presentation and approval of annual accounts

Points of note in the budget: subsidy received from France & Iberia District in 2019, BSO fees are our biggest expenditure, some payments from parents still outstanding from 2019. See presentation for details.

Result of vote: 100% in favour of approving the accounts.

3) Approval of annual subscription fee

Fees for 2020/21 year will be held at the same amount as the previous year. See presentation for details.

Result of vote: 100% in favour of approving the accounts

4) Plan of activities for the coming year

We hope to continue to offer 2 big group camps: Mar/Apr and Oct/Nov as well as some smaller section camps over weekends.

Opportunities to work on activity badges: climbing (at a centre in europolis), survival & cooking skills on camp, snowshoeing (1st Madrid has been), water activities (our Chairman has contact at Marepolis – indoor skuba pool) and martial arts (contact at Kankukan school in Majadahonda).

Leaders will continue working on intermediate badges at weekly meetings

There may be an opportunity for older kids to have an international experience later in the year – John probably won’t be able to attend.

5) Presentation of OSM

OSM is an online database and administration system for scouting which makes things very easy in terms of organization and managing events and badges – it saves leaders a lot of time, so if parents use the system it helps the leaders enormously.

It's a database of all the children:

- Personal details
- Attendance registers
- Patrols
- Data for calculating BSO fees (for insurance, training etc.)
- Planning for section sizes (leader ratios)
- Planning for activities at weekly meetings
- Keeping track of badges.

Cost is GBP24/year per section + GBP29/year per section for the parent portal add on – to help parents.

Parent portal includes:

- Details of upcoming events
- Programme: parents can say if their child will be attending which is important for calculating leader/child ratios (especially now with covid guidelines)
- Personal details: please keep updated (any dietary requirements are especially important)
- Badges: parents can see the badges their children are working on, including how far along they are towards gaining them and what they still need to do. They can even send proof of completed badgework (usually photos) to leaders through OSM.
- Picture of where badges go on uniform.
- Email system (parents can email leaders from within OSM with any queries)
- Chat rooms

- Notice board

More information and pictures are in the presentation

Parents, please use the Parent Portal, it really helps our leaders!

Overview of different types of badges (see presentation for more information and pictures):

- Staged activity badges (levels) – things they do on regular basis e.g. first aid, nights away
- Activity badges
- Challenge badges (most important, as lead to chief scout's award) – hexagonal
- Chief Scout's award – quite difficult to achieve – we have to report at census how many we've achieved.
- Core badges (membership, uk badge, Spain badge and group name tape)

Badges are paid for out of the group finances (subs)

6) Appeal for more leaders and parent helpers (specifically: new Beaver Section Leader)

We've had a lot of help from parents at weekly meetings but we still need more uniformed leaders to join us regularly and complete training.

Beaver Section Leader: Melissa is currently overloaded as she does all the group admin in addition to being Beaver Section Leader. This role involves planning weekly meetings and other events around badges – all the structure and ideas are available within OSM. It's about passing on life skills to the children (e.g. teamwork, being kind to others) and giving them the opportunity to do things they wouldn't usually get to do. Ages 6-8. It's lots of fun – the Beavers are very enthusiastic. Planning can be shared with the assistant leaders. There would be a handover period for the new leader and support from Melissa (who will continue attending Beaver meetings) and assistant

leader Linda. If Beavers isn't your preferred age group, please consider volunteering for Cubs or Scouts, as we may be able to reassign one of our existing leaders to be Beaver Section Leader.

Cub and Scout assistant leaders: also needed as our numbers grow.

7) Covid Report

See presentation for details

Important: Please send back the consent form for your child if you haven't already done so (this is a legal requirement).

8) Update on venue search

Our Chairman has been talking to Kankukan karate school in Majadahonda who may be able to give us use of a room – it is very well ventilated with large windows so ideal for the current covid restrictions.

We are also working on applying for use of some rooms at Majadahonda Youth Centre.

Sponsorship: we continue to look for sponsorship to enable us to buy more equipment (tents, camping materials, flag).

If anyone knows of any company/enterprise who would be interested in sponsoring us please get in touch.

9) AOB

Final call for a new Beaver Section Leader!

Thanks again for sending your children to scouts and for your continued support.