

1st PARK STREET SCOUT GROUP

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
held 20 JUNE 1996

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Received from Jeff Basil, Martyn Dadswell, Eileen French, Maria Hobbs and Colin McLeish
2. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME - A warm welcome was extended to Andrew Howard, ADC Scouts and to the new parents.
3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1995 AGM MINUTES - The 1995 AGM minutes were approved, proposed by Dave Ward and seconded by Mike Flack.

4. REPORTS FROM SECTIONS - BEAVERS

Mandy Cox reported that Dambuster Colony had gained a new leader in Claire Petit, this brings the number of leaders to three. The Colony has participated in several events such as Chippy hike, camp fires to toast marshmallows, nature trails, trip to the fire station, visit from a snake keeper and a language evening. They are also planning a trip to Bowmans Farm and an electronics evening.

June Bailey reported on the Thumper Colony. The Colony is running with 24 boys and they have a waiting list. The St George's Day Parade was very well attended. They celebrated their 10th anniversary at Greenwood Park this year. Several events have taken place throughout the year and June extended her thanks to Carole and Steve.

CUBS - Mollie DaCosta reported that the pack was running with 36 boys. They are currently busy preparing for the district night hike and also plan to attend the Young Fellowship camp. The Cub football team had a season to be proud of. A report has been prepared by the organiser, Bob Browell, copy attached.

SCOUTS - The troop currently has 19 scouts and is a 'young' troop. There are 8 cubs coming up very shortly to join the scout troop. Colin has semi-retired now and Clive is due to leave at the end of the summer, the search for new leaders continues. The troop won several trophies during the year and have several other camps planned. The starting time for weekly scout meetings is being reviewed, an 8 pm start may be introduced instead of 7.30 pm. The leaders extended their thanks to Jerry for all the help given on the admin side.

VENTURES - There are 12 in the group at present. This year they entered the Peak Assault - one team did well, the other team temporarily lost a member. The Ventures are organising a group camp.

5. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Fund Raising - Report presented by Andrew

An overall profitable year thanks to leaders and parents. Sad goodbye to Pauline, she will be missed.

Treasurer's Report - Group accounts include all Sections

The accounts were boosted by £3000 from the fund raising account. In order to keep the subs at a reasonable figure, it is necessary to transfer £1000 per annum from the fund raising account to the Group account. The Rees account is being managed as a hardship fund.

The accounts were accepted by Dave Cooper and Seconded by Mollie DaCosta.

Copies attached

6. G.S.L. REPORT - The focus of the GSL's report is The Future of the Group.

During September '96 to September '97 the overall numbers are due to increase from 109 to 130 boys. During May '97 it will become necessary to start a second cub pack. The general outlook is one of expansion.

Recruitment of new leaders is therefore imperative not only for the second cub pack but more imminently the Scout Troop. This is a serious concern and will require the help of parents to allow the Troop to continue. 1996/97 will be the year for leader training and will be an opportunity for parents to participate, the added knowledge and skills levels will be of great benefit to the Group.

There are lots of activities and camps planned for this coming year. Everyone should keep an eye out for the Group Newsletter for details of what's happening.

Parents are putting their names forward to help with fund raising and a list is emerging of those parents who are keen to help at Section Meetings. The GSL is always pleased to hear from interested parties. Thanks were extended to Carol Ward for nominating the Group for the charity contest held at Sainsburys. St. Albans branch of Sainsburys came second and the Group were given £1,000 in camping equipment etc.

The GSL thanked all the Leaders, parents and anyone else who had supported the Group and wished everyone a pleasant summer holiday.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair - Sam Cottingham resigned his position as Chair, Mike Turner was nominated and accepted this role and took his place to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Secretary - Sheila Moister was nominated by Dave Ward and seconded by Tony Turner

Treasurer - Julie Johnson was nominated by June Bailey and seconded by Carol Ward

8. Executive Committee - New Executive Committee members are Colin McLeish, Ann Burling and Shaun Godwin. All existing committee members agreed to stand for the coming year.

Mike Turner explained the role and function of the Executive Committee to those present.

9. Fund Raising - All current members agreed to continue. New members are Clive Bailey and Elaine Roberts

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Future Events - 7 July	Treasure hunt
24 July	Under 13s disco
14 Sept	Murder Night
19 Oct	Family Barn Dance
1 Nov	Bonfire Night
23 Nov	Race Night

Mike Turner (Ventures) Raised the point that the Panto, produced by Andrew, had brought a large number of people together. Everyone joined in with thanking Andrew for a marvellous production - the money raised was rather useful too. Well done Andrew

11. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS

Andrew Howard introduced himself as representing the DC Jeff Basil. He remarked on how pleasing it was to see democracy in action and how encouraging to here about such a large and active Group. The initiative from the District is that support should be given to every Beaver to attain a Queen's Award. Andrew extended his thanks to Steve Davey for running the base camp for the Peak Assult. He acknowledged that St Albans was quite a large area and it was important to improve communication throughout the area. Andrew enjoyed his evening and was very pleased he had been invited.

The meeting was closed by our new Chair, Mike Turner, by thanking Andrew Howard for his address and thanking Sam Cottingham, the outgoing Chair. Everyone was invited to stay for a cheese and wine supper.

