



Minutes
1st Stoke Gifford Scouts – AGM
Monday 6th Jun, 7pm - 2015
Old School Rooms

Welcome and introductions.

Ian Butcher opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

In Attendance

Ian Butcher (Chair), Paul Smith (GSL), Sue Gibbs (Tres), Christopher Smith (Sec) Marcus Booth (SL), Peter Read (ASL), Alison Emsley (ASL), Jane Bridgeman (BL)

Apologies

Michele Grattidge (ASL), Larah Korrison (ASL), Harry Galgut (ASL), Sue Baker (BL), Geoff Cain (EXEC)

Minutes of last year's AGM

The minutes of last year's AGM were reviewed and approved.

Group Annual Reports

The GSL, Section and Finance reports have all be finalised and can be read as a separate document.

Exec Chair Comments (Ian Butcher)

This has been another successful year for the Group, with all sections healthy in terms of both numbers and their programmes. We continue to have a very healthy demand for places within the Group. As you will see from the report below, our finances also remain in excellent shape.

As has been the case for many years, the only cloud on the horizon relates to leadership challenges as noted by Paul in the GSL's report below.

The Group's activities would not be possible without the support of the adult and young leaders and parent helpers who generously give up so much time, our fundraising committee and also our Executive Committee members. I would like to offer the Group's thanks to all of them, especially those who put in the hours behind the scenes.

GLS Comments (Paul Smith)

A number of leaders have changed their primary role this year various roles

We are still hoping to recruit a number of new leaders after the summer break.

To celebrate the groups 25th year we are going to design a commemorative badge and a camp in Jersey in July 2016.

Paul concluded by thanking the Leaders, helpers and exec members, without whom the group could not function. (full report in AGM Report 2015 document)

Treasurers Comments (Sue Gibbs)

The accounts have now been validated by our auditor and we are running a surplus this year. While we would ideally run a balanced budget each year our reliance on fund raising makes it difficult to predict how much money we will have each year. (Full finance report in AGM Report 2015 document)

Troop Reports – Typed reports have been published for all sections and can be viewed in the AGM Report 2015 document

Nominations

Paul Smith nominated Ian Butcher to remain as the Exec Chair.
Seconded by Alison Emsley. – Ian accepted the nomination.

Paul Smith nominated Sue Gibbs to remain as Treasurer.
Seconded by Ian Butcher – Sue accepted the nomination

Paul Smith nominated Christopher Smith to remain as Secretary.
Seconded by Ian Butcher – Chris accepted the nomination

Julie Windows and Geoff Cain were nominated by those present to remain on the Executive Committee.

AOB

Members Contact Details - Online Scout Manager has just undergone a data migration to unify the data held in their database- Leaders of those sections represented at the meeting were content to let Christopher (Group Administrator) contact all parents to request that the parents update their child's details through My Scout

Gas Containers - We have almost used up the gas in the smaller gas bottles that we no longer use – Ian Butcher (Chairman) has contacted Go Outdoors who are happy to arrange a deal allowing us to swap these empty bottles for something more useful

Storage Container -The Storage Container located at St Michael's School now has a section set aside for the Guides to use.

Storage Boxes - We have also been offered large storage boxes which could sit outside of the Storage Container. Those present expressed their gratitude to Lyn Griffiths, however at the time we feel the current container is more than adequate to our needs,

BBQ - We have again been asked to help at St Michael's School BBQ during their Fireworks event- Ian has already received a number of positive commitments from enough leaders to make it viable.

Grant Application – Ian has submitted a bid for funding to purchase a number of 6/8 person tents to the Council. We should hear if we are successful sometime in September.

Old Patrol Tent – Ian has made contact with the GSL at 3rd Wallscourt Farm. They are aware that we have a classic style patrol tent for them. The GSL is currently on holiday, but will be in contact upon his return.