

9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Meeting held on Monday 6 June 2016

Version - Final



Prepared by Gary Cox
Group Secretary

Date: Monday 6th June 2016

Venue: Bishop Andrewes Church Hall

In Attendance: Sam Lainsbury (Chairperson), Gary Cox (Secretary), Ann Gilbert (Group Scout Leader), Section Leaders from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and Parents

Guest Speaker: No guest speaker available

Apologies: Karen North (Treasurer).

Introductions

Sam Lainsbury (chairperson) welcomed everyone to the 2016 Annual General Meeting. Apologies had been received from Karen North (Treasurer).

Approval of 2015 AGM Minutes

The minutes were agreed and seconded by Gemma Baker and Steve Allen.

GSL Report

Ann Gilbert (Group Scout Leader) reported that it had been another good year for 9th Carshalton. The overall number of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had increased, plus the addition of new Leaders.

The GSL reported that since the last AGM, Charlon Roberts had joined the group as Beaver Leader. This meant that for the first time in ages all

sections had permanent Leaders. This, coupled with the arrival of 2 new beaver sectional helpers, had put the group in a very strong position.

All three sections had undertaken Nights Away this year (even the Beavers who had had a sleepover at the church hall) and have a varied programme.

All Section Leaders are DBS approved and are fully trained (which includes safety and first aid) to ensure that the children are well looked after. Every section has its own programme designed to ensure that the children have a variety of project-based activities, recognising achievements with badges, and of course making sure they enjoy themselves.

The meeting was reminded that all Leaders were volunteers and it was important that parents kept this in mind as it was not always an easy task keeping the beavers, cubs and scouts occupied, all the time. Also, parents should ensure that they speak with the Leaders on any issue that concerns them.

As well as the new Beaver Leader and Assistants the GSL was happy to report that the numbers of beavers in the colony had risen considerably over the year and put this down to the hard work of the leaders.

The Cub Scouts numbers were low, but this is quite normal as children move from one section to another. The cubs would be celebrating the 100 years of Cub Scouting this July by attending the Cubarnival, an event organised by the District.

The Scouts had a varied programme of events this year, including several camps.

The GSL explained that the Group had an Executive Committee which met approximately 4 times a year and was well represented

The GSL also reminded those in attendance that Fundraising was still a very important key in making sure the Group remained a success. Costs were increasing, but the Group had been able to keep the subs at the 2015 level because of fundraising.

Examples of fundraising include providing marshalling services at the Wallington & Carshalton Roundtable firework display at Ruskin Park, running a stall at the St Helier Festival, and stalls at the Church funday.

However, these were all run by leaders etc and we need parents to step forward and help with the fundraising. Again, if anyone was interested, or had any suggestion, they speak to a representative after the meeting.

The GSL also had the pleasure to announce that Vic Foster had taken on the role of Quartermaster (QM) at our storage hut.

The GSL then personally thanked all the Section Leaders, Assistants and Executive members for all their help over the last year.

Treasurers Report

Karen North (Treasurer) was not able to attend the AGM due to illness.

If there were any questions on the Group Accounts, then they should approach the GSL afterwards

Overall the end balance was a little disappointing as the fund raising element had diminished, so we need to look further to how we can reverse this trend. Subs had remained the same, but this is one area which may need to be looked at.

The Group Accounts were accepted by Sam Lainsbury and seconded by Julie Cox.

The GSL added that the Group were very appreciative of the reduced rent charged for the church hall, as this had helped in keeping the costs down.

The 9th Carshalton Scout Group Accounts are at *Appendix A*.

Section Reports

Beaver Scout – *Appendix B*

Cub Scout – *Appendix C*

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Barbara Jackson Award

The Barbara Jackson award for outstanding achievement was awarded to **David Allen**.

David joined the Group 7 years ago and is now part of the Explorer Unit. He has been a committed Young Leader with the Beaver section until last September when his new job and college commitments meant he was no longer available on a Monday evening. David helps out from time to time with the Scout section and is always a great support at the Scout camps offering himself as a sensible, enthusiastic and hard-working assistant.

David is particularly good with the younger members of the Troop and those needing a bit of extra support and guidance. I'm not the only one to have noticed this as a few others have commented on his maturity and kindness towards those in need. In the last year David has continued to offer this support despite his work and college commitments which take up a good deal of his time. I believe that he would be a worthy winner of this award

Nominations & Approval of:

The Group Executive Team

Group Chairperson (Sam Lainsbury) Approved by Paula Wilson and seconded by Fiona Lee.

Group Secretary (Gary Cox) Approved by Ann Gilbert and seconded by Steve Allen.

