

1ST STOKE GIFFORD SCOUT GROUP
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Monday 27 June 2011

THOSE PRESENT:

Ian Butcher (Chairman)	Marcus Booth	Geoff Cane
Julie Windows (Secretary)	Carl Shaw	Lyn Ford
Sue Gibbs (Treasurer)	Sue Baker	Chris Smith
Paul Smith (GSL)	Gillian Spicer	

APOLOGIES:

Dave Edgecumbe	Andy Phelps	Michelle Grattidge	Jan Porteous
Nick Smith			

The meeting started at 7.30 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGM MINUTES FROM LAST YEAR: Agreed by all

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Ian opened the meeting by welcoming those present and thanking them for taking the time to attend.

Ian presented a written report which provided an overview of the status and activities of the Group as a whole, and its various sections.

He noted that the Group is financially secure due, in particular, to generous corporate donations over the past year. He hoped that these will in due course secure us a storage facility for the Group, but in the meantime he thanked Geoff for the continued use of his garage.

Ian thanked all the leaders for their work over the last year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sue passed a copy of the audited financial accounts around to the meeting for all to review. She noted that a more 'in depth' review had been needed this year a result of going over £10,000 in our account. The auditor (John Harris) had identified a few points we need to improve on for next year (e.g. better receipting of expenses), but none were cause for concern. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Sue noted that our underlining financial position is stable – expenditure matched to income, but that the amazing donation has made a huge difference to our account balance. It was agreed that subs would be kept unchanged this Autumn, rather than being raised by £1 per term as has been the case in recent years.

GSL REPORT:

At present the groups have 105 regular young people plus 17 young leaders; all sections have active and interesting programmes.

Gift Aid - Although this brings in around £2,000 per year, he asked all leaders to chase up those few parents who have not signed up.

The Scout groups on Wednesdays have reasonable numbers and high attendance rates which suggests the programme is correct and working together seems to be paying dividends. Marcus agreed.

At present the plan is to close Tuesday night cubs, with all cubs transferring to Monday evening. It was agreed that we will try for now to keep (even at the cost of a modest retainer) the Tuesday evening OSR booking, just in case we can recruit some new leaders and re-open a second cub unit.

Cubs - Lyn sought (and obtained) confirmation that we will seek to run with just 24 cubs, and that Beavers will stay at 22 – 24. Cubs currently run around the 34 mark but these numbers will decrease naturally as some move on to scouts, and some are likely to be unable to come along on a Monday.

Explorers (a District rather than Group responsibility) have been very active about 40 now they are going from strength to strength hence we need to keep scouting active across the Group.

Paul thanked all Leaders and Executive Committee members for their hard work and continued support. It was very much appreciated, but he emphasised the need for new leaders.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Ian was proposed by Paul, seconded by Sue, and reappointed unanimously.

ELECTION OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Sue kindly agreed to stand for a second year, and was re-elected unanimously.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Julie Windows has agreed to stay on for another year, and was re-elected unanimously.

ELECTION OF OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:

Gillian Spicer agreed to taking on this role again, and was re-elected unanimously.

Julie took an action to ask Marie Jefferies whether she would like to remain involved.

ACTION

(Post meeting note - she has kindly agreed to do so)

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE:

Unfortunately District had been unable to send a representative this year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

