

1st Park Street Scout Group

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, held 29 June 1995

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME - The Chairman welcomed and thanked all those for attending and extended a special welcome to Ivor Thomas, Assistant County Commissioner and Jeff Basil, District Commissioner.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Received from Liz Franklin, John Drake, Denis Drake, Andrew Dadswell and Mandy Cox

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1994 AGM MINUTES - The Minutes were not to hand it was agreed however that the Executive Committee would agree or amend at the next Executive Committee meeting

4. REPORT FROM SECTIONS - BEAVERS

June Bailey reported on Thumper Colony. She extended her thanks to Carol, Doriel, Michelle and Helen for all their help. They have a full colony of 24 Beavers. They have been involved in many activities which have included, 'keep Park Street clean', Lion King, St Georges Day Parade and many other outside activities.

Mandy Cox submitted a report on behalf of the Mudpackers Colony to GSL. Mandy has a new helper now, Claire. Mandy extended her thanks to Claire Johnson who had supported her so well recently and had put in a great deal of work. There are currently 15 beavers in this colony, the number is set to increase. Mandy's full report will be submitted to the Executive Committee.

Mollie daCosta - Birchwood Cub Pack was not present, no report.

Colin Watson - Scouts. Numbers have fluctuated, there were 18 as some Scouts have gone up to Ventures. A number of cubs have recently come up to scouts and the emphasis of the group has been to encourage new scouts to go to camp and enjoy general scouting activities. The present number of scouts has risen to 26.

Mike Turner - Ventures Olde Parke. The Ventures reported a typical year. They have been away to an Activity Centre holiday near Dover and to the New Forest. The hill walking competition was unfortunately cancelled this year due to bad weather. The group expects to increase their number by 10 this coming year. Two new leaders have been identified and have brought new ideas to the group - Fiona and Andrew. The future looks good.

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Fund Raising - Martyn Dadswell extended thanks to everyone on the fund raising committee for their help and the parents for their support. Martyn welcomes

suggestions from anyone with fund raising ideas. The only event that was cancelled was the Valentines Dance. Future events:

Treasure Hunt	09.07.95
Children's Disco	27.07.95
Murder Mystrey	16.09.95
Jumble Sale	23.09.95
Bonfire	04.11.95
Race Night	25.11.95

The Chairman suggested circulating the above dates particularly to How Wood and Park Street schools.

Treasurer's Report - Julie Johnson circulated to all present full copies of the Accounts. The Fund Raising events had provided £3000 to keep the Group Accounts in the 'black'. Subs would be increased in September '95. The Rees account is to be used as a 'hardship' fund for parents who genuinely cannot afford all the subs.

6. G.S.L. REPORT - Richard Johnson reported that the waiting list is still growing, it currently consists of 50 names, Judi Turner is organising the list. There will be an increase of 15 Beavers next year. A large number of cubs went up to Scouts this year, as a consequence two cub packs combined to form one pack. However, 6 Beavers go up to cubs will bring cub numbers up to 30 this year.

The GSL extended his thanks to all the leaders and parents who have helped and/or supported the Group, particularly with the 'stone picking' venture at Hyde Lane. This event assisted the Group is being given £1000 towards the new heater. The GSL reiterated his thanks for all those who support the Group in any way - 'without you it wouldn't happen.'

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS -

GSL proposed Sam Cottingham be re-elected as Chairman - Seconded June and Carol
GSL proposed Sheila Moister be re-elected as Secretary - Seconded Carol, Pauline
GSL proposed Julie Johnson be re-elected as Treasurer - Seconded Pauline, Martyn

8. RE-ELECTION OF EXISTING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairman asked if any member of the existing Executive Committee would be stepping down. The Executive Committee was re-elected without change.

9. ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Chairman asked for proposals for new members to the Executive Committee. Dave Ward was proposed and will join the Fund Raising committee

10. RE-ELECTION OF EXISTING FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Chairman asked is any members would be stepping down. The Fund Raising Committee was re-elected.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Family Camp - 14/15/16 July. Parents would like more details in general about the yearly camp.

Gilwell Park - this event does not take place every year, next year it will be held to celebrate an anniversary for Beavers.

12. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Ivor Thomas extended his thanks for all the support he had received whilst DC in St. Albans. He presented two warrants - to Clive and to Steve

Jeff Basil, DC, St. Albans - Extended his thanks for an entertaining evening. He found it gratifying that Park Street does not have a shortage of leaders. There are always 'problem' ages, these being 13 year olds and Ventures but this is common throughout scouting. Jeff was very impressed with the amounts that had been raised in Park Street through fund raising events. Fund raising has become essential for every group. Scouting tends to be very parochial and Jeff aims to visit as many Groups as possible to get to know as many Scouters as possible. He thanked the Group for inviting him to share a splendid evening and thanked all the Leaders present for all their work and support.

The GSL extended an open invitation for Jeff to visit Park Street Group at anytime.

The Chairman thanked both DCs for attending the evening and all leaders and parents for turning out.

