

**1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Gifford Scouts – AGM - 2016**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jun, 8.30pm**  
**Old School Rooms**



The meeting started at 20:35

**In Attendance**

Ian Butcher (Chairman), Geoff Cane (Exec Member), Paul Smith (GSL), Marcus Booth (SL), Chris Smith (Secretary), Charlie Beckett (ABL), Michael Webb (ACL), Jenny Turner (DC), Ron Brooks (District Treasurer), Sue Baker (BL), Jane Bridgeman (ASL), Peter Read (ASL), Chris Grattidge (ASL), Alison Emsley (ASL), Barney Bishop (parent).

**Apologies**

Michele Grattidge (ASL), Caroline Sweetnam (Parent)

**Minutes of last year's AGM**

The minutes of last year's AGM were informally approved of shortly after the meeting & have been available online for most of the year. The meeting formally accepted the minutes as accurate.

**Group Annual Report**

A full report was provided, but brief comments were made during the meeting.

Chairman's Comments

Ian thanked everyone for their hard work during another successful year & commented that once again we have a need of more leaders

Financial Comments

Due to Sue Gibbs having recently undergone a medical procedure Ian Butcher (Chairman) is currently acting as Treasurer.

Ian informed the meeting that this year's accounts have now reviewed & signed off as accurate by the auditor. A signed copy was passed to Jenny Turner (DC)

During the past year the group has increased its bank balance by over £2000. This is partly due to a number of successful fundraising events, the profits of which will be spent on the 25 year celebratory camp due to take place this summer. This should restore the account balance normal level.

We aim to have at least £5000 in the account at all times to act as a reserve.

This year the money taken in directly through subscription payments are slightly down, but Gift Aid payments have increased & we have been more successful with BBQ events than in the previous year.

Most parents are now paying subscription fees online, which does make collection easier, but costs the group a little under 3% in administration fees. The audit trail with OSM / Go Cardless emails is not overly helpful to the Treasurer but it is still worth having the facility given the convenience for parents..

All sections are now spending the majority of their termly budgets. The underspend by Cubs reflects the fact that receipts weren't provided before the accounts were finalised; spend was in fact broadly in line with the budget.

GSL Comments

The Group is currently providing scouting for 111 young people on a weekly basis & has 22 active leaders. Everyone is looking forward to the 25 year camp at Youlbury later this year. Paul thanked the leaders for another year of hard work & successful scouting & thanked Chris (Secretary) for his work on OSM/Compass.

### Marcus Booth - School Scouts

Currently Michele is working away, Peter is moving, Chris might be moving & Laura's working schedule often conflicts with Scouts so Marcus will need some leaders/help in this year, but he has a good bunch of kids & still enjoys scouting.

### Alison Emsley - OSR Scouts

OK for leaders at present with Phelpsie, Larah, Harry & Herself as adult leaders & George & Holly as Young Leaders.

### Mike Webb - Cubs

Chris Evans is away until September so they are a bit light on leaders but coping well.

### Sue Baker - Beavers

Beavers have 10 leaders, with 2 having started tonight but as at least 3 of Beavers need regular one-on-one time so this high number of leaders works well.

### **GSL's nomination of Exec Chair**

Paul Smith (GSL) formally nominated Ian Butcher to serve as Chairman of the 1st Stoke Gifford Exec for another & the nomination was seconded by Alison Emsley (ASL).

### **Other Exec Positions**

Sue Gibbs was nominated by general consent to remain the Group Treasurer

Chris Smith was nominated by general consent to remain the Group Secretary.

Geoff Cane confirmed that he is happy to remain as a member of the Exec

Julie Windows has also confirmed that she is happy to remain on the Exec.

The 1st Stoke Gifford Committee currently comprises of:

Ian Butcher (Chairman), Sue Gibbs (Treasurer), Chris Smith (Secretary), Geoff Cane (Member), Julie Windows (Member)

### **Input from District Representative.**

Jenny Turner (District Commissioner) thanked the Group for the invite & said it was a real pleasure to visit a successful Group that is delivering scouting to so many. She said "well done" & praised the programmes put out by the various sections.

She was pleased that Beavers have so many leaders, noting that the Group is one of the District's largest colonies. It is a pity that the waiting list is so large, but she acknowledged that leaders are hard to find that the Group can't expand without more.

The District is here to help individual Groups function & if anyone ever needs any help they should not hesitate to contact the District leadership team

Jenny delivered three wood badges to the meeting. Alison Emsley was awarded hers immediately, with both Laura Price & Larah Korrisson will be awarded their Wood Badges at their next troop meeting – well done to all three.

### **AOB**

#### Training

Chris has discovered a number of issues with Leaders training /Wood Badge records on Compass. He has made a list which we will share with the other Training Advisors within the Group but has asked that all members log in to Compass to check their records. Chris will send out instructions on how to do this.

#### Exec Training

Paul advised that all Exec members must now complete Module 1 (Exec) training.

#### Go Cardless update

Go Cardless emails are not being received by the Treasurer for Beavers or Cubs. Chris will advise the leaders how to amend the set-up. (12/06/2016 - now done)

#### Parental Comments

Barney Bishop expressed his thanks as a parent to the leadership team.

**End of meeting**

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance & closed the meeting at 21:05