Treasurer (Karen North) Approved by Julie Cox and seconded by Steve Allen

The Group Executive Committee - was approved and seconded:

Sam Lainsbury (Chairperson)

Gary Cox (Secretary)

Karen North (Treasurer)

Ann Gilbert (GSL)

Charlon Roberts (Beavers)

Laura Tasker (Beavers)

Debbie Brown (Beavers)

Julie Cox (Cubs)

Mark Smith (Cubs)

Paula Wilson (Scouts)

Kevin Lewis (Church Representative)

Claire Lawrence (Parent (Beaver))

Jo Rabbats (Parent (Scout))

Clair Bird (Parent (Scout))

Vic Foster (Quartermaster)

Claire Coppin was re-elected as group auditor.

Robert Foot would continue as Asst Scout Leader, but no longer wished to be on the Executive Committee.

Any Other Business

From the audience, a Scout parent (name missed) wanted the minutes noted that all parents appreciated what was being done for their children and thanked the Group for all the activities they arrange, and the time they dedicate voluntarily for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

This view was fully supported by all at the meeting.

There being no other matters, the meeting was closed and everyone was thanked for attending.

9th CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP

Annual General Meeting 2016

Monday 6 Jun 2016

APPENDICES:

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Appendix A

9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2015

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance & Cash in Hand Balance as at 01/01/2015	£3,538.05		
Cash Subscriptions	£2,643.50	Capitation	£1,740.00
Subscriptions by Cheque	£768.00	Motion Picture Licence	£18.00
Donation for Marshalling Firework Display November 2014	£500.00	Church Hall Rent	£2,070.75
St Helier Festival 2015;		Network Rail - Rent Demesne Road	£401.59
Tombola and Children's Lucky Dip	£264.90	Equipment & Money Insurance	£171.36
Football; Beat the Goalie	£164.00	Buildings Insurance - Demesne Road	£159.00
Legal & General (Treasurer) Matching for St Helier Festival (2015)	£400.00	Committee Christmas Meal	£150.00
Christmas Fayre (2015)	£326.81	Sutton District Council Badges (Cubs)	£62.47
Uniform Donation	£5.00	Sutton District Council Badges (Scouts)	£54.67
		100 Years of Cubs - Badges	£67.84
		Electric Bill	£135.96
		Beaver Leader Expenses	£96.12
		Group Website	£72.80
		Group Scarves	£78.70
		St Helier Festival (2015) Expenses	£48.32
		PA & Medical Insurance	£41.06
		Business Rates - Demesne Road	£30.57
		Group Secretary's Expenses	£42.93
		Group Chair Expenses for AGM	£22.99
		Group Treasurer Expenses; Stamps/Ink	£19.84
		GSL Expenses	£29.00
		GSL Word Badge Training	£10.00
		Donation in Memory of Longstanding Supporter & Gift for Retiring DC; Margaret	£60.00
		Christmas Fayre Expenses	£20.27
		Bank Charges for returned Beaver Subs Cheque	£8.00
	£8,610.26	Total	£5,612.24
		Cash in Hand	£148.86
		Bank Balance	£2,849.16
		TOTAL	£2,998.02

There were no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2015
This report is prepared in accordance with the books and reports of the group


Karen North
Group Treasurer


Claire Coppin
Group Auditor

Registered Charity Number 1021173

9th Carshalton Beaver Section Report **2016 Annual General Meeting**

Presented by Charlon Roberts – Beaver Scout Leader

At 31 May we have 19 Beaver Scouts.

The Beaver Colony has seen some major changes this year! At the end of July 2015, Ann Gilbert was still running the Colony, as well as her role as GSL. Numbers had improved with 14 Beavers on the books at the time of last year's AGM. I agreed to take over the Colony after the summer break and my journey to becoming Bumblebee had begun! Laura (Butterfly) and Debbie (Fox) were invaluable to Ann so it didn't take much persuasion to ask them to become uniformed Section Assistants.

We began the year in earnest with the new programme opening lots of chances to gain some of the new activity badges.

The Autumn Term saw us visit Wallington Fire Station and it's fair to say we had a blast, and proved not all weatherproof jackets are in fact waterproof!

Christmas saw us have our Christmas party and although Father Christmas didn't pop by as promised, it was a successful end to the first term.

Spring brought the My Outdoor Challenge Award and the Beaver's first Nights Away, with a sleepover in the church hall. After much persuasion that the church WASN'T haunted, all 15 Beavers completed their first Night Away which is a HUGE achievement in itself, and one that I am immensely proud of.

I am also immensely proud of all the parent's and Beavers who raised £384 through our Sponsored Hike, an event that has allowed us to build up resources to make badge work more interesting and hands on. So thank you.

