

# Winterborne Whitechurch Scout Group

Minutes of AGM held Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Present:

John Kerley (Deputy District Commissioner) Samantha Elliott (Acting GSL, Beavers Section Leader), Paul Andrews (Scout Section Leader), Karen King (Assistant Scout Section Leader), Denise Saunders (Cub Scout Section Leader), Pam Thornton (Executive Committee member), Richard Wilson (Executive Committee member), Nicola Lindley (Scout Group Treasurer) Anna Way (Scout Group Secretary), Jacqui Howells, Jules Tebb, Wendy Higgs, Neill Wilson, Kirsty Young, Emily Peachey, James Manning.

### 1. John Kerley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Apologies for absence:

Simon Young (District Commissioner)

### 3. Approval of the minutes from the previous AGM:

Approved by the meeting and signed by John Kerley.

### 4. Approval of the Annual Accounts to year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

During this financial year there has been a change of Treasurer and the bank accounts have also been changed. Sam Elliott explained that the Milborne St Andrew's Beaver Group will bring the remaining funds from Milborne St Andrew's Scout Group to add to our income. (see GSL report for more detail)

Nicola Lindley has been volunteering as the new Group Treasurer since September 2019.

#### Summary:

*Opening Balance: £2,583.78*

*Income: £3,038.55*

*Expenditure: £4,197*

**Bank balance as of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 : £1,424.63**

Adoption of accounts proposed by Jules Tebb

Seconded by Pam Thornton

## 5. Annual Reports

### Group Scout Leader (GSL) Report, Sam Elliott.

Sam explained that she has volunteered to take over this role as she is no longer leader of our Beaver Colony. As she is also the Blandford GSL, it will be more sensible for her to support us by undertaking a similar role;

- To help support the young people in Milborne St Andrew and the Winterborne valley, our Scout Groups have merged. The existing Milborne Beaver Colony is now part of the Winterborne Whitechurch Scout Group.
- As a result of the merger, it was decided to change the name of the Group to reflect the wider geographical profile of the Group. As a result of a meeting on 25.9.19 we will now be called "The Winterbornes' Scout Group". A new necker has been chosen – green to reflect the country-side and a gold trim. The colour gold features in both Groups' original neckers.
- Priority now will be to update the new bank account and put procedures in place for online payments.
- Once formalised as GSL, the role will enable access to the Scout system, "Compass". This will enable support for Leaders and Committee members with training and development.
- If anyone would like to volunteer in any capacity to help with Scouts then please let Sam know.  
([thewinterbornes@gmail.com](mailto:thewinterbornes@gmail.com))

## **Beaver Scout Colony Report – Sam Elliott**

This year many activities have been enjoyed including:

- with other young people: County Beaver Fun Day, “Beajam”; the Christmas Pantomime in Poole; St George’s Day celebrations with Blandford Scout Group;
- opportunities to meet outside the hall: Milborne St Andrew Park; Milldown Park in Blandford; skittles in the Royal oak; Cycling at Blandford Scout Hut ;
- welcomed a fascinating visitor from the RNLI;
- Enjoying special events and celebrations with the rest of the Winterborne Whitechurch Scouts;
- The highlight! - Summer Camp, the “Damboree” with Charlton Marshall .

Chief Scout Bronze Awards have been presented to Kacper, Joshua, Rosa, Daniel and Tyler

## **Cub Scout Pack Report – Denise Saunders**

This year many activities have been enjoyed including these highlights:

- Book Swap Night;
- Attending Starfest and learning how to be astronauts
- One Cub went on the County trip to Belgium and reported back to the Pack.

Chief Scout Silver Awards have been presented to five Cubs.

## **Scout Troop Report – Paul Andrews**

This year many activities have been enjoyed including these highlights:

- Pioneering; hiking; firefighting; life saving at Milton Abbey Poole; scuba diving at QE pool, Wimborne.
- Fundraising – The Milton Abbas Street fair; Durweston BBQ and our own Book Fair.
- The greatest highlight was the 2 day canoe expedition from Ross on Wye to Monmouth

Paul thanked George Miller who has moved on from being a Young Leader to university this year. He also thanked Sebbie and Ben for their continuing support to the troop.

## **6. Election of Group Chair:**

### **Chairman – John Kerley**

Nominated by Paul Andrews and seconded by Denise Saunders

## **7. Election of Group Treasurer and Group Secretary:**

### **Treasurer – Nicola Lindley**

Nominated by Jacqui Howells and seconded by Wendy Higgs

### **Secretary – Anna Way**

Nominated by Karen King and seconded by Paul Andrews

## **8. Approval of nominations to Group Executive Committee**

**Pam Thornton** and **Richard Wilson** agreed to stay on the Committee for another year. **Neill Wilson** was welcomed as a new committee member.

The meeting closed at 7pm.