

# **1<sup>ST</sup> STOKE GIFFORD SCOUTS – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 3 JUNE 2013**

<b>Those Present:</b>	Ian Butcher – Chairman	Paul Smith - GSL
Sue Gibbs – Treasurer	Julie Windows –Secretary	Amir Cheema
Sue Baker	Andy Phelps	Jan Porteous
Geoff Cane	Vanessa Bowyer	Vanessa Pritchett
Marcus Smith	Lyn Griffiths	Alison Emsley
Jenny Smith	Peter Read	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Michelle Grattidge	

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Ian welcomed everyone and introduced the Exec and Amir to all present.

**MINUTES OF 2012 AGM:** Accepted and approved as a fair and accurate record

Ian reminded all present why we held the last AGM at Woodhouse – to try to encourage more parents to come along and potentially join the Leadership Team.

**GROUP ANNUAL REPORT:** Ian distributed to all present a copy of the all reports.

Leadership has always been an issue. Last year it was Beavers and this year it is Cubs.

Iain thanked everyone for the huge amounts of work, effort and time all leaders put into the running of their Groups. It is a shame no parents have come along to this AGM or to take part in helping to run Groups. Huge thanks to all leaders.

Ian thanked Vanessa and Vanessa (squared) for taking on the Fundraising activities; their first event was a very successful skittles evening at the BAWA; Thank you both. The idea being they are the go-between the groups and parents.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ian distributed a detailed finance report. Our accounts are very healthy albeit the figures are slightly distorted because of OSR Scouts going to Cyprus in October and the incomings and outgoings from this activity. The actual £865 surplus is a very adequate and fair amount. Sue and the Leaders now have a much tighter budgetary control so now everyone knows how much they have to spend annually.

Chris trialled the on-line Manager; For the payment of subs it worked very well and was very easy; It was felt it was worth the expenditure; The intention is to encourage more groups to use this system.

**GSL's REPORT:** Paul says thank you to all the leaders – Paul had their numbers and length of service, which was a considerable number of years.

We desperately need to find Cub Leaders.

There are still lots of badge work, camps, cycling, hiking, archery going on.

Amir expressed his sincere thanks to all Leaders and support for their excellent efforts, long hours and constant support. Amir is looking for six deputies, covering a new communication initiative to lend support / signposting for all Groups / Teams.

Amir would welcome feedback on anything that is happening; what works well; what would be better if; what improvements are needed?

#### **GSL'S NOMINATION OF EXEC CHAIR:**

	Nominee	Proposed	
Exec Chair	Ian Butcher	Paul Smith	ALL
Treasurer	Sue Gibbs	Ian Butcher	ALL
Secretary	Chris Smith	Ian Butcher	Jan Porteous
Other Exec Members	Vanessa Pritchett Vanessa Bowyer Julie Window		

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** The lack of Cub Leaders really is a concern and it was felt it needed further discussion. One parent is keen to get their child in hence it was suggested maybe a queue jumper could be an option on the proviso they are prepared to make the commitment. Time is moving on very quickly and it is only six meetings left before the end of term - Geoff will happily front when he is here but it is difficult to take on admin and to actually do the role especially in light of his recent work commitments and traffic conditions. Some Parents are prepared to go on a rota basis to help whoever takes the role on but it is still a leader we require. Chris is open to suggestions on where / how to advertise eg UWE email

Ian putting a note out to all leaders.

Sue reminded Chris on 1<sup>st</sup> July there will be a young child moving up to Cubs who does need somebody to watch and help. He gets 121 support at school.

Iain spoke of the latest storage project position sorting; Ian explained he is still keen to meet the headmaster and we need to ensure we can get planning permission urgently.

Meeting closed 19.15