We undertook our first Adventurous Activity and tried our hand at indoor wall climbing. Not everyone was keen at first, but after some reassuring words, everyone

had a go, with Caitlin reaching the very top of the wall! I would like to thank 3rd Mitcham Scouts for an amazing afternoon and hope to visit again.

14 Beaver's attended St George's Day Parade in Sutton, with the whole district renewing their respective Scout Promise.

We also attended District Campfire at Frylands Wood, and unfortunately learned THE most annoying campfire song EVER!! Sorry!!

Summer marks our busiest time of the year. With the Beaver's 30th Birthday celebrations looming and our Patron's HRH the Queen's 90th Birthday we were not short of district events and activities.

This term also sees us complete the 'My Adventure Challenge award' with lots of chances of getting outdoors to explore.

I look forward to the coming months and would like to thank all the people that have supported us this year, it hasn't gone unnoticed! So again thank you.



9th Carshalton Cub Section Report **2016 Annual General Meeting**

Presented by Julie Cox – Cub Scout Leader

At 31 May 2016 we have 10 Cub Scouts. Although this is the lowest it has been for some time, but is largely caused by many moving up to Scouts.

Unusually for the 9th Carshalton Cubs, this has been a relatively quiet year due to personal circumstances and the ever-increasing work commitments.

In early October 2015 we attended the Districts' Outdoor Challenge. Each Group provided a team of 4 to carry out a series of challenges, which, although not difficult, there would be a lot to remember. Unfortunately for 9th Carshalton, only 3 Cubs turned up which meant that this was going to be even harder. Despite this, and after 3 hours of challenges we were very surprised to come 3rd. So well done Conor, Cody and William.



In October 2015 we had our autumn camp at Park Farm (Banstead Woods) - the theme was 'Bugs'.

On the Saturday we were joined by an army of Beavers who spent the morning, with the Cubs, making bug hotels - after all we had to make sure the bugs remained comfortable. Once we had dinner, the Beavers and Cubs were let loose looking for the creepy crawlies and boy, did they have fun. What is it with small children and bugs?



In February 2016 we attended the Peggy Charman competition which is designed to test the Cubs knowledge of 1st Aid, Health & Safety, stranger danger etc. Although we didn't win anything, the cubs that took part had a great time.

In April it was the St George's Day parade. Overall the turn-out for the Group was excellent, with support from the parents. St Georges Day includes the opportunity for members to renew the Scout Promise and consider what their Promise means personally.

The Cubs have taken part in the RHS Rocket Science Project. This involved growing seeds of rocket, half of which had been to the International Space Station. Unfortunately we don't know which ones....yet!

2016 is the **100th Anniversary of Cub Scouts**. Many of the cubs will be attending the Cubarnival in July 2016. This will be reported on next year.

As always, my thanks go to Mark Smith (Asst Cub Scout Leader) for all his help and assistance, particularly this year.

9th Carshalton Scout Section Report **2016 Annual General Meeting**

Presented by Paula Wilson - Scout Leader

At 31 May 2016 we have 17 Scouts.

It's been another busy year for the Scout Troop with lots of days out and camps. Our numbers have steadily increased although the proportions of boys to girls are a little uneven!

We had a 2 night camp at Boidier Hurst, Box Hill last June where we did a lot of basic camping in preparation for the How Cup District Camping Competition in July. In this competition we came a very creditable 5th, so well done to Andrea Tasyaka, Faith Mason, Ben Allen and Ben Plaster.

Our summer camp was at Cricket camp near Southampton. We visited Splashdown Water Park, Paulton's Park, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Bournemouth and the beach and we had a meal in a restaurant one evening!



In September we went to Chessington World of Adventures which was the activity chosen by Beth Smith to spend her Jack Petchey Achievement Award money on.

During October we went to Frylands Wood Scout camp site for the day where we did some activities and our Teamwork challenge badge.

We were back at Frylands in November when we took part in the District Night Adventure Exercise, the Tate Shield where we came just outside the top 10 out of 22 teams; well done to Andrea, Beth, Nathan Ilunga and Ben P.



We had a visit to Wembley Stadium in November and our photos taken with the FA Cup!

We had another lot of Jack Petchey money to spend in February when Ben Plaster decided to spend his money on a day out at the London Dungeon.

As part of our Air Activities badge we went to Croydon Airport in March.

We had another weekend camp away also in March at Downe Scout Activity Centre where we did the zip wire, high ropes and assault course.

We've finished this busy year with another camp at Boidier Hurst campsite at Box Hill.

Thank you to the scouts that have helped with the fund raising and those parents who have supported the scout section when we needed a parent rota. And finally thank you to Rob Foot for all his support this year.