



30th Warrington West Scout Group AGM

MEETING RECORD		
EVENT: Annual General Meeting	LOCATION: Penketh Methodist Church	DATE: 21 st June 2019 TIME: 7:30pm

Present: Mark Tombs, Samantha Done, Kath Shaw, Ian Gornall, Steve Devers, Jane Renshall, Heather Harper

Attending approximately 36 parents & group members

Apologies: Barry McIlveen

Proposed agenda:

1. Approval of the previous year's AGM minutes
2. Chairman's report
3. Treasurers report
4. Scouter in Charge report
5. Section reports
6. Appointment of the members of the Executive
7. Presentations
8. Leader Investitures
9. Any Other Business

Approval of the previous year's AGM minutes

The minutes of the previous year's AGM had been circulated. Approval of the minutes was proposed by Heather Harper and seconded by Jane Renshall.

Chairman's report – Given by Mark Tombs in absence of a sitting Chairperson.

Mark Tombs again appealed for someone to step up as new Chairman. MT also appealed for any parents who want to join the executive committee as Beaver of cub parent reps. Appeal for 'new blood' as existing committee member's children are growing up. MT thanked existing members: SJD as group secretary; KS as treasurer and for the plants orders and deliveries; JR for her fundraising; BM for fundraising, managing the van and helping to arrange new storage facilities. The issue with the containers was briefly explained and the problems this has been causing for camps and activities. An appeal was made for help with moving equipment to the new storage facility.

Treasurers Report – Kath Shaw

Big increase in funds on deposit this year of approximately £6,000, mainly from the sale of the groups Stratos boat. The main income for the group is still coming from subscriptions, gift aid, plant sales and fundraising. We have claimed almost £2,000 in gift aid for the group and have received over £900 from the plant sales.

Our main outgoings are subscriptions to district, new equipment and maintenance cost for the van. The ongoing costs for the van are approximately £1,300 pa and we will soon have additional costs for the new storage facilities.



The executive committee has agreed to provide £400 to each section to spend on activities. KS appealed for any parents who have not yet filled in a gift aid form to do so. SJD proposed acceptance of the report and SD seconded this.

Group Scout Leader Report – Mark Tombs

Our numbers on roll have increased this year to 87 so we have achieved a growth award. We have supported District and County events this year including the St George's service and Chester parade.

We have had 2 scouts achieve their Chief Scout Gold Award, 1 cub achieve their silver and 4 Beavers achieve their Bronze award.

We have some of our leaders and Young leaders involved with the world Jamboree this summer. Amanda Cross, Leo and Joseph are attending as part of the Cheshire contingent. Chris Williams, Ryan Williams and Alex Devers are part of the service team and Ian Gornall is attending as Deputy District Commissioner.

Alex Devers and Alistair Tombs were awarded their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award at Buckingham Palace.

Alistair Tombs and Zach Done are moving up to be adult leaders though are still short of leaders as young leaders go off to University. MT appealed for parents to become leaders or helpers especially for the Beavers section.

MT thanked all the leaders and young leaders for all their work on regular meetings, camps and activities.

Section Reports

Beavers – Heather Harper

A very busy year for Beavers with over 165 badges awarded including 4 Bronze Awards. These badges included Animal friends, Emergency first aid, Disability awareness, Fitness and Hikes staged badges.

We have 24 beavers on role, 6 who have moved up and 5 more due to move up to cubs in September.

This year Beavers have helped with fundraising at bag packs and plant deliveries. They have also attended the Remembrance parade, District Carol service and St Georges service. They have had a trip to a Fire station and to Tru Ninja (subsidised by the group).

Thanks to Jim Harris, a parent who has been helping out each week and to other parents who help out. Thanks to leaders James, Owen and Ed and thanks to young leaders Leo, Lewis and Shania – for all the help they provide each week.

Cubs – Steve Devers

38 cubs on role with a lot coming up from Beavers and 7 moving up to scouts in September.

Thanks to Gill, Della and Chris for their help over the year. Della is sadly leaving.

Also thank you to the 5 young leaders – Joseph, Alastair, Toby, May and Elliott.

SD will need to start a parent rota from September as there are insufficient adult leaders.



Cubs involved in lots of activities over the last 12 months and have completed lots of badges. 1 cub has achieved their Silver chief scout award.

Cubs have also attended District Carol Service, Church parade, St Georges service, Penketh Carnival and the District swim gala. Cubs have also helped with all the fundraising activities over the last 12 months.

SD thanked all the leaders, YLs and parents for their support and asked if anyone else wanted to help out.

Scouts – Ian Gornall

Summer 2018 was Chamboree camp and we met up with our Norwegian friends. They stayed on after with some of our older scouts for an extra few days camp and activities including speed karting.

This year scouts have attended 6 Community events, 8 District/county events, 9 camp sites visited, 6 new scouts, 10 scouts did Blakfoot and achieved the gold award, 22 nights away on camp, 21 scouts currently on roll, 174 badges completed and 3 Chief Scout Gold awards

Highlights for the last year: September – Alton Towers camp and waterpark; October – Chariot Race camp and Blakfoot; November – RATI homeless shelter visit and swim gala; December – Christmas camp at Silverhelm; January – Plastic awareness month; March – RATI again, beach watch clean-up; April - St Georges day parade at Warrington Wolves stadium; May – camping; June – skiing and rafting.

18 different badge completed this year including activities, challenges and staged badges. 3 gold Zodiac and 7 bronze Zodiac awarded.

Challenges for the coming year – Storage problems have created equipment issues so this may limit camps. Appeal for new scouts as want to get numbers on roll up to

30. Looking at an international camp in 2020, formal announcement and invitations will be sent out in October.

Thanks to the executive committee for all their support. Thanks to parents for their commitment, thanks to the scouts for always being pleasant and polite. Thanks to the leadership team for all your help and support with our section and scouting as a whole.

Exec Committee

MT introduced Steve Pennington as our District Representative.

All existing members of the committee are prepared to serve for another year.

The following members of the committee were happy to continue:

Mark Tombs – Group Scout leader

Samantha Done – group secretary

Kath Shaw –group treasurer

Vacancy – Chairperson,

Jane Renshall - Fundraising,

Barry McIlveen – transport manager

Beaver parent rep Vacancy

cub parent representative – vacancy

scout parent rep – vacancy



Medha Chitale offered to volunteer as Scout parent rep (MT accepted).

MT proposed and IG seconded the continuation of the committee.

AOB:

JR asked for parents to help with fundraising events.

MT thanked Gill Gornall, Sue Devers and Kath Shaw for the refreshments.

Section presentations

Beavers (Heather Harper)

Beaver of the year – Niamh Waller

Cubs (Steve Devers)

Bagheera Award – Joint winners – Lewis and Harry

Scouts (Ian Gornall)

Griffith Award – Xara Done

Chief Scout Gold award – Jonathan McIlveen

Bronze Zodiac awards – Sophie and Emma

Adults (Mark Tombs)

Long Service Awards (5 years) – Kath Shaw and Samantha Done

Zach Done invested as new leader for scouts

Alistair Tombs invested as new leader for cubs.

Meeting closed 8.30pm