

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (Kemsing) Scouts Group

### AGM Minutes of Meeting Friday 29 June at 7.00p.m

**Welcome:** The Chairman, Anthony Hitching welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming and thanked and introduced Jo Brookbank, District Commissioner.

**Apologies for Absence:** Liz Oakley.

**Minutes of last AGM:** Minutes of Last AGM approved. Proposed by Fiona Thompson and Seconded by Nick Russell.

**Approval of Annual Report:** It had not been possible to print off the Annual Report because of a blip in the computer. Copies would be emailed at a later date.

Section Reports: Beavers had 20 members, 15 of whom attended Mag 7 and 10 attended Gilwell Park. Help from Parents at both events was appreciated. Meetings had included Guide Dogs, Reptile Handling, Night Trail, 2 Visits to Cotmans Ash. Max Porter was undertaking his D of E through his school and was helping at Beavers for his community service. He had agreed to become a Young Leader.

Cubs had 16 members. Three had recently gone up to Scouts and more would be coming up from Beavers in September. 13 Cubs went to Mag 7 and 4 to the Kent Day. Programme had included Backwood Fires, visit from a Fireman, Crazy Golf, Axe Throwing, First Aid Training. P'Nut welcomed Phil Seabrook who had joined the group as Assistant Cub Leader, to assist Ann and Karen.

Scouts had 4 members in 2016, 8 Scouts in 2017 and 15 Scouts in 2018, which was a great achievement. Some had come up from Cubs and others from Seal, who no longer had a scout group, and others returned to the group. They had camped at St Clere in October in Hammocks. 10 went to Mag 7 and 4 undertook the Moon Walk. Ewan had become a young leader undertaking his D of E.

P'Nut reminded parents that the D of E can either be undertaken at school at a cost of approximately £200 or through the Scouting at a cost of £25.

OSM was very good and we now had all the information in one place including achievements, email contacts, money, badges etc. Fiona Thompson had taken on the post of Membership Secretary and Anthony thanked her for all her hard work in loading all the data. She is also the Data Protection Officer. We had covered the requirements of GDPR to ensure that our information was protected.

P'Nut said that while Fundraising for the hut was important, the committee had agreed to purchase some much needed equipment for the group:- Tents, BBQ cookers, Axe Throwing equipment, Flags to raise our profile and Volunteer T shirts.

We had a new ambassador in Warwick Davis and 12 people, including Tim Peaks, who had been to the moon, had been scouts and learned life skills from the experience. Money had been spent in training volunteers for the Axe Throwing activity and Rock Climbing.

Caroline Paterson had recently been appointed Development and Growth Manager for Kent Scouts to help grow and develop the movement.

Over the last year we had grown as a Group and it was noticed on Facebook that another group had come to us for advice.

Treasurer's Report. Alex Playford had taken on the post of Treasurer and P'Nut would be passing the books over to her in the near future. With Fundraising we were aware that the school was working very hard on fundraising and it was decided not to compete with Quiz Nights, Race nights etc. We had had our November Jumble Sale (£2000) (plus £500 from Anthony's Employer) and March (£1400) Jumble Sales, received £1000 from the Freemasons, £1000 from Share Gift, £400 from Lara, who ran the Brighton Marathon. We had raised approximately £7000 and spent £2000 on equipment. We had £22,000 in our Savings Account.

The Architect had undertaken 40 hours of work on our Pre planning application and the committee agreed to pay just under £2500 for his service. £672 had been paid to the Tree Surgeon. To date we had met the cost of these payments from our current account and had not touched our deposit account.

P'Nut gave a breakdown of how the group subscriptions were spent, and it was proposed to vote on an increase to £30 per member per term, at a later date. In addition a Joining Fee of £5 was to be introduced to cover the cost of Scarf and badges.

Other expenditure was our utility bills, insurance, uniforms and badges. A new set of badges for parents not wanting to take badges off Beaver tops to sew on cub tops, were now available to purchase.

**Election of officers:** Nomination of Chairman proposed by Jo Thompson and seconded by Fiona.

Election of Deputy Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Proposed by Nick Russell and Fiona Thompson.

Election of Membership Secretary, Proposed by Nick Russell and seconded by Jo Thompson

Vacancies existed for a Quartermaster and a Communication officer.

Co-opted member Mike Schwarz for help and guidance with our building works.

### **Any Other Business**

Jo Brookbank, District Commissioner, thanked P'Nut for doing a sterling job this last year. She also thanked Leaders for doing such a good job. District had acknowledged the 6th by awarding it the Best Group for growth of members.

She then awarded Elliot Arnold, Scout Leader a certificate for 5 years' service.

Jo asked Parents to consider giving a little time to help with activities.

**HUT:** Anthony said that a great deal of work had gone on behind the scenes with the hut. We need help from parents for preplanning bits and pieces.

**Deputy Chairman:** Matt Henning said that the Website had now been operating for a couple of years. He suggested parents take a look at the activities. There was an OSM link and information where to put badges.

Amendments to the preplanning had been made and we were ready to resubmit.

Part of the application is a Community Survey to give Feedback. There are 15 questions to answer. Please get friends and family to complete the survey as well.

After meeting concluded parents and scout group continued with their fun activities outside.