



30th Warrington West Scout Group AGM

| MEETING RECORD | | |
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| EVENT: Annual General Meeting | LOCATION: virtual Teams meeting | DATE: 12 th July 2022 TIME: 7:30pm |

Present from the executive: Samantha Done, Ian Gornall, Heather Harper, Chris Williams, Vicky Couch

Also attending from the group:, Gill Gornall, Amanda Cross, David Smith, Kev Foote, Charlotte (YL).

Also attending: 6 parents

Apologies: Medha Chitale, Kath Shaw, Bernice Cunningham, Helen Krueger, Nicola Brislen, Debbie Phillips, James Tombs, Leo Kilpatrick.

- Welcome: Welcome from Ian and apologies. Samantha Done took record of those present.
- Appointment of Chairperson – Nomination of Bernice Cunningham for another 12 months – proposed by Chris Williams, seconded by Kev Foote.
- Approval of the previous year's AGM minutes – Proposed by Heather Harper, seconded by Chris Williams.
- Annual reports and Accounts (Treasurers Report) from Kath Shaw – Accounts examined by Alison Ormrod. Acceptance of the accounts proposed by Samantha Done, seconded by David Smith.
- 30th WW scout group council: no nominated or co-opted members.
- Election of group secretary – Samantha Done agreed to continue as group secretary – no other applicants so no need for a ballot. Kevin Foote proposed and Heather Harper seconded.
- Election of group treasurer - Kath Shaw agreed to continue as group treasurer - – no other applicants so no need for a ballot. Samantha Done proposed and Vicky Couch seconded.
- General Executive committee – Helen Kruger nominated for membership secretary. Samantha Done proposed and seconded by Heather Harper.
- Alison Ormrod agreed to act as Auditor – no need for ballot as no other applicants. Samantha Done proposed and Chris Williams seconded.
- Quorum – slide shared and explanation given for all attendees and Heather Harper proposed acceptance, Vicky Couch seconded. No objections given, meeting Quorate approved.
- Section Reports:
GSL- Ian Gornall gave quick review of his role in the group. Welcome to new young leaders in the sections: Beaver: Anthony and Cameron; Cubs: Declan, Harry and Poppy; Scouts: Ewan. New uniformed leaders – Beavers: Sam; Cubs: Vicky, Janet and Jim; Scouts: Lewis. Uni-uniformed leaders (Leaders who are away at university at the moment): Elliot, Joseph, Toby, James, Edward and Zach. New executive members: Helen and Mike. Priorities going forward – recruitment, especially in Cubs section. Recognition



of service given by GSL and ensures all volunteer training is up to date. Supporting volunteers with uniform costs and fuel costs.

Squirrels – healthy waiting list – talking through approval of sections with DC

Beavers – healthy number and a waiting list. Have enough YLs and adult leaders.

Cubs - healthy number and a waiting list. Have enough YLs but need an assistant section leader – Vicky Crouch agreed to move up to Section Leader so now need a new ASL.

Scouts – very healthy numbers in young people and leaders. Still need a few more YLs.

Highlights of the year (2021): Back to Face-to-Face scouting; Ian got a 'High Sheriffs Commendation'; Christmas party for leaders/adult volunteers; Hikes for Blakfoot and Cheshire Hike; Camps for children in sections – first camp for Beavers and Cubs since 2019; new adult volunteer recruits enjoyed a Hillwalking taster day; AED donated to church and other community site. Queens Platinum Jubilee entry for Ian Gornall; Penketh Carnival event raised lots of money, second place for the fancy dress.

Beavers – Heather Harper (Beaver SL) 176 badges awarded in the last year including 2 CS bronze awards, Holly Aspinall – completed huge amount of badges during lockdowns. Christmas celebrations at Jellybeans and camps at Forest Camp with the cubs. Holly's farm visit. Lots of outdoor activities this year in Penketh gardens. Full team of leaders and thanks to all of them for their support. Beaver of the year: Aidan O'Toole.

Cubs – Vicky Couch – new cub scout leader, with Gill Gornall, Jim & Janet to help. Vicky working on her skills as well as cubs so that they can achieve the chief scouts silver award badges. Lots of external visitors – astronomy, photography, guide dogs. Been on night hikes, climbing, pioneering and athletics. Forest camp and sleepover at the church with Beavers. Special mention for YL Charlotte for all the work and support she offers. Cub of the year: Benjamin Marsden. Final thanks to Ian and Gill Gornall for their support.

Scouts – Chris Williams – thanks to Amanda, Alex, David and Elliot for their unwavering help and support over the year. Also thanks to Ewan the new YL. Congratulations to Charlotte Mason and Poppy Wilson who have been chosen to attend world Jamboree. Both are fundraising so please help them if you can. Good attendance all year. 9 camps this year, 4 hikes, 2 expedition weekend and 2 parades. Lots of activities including litter picking, Cycling, model making, Trangias, shooting, kayaking, navigation, sponsored hike. 70 challenge badges, 81 staged badges, 87 activity badges, 32 joining in badges, 106 Ushape awards. Total of 376 badges. 8 chief scout Gold awards – Harry Renshaw, Cameron Harper, Jonathon Cunningham, Declan Brown, Poppy Wilson, Sophia Taylor, Emma Flynn, Amy Flynn. Zodiac awards – 2 bronze Zodiac and 1 Gold zodiac awards. Going forward – preparations for Chamboree next month, Blakfoot hike in October, Chariot race in October, Waterloo camp plus many other camps and hikes throughout the year. Scout of the year: Liam Mills. Alex Devers and Ryan Williams Congratulated for achieving their Queen's Scout Award – the highest award that a scout can achieve.

Ian Gornall thanked all 3 section leaders for the time and effort in getting the sections back up to pre pandemic speed and their commitment moving forward.

Final Awards: James Tombs – 5 years Service; David Smith – 10 years Service; Kev Foote – 10 years service; Amanda Cross – Chief Scouts Commendation; Chris Williams - Chief Scouts Commendation; Ian Gornall - Chief Scouts Commendation, High Sherriff's Award.



Overdue awards: Amanda Cross, Alex Devers, Gill Gornall, Ian Gornall, Heather Harper.

12. AOB – nothing.

13. **Close:** Ian Gornall gave thanks to the following: Penketh Methodist Church , Margaret Docherty attended as representative from church and Ian extended our gratitude to all the support we get rom the church; All volunteers for their time; everyone for their help at Cheshire and Blakfoot hike.

Special mentions to: Heather Harper as she is also the ADC for Beavers, BSL at 15th, and for the work she did at Penketh Carnival; Alex Devers as he's also ESL at Amazon ESU and WW Target Sports Team; Amanda Cross as she's also the Chamboree lead, WW Target Sports Team, "Go-To" at 21st; Chris Williams as he's also ESAL at Amazon ESU, WW Target Sports Team, WSJ AL, DofE assessor; Vicky Couch for taking on the CSL and racing through training; Kath Shaw for her professional Treasure duties, everything else she takes on, her motivation and the moral support that she gives to Ian Gornall. Heather made special mention to Leo Kilpatrick who has also supported Viking ESU.

Charlotte Mason thanked the group for supporting her and Poppy for the Jamboree.

Date of next AGM declared as Monday 3rd July 2023.

Meeting ended 9:30pm