

Agenda
1st Stoke Gifford Scouts – AGM - 2019
Monday 18th Nov
Old School Rooms



Welcome and introductions

Ian welcomed those present.

In attendance: Laura Walker, Ian Butcher, Alison Emsley, Paul Smith, Jenny Webb, Carl Shaw, Chris Evans, Peter Lunt, Sue Baker, Janet Porteous, Andrew Porteous, Andrew Phelps, Julie Wilson, Chris Smith

Apologies

Paul Naude, Barney Bishop, Vikki-Ann Godber, Adam Hampshire, Marcus Booth, Michele Grattidge, Kathryn Gibbs

Minutes of last year's AGM

Ian reviewed the minutes of last year. They have been available on the website for a year. Those present agreed they were an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Group Annual Report (inc Treasurer and GSL reports)

Reports can be found as a separate document.

Chair's Comments

Ian thanked all those that help to lead and support the group.

Ian thanked Chris for his service as Secretary as he is stepping down.

Financial highlights

Jenny has suggested putting up subs by £1 per half term. (From January) as rent, capitation and badge costs have increased over the past years, but subs have not been increased. This was supported by those present.

We still have Defibrillator money in the account, but the Cypress camp has now taken place so that money is no longer artificially inflating our bank balance.

Auditors comments

The Auditor is very happy with how the accounts are being run.

Now we have two accounts it would be possible to split the main Treasurer and camp Treasurer account/ Role. This will relieve pressure on Jenny and having additional signatories will extra resilience to our financial management.

GSL Comments

The Group started in 1991, so we are in our 29th year.

Paul announced that he will be retiring from Scouting on his 70th Birthday in October 2020. Ian thanked Paul for his service and for the length of notice.

Nomination of Executive Members

GSL's nomination of Exec Chair

Paul Smith nominated Ian Butcher to retain the position of Executive Committee Chair.

Ian Butcher accepted the role for another year, but said that he is coming to the end of his time as Chair and that thought will need to be given to his successor.

Group Treasurer

Ian Butcher nominated Jenny Webb, Chris Smith seconded.

Jenny is hoping that the 3 people who have expressed an interest in helping with finance will become account signatories,

Group Secretary

Jenny Webb nominated Julie Wilson to become the Group Secretary, Ian Butcher seconded the motion and Julie agreed to take on the Role.

Chris and Julie will liaise to transfer records and discuss the role..

Appointment of any other Exec members

The meeting discussed the creations of extra roles within the exec, such as fundraising, Badge Secretary, Assistant Treasurer.

However, as our newer, prospective members were unable to attend no formal appointment to the Executive Committee could take place - this can happen at our next meeting

AOB

Alison Emsley raised the prospect of someone acting as quartermaster for the container. While we would love a Quartermaster we have too many keys in circulation and we would need someone who could be available at all times - plus the removal of keys so it was felt to be impractical at this time. Whilst the status of the container was being discussed Ian suggested that we should arrange for another clear out before camping season next year.

Paul Smith mentioned that a number of sections had quantities of Subs outstanding on OSM, not a worrying amount, but something to be aware of.

Carl Shaw informed the meeting that a number of his/Chris Evan's Assistant Cub leaders will be moving up to Scouts in around a year when their children finish Cubs. Hopefully this will be mitigated somewhat by Beaver leaders moving up.

Peter Lunt reminded the meeting that District Activity notification forms and Nights away forms have been updated on the website so they may appear somewhat different to the forms we are used to.

Janet Porteous suggested that it was time to order some more group scarves, which the other leaders present agreed with - she will sort this out.

Next meetings

The next Exec meeting is due the second half of January. Leaders meeting asap.

Ian thanked those present especially the parents and closed the meeting.