

1st Stoke Gifford Scout Group AGM -2018
18th of June

In attendance

Ian Butcher (Chair), Jenny Webb (Treasurer), Chris Smith (Secretary), Paul Smith (GSL) Chris Grattidge (ASL), Julie Windows (Exec Member), Sue Baker (BSL), Jayne Bridgman (BSL), Jackie Garde-Evans (ACSL), Marcus Booth (SL), Roger Rayner (Parent), Carl Shaw (CL), Jessica Peacy (ACSL).

Apologies

Andrea William-Jones, Michele Grattidge, Andrew Phelps, Alison Emsley, Andrew Porteous, Kathryn Gibbs.

Opening of meeting

Ian Butcher opened the meeting, welcomed those present and introduced the exec members.

Reports

Written reports from the GSL, Treasurer and each section were circulated and can be viewed as a separate document at www.stokegiffordscouts.co.uk

Chair's remarks

Ian thanked the leaders and helpers for their ongoing contribution to 1st Stoke Gifford Scout Group; without their commitment the group would not happen.

Ian also expressed his thanks to his fellow exec members especially Jenny, who has now completed her first year as Group Treasurer and Julie for her long commitment to the group.

Ian thanked Chris for his work in getting the group GRPR ready.

Finance Report

The group remains in a strong financial position.

Our accounts have now returned from the auditor who is satisfied that we are keeping proper accounts and operating within the limits placed upon us as a charitable organisation.

However, the auditor has made the recommendation that we create a separate account for major events, such as summer camps or trips abroad and to keep long term funds within. We are currently holding a significant sum for the forthcoming Cypress trip and further funds to go towards the defibrillator maintenance costs. These monies are allocated for specific uses and do not form part of the group's general funds - however, at first glance they artificially inflate our bank balance.

Jenny formally put forward the proposal to open a 2nd bank account and the meeting unanimously agreed.

Jenny also proposed that we change the groups financial year to run inline with the School year. We have checked with HQ, who have no objections. Those present gave their consent.

Practically, this will mean that we will be submitting accounts to the auditor again in september.

[From any other business] Chris Smith made the suggestion that we might also want to start collecting subscriptions inline with the school year, moving us to 6 collections a year rather than three. Those present were happy to do so as long as parents were happy - Chris to email parents.

GSL Comments

Paul reiterated Ian's thanks to the leaders, helpers and exec members.

We currently have around 30 adults providing Scouting to about 110 children across all sections.

Paul commented how pleasing it was that we now have a 2nd Beaver Colony again and expressed his hope that we can once again have a 2nd Cub Pack in the near future.

Scout Section Reports

These can be read in the Section Reports document on the website.

Cub Pack Reports

In addition to the report in the separate report document Carl had the following comment.

'We have had a really good term & set of leaders. We have a good crop of cubs this year who have all settled in well.

We have had a busy term; doing everything from nights away in a soft play centre to golf. With the warmer weather we are trying to be out as much as possible. Before the end of term we will be attempting the sailing badge, having a go at Geocaching and are looking forward to our annual water fight with the Beavers at Woodhouse Park at the end of term.

Beaver Colony Reports

These can be read in the Section Reports document on the website.

Minutes of Last years AGM

These have been available on the group website for the past year and were approved..

Nominations

Chairperson

Paul Smith nominated Ian Butcher to hold the position of Chairperson, this was seconded by Marcus Booth.

Treasurer

Ian Butcher nominated Jenny Webb to retain the position of Group Treasurer, this was seconded by Jayne Bridgeman

Secretary

Ian Butcher nominated Christopher Smith to retain the position of Group Secretary, this was seconded by Christopher Grattidge.

Other exec members

Julie Windows confirmed that she was happy to remain on the exec.
Andrea Williams-Jones and Geoff Cain remain as exec members.

AOB

Recorded in the financial section of this report.