

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCOUT HUT ON TUESDAY 18 MAY 1982 at 8.15pm.

PRESENT: Mr & Mrs Flack, Mr & Mrs Cox, Mr & Mrs Birch, Mr & Mrs Ward,  
Mr & Mrs Quarterman, Mrs Hardy, Mrs Abington, Mr Rees, Mr Prior,  
Mrs Gould, Mr & Mrs Pettitt, Mr M Barratt, Mr & Mrs Griffin,  
Mrs Allen, Mrs Stock, Mrs Vernon, Mrs Evans, Mr Firmin,  
Mr Carruthers, Mr Sykes.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Evans, Mr & Mrs Banks, Mrs Barnes.

1 WELCOME AND MINUTES OF LAST A G M

A welcome was extended to those present by the Chairman, Mike Flack and the meeting declared open. Minutes of previous AGM held on the 13 May 1981 were taken as read. Proposed Mrs Cox, Seconded Mrs Birch.

A thank you was expressed to all scouters and members of the Executive Committee for their help during the year. A presentation was made to Hazel Birch and Teresa Allen for all their help with fund-raising. Carol Ward received a giant box of persil as a token of gratitude for all her work in washing the cub football kit!

2 GROUP REPORT (Mike Cox)

One major change has been the Oak Pack closing down as Sue Barratt has gone to the District as Assistant Commissioner. We have lost the assistance of Nigel Puffett who recently married and left the district. Some boys from Oak pack have been amalgamated into the other two packs putting their numbers over 30 each which is proving hard to deal with badge work. We have recruited an extra leader in Kevin Roome and a Quartermaster in Steve Rees. Two assistants, Sadie and Deborah are helping with the cubs.

3 SECTION REPORTS

Cubs Birch Pack (Nigel Carruthers) - Numbers are higher than last year - 34 in pack, increased from 22 because of a pack closure and now any new lads are divided between two packs instead of three. Three cubs have gone up to Scouts. I have been helped this year by Ricky, Sadie, my own two lads and Mr Pettitt with Badge work. The pack participated in a variety of activities, ran a camp, hike weekend, went on the St George's Day Parade, Inter-Pack Football - just beaten 10-nil! District events were:- Sports Day, Maud Coleman Trophy, Swimming Gala (4th & 5th). All in all a reasonably successful year.

Cubs Wood Pack (Anna Cox) - Pack has not had a bad year; some good some bad. The boys have progressed well throughout the year gaining eight gold arrows with hopefully two more shortly. Proficiency badges: 86 awarded mainly due to 2 or 3 courses, namely First Aid, Scientist. Spent a weekend at Lees Wood working on Communicators Badge. We did not do so well in the Arrow Competition. Second in the Cubs Swimming Gala. A good percentage of the boys play in the football team. Held a camp last year and a hike in March which was enjoyed by all who went. Thank you to Nigel for all the work that went into the hike. This year's camp takes place in two weeks time. Last July took some boys down to the Ver to try and find out what life there was in and around the river and also to clear rubbish. Many thanks to everyone, in particular Robin, and all the parents who have helped with the pack.

(N.B Nigel and Anna take it in turns to organise the cub camps).

Scouts (Stan Birch) - This is the end of my first full year of running the scout section and which I feel has been reasonably successful. Approx 18 boys every Friday, split into 3 patrols. Activities: started with the District Camp in Scotland organised mainly by Mike Cox. We had a number of other camps, some with the boys on their own and a number with scouters in attendance. Used most of the local camp sites, Lees Wood, Phaesels, Welwyn and Chalfont. Had some camps with Steve and one at Ambassador College (with the Group Chairman). After winning the District Camp competition, we went on to gain 6th place in the County competition. The County Camp at Knebworth this year was to celebrate the 75th year of scouting. A total number of 7000 camped. We held a night hike and a cross country walk to Radlett chippy. The boys asked to do a sponsored cycle ride and in the event raised £66 towards a canoe. A thank you to all scouters and in particular Steve who has been a tremendous help.

Cub Football (David Ward) - As you know we were promoted to the 1st Division last season and I am pleased to say that we have held on to the 1st Division by coming 2nd in the league placings, much to my delight, with 23 points, top were the 4th with 27 points. On the 17th April at London Colney we won the Salway Cup with a score of 2-1 against the 2nd St Albans pack; on the 14th May we were runners-up to the league trophy 5-3. We had 123 goals for and 34 goals against us. Top goal scorer was Darren Bennett with 54 goals. 3 boys played every game of the season, Andrew Ward, Russell Markham and Paul Dobbie. I would like to present the group with the Salway Cup and a photograph for the cub hut of the team which won it for us, the first time since 1964, also the runners-up shield for trophy final. I would like to thank my wife, Carole, for washing and mending the shirts during the Season. I have enjoyed this last season and hope to continue next season, all being well.

- 4 APPROVAL OF REPORTS - agreed. Proposed Christine Abington, Seconded Helen Flack.
- 5 APPROVAL OF SCCOUNTS TO 31st March 1982 - Mrs Abington (Group Treasurer) distributed copies of the accounts to the year ended 31.3.82. A thank you was extended to Ralph Firmin for auditing same and to David Pettitt for copying. Mr Firmin suggested that we could not be charging sufficient for the use of the hut. Proposed Mike Cox, Seconded Anna Cox. (A presentation was made to Mr Firmin in appreciation of his auditing the accounts).
- 6 APPOINTMENT OF GROUP CHAIRMAN - Mike Flack agreed to continue as Chairman.
- 7 APPROVAL OF GSL'S NOMINATIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Hazel Birch and Tony Evans agreed to continue on the Committee. Cllr. Griffin nominated to the Committee - Proposed Hazel Birch, Seconded Nigel Carruthers. A Fund Raising Committee was to be chaired by Martin Barratt, assisted by Jean Gould, Mike Turner and Mrs Vipas. A Resources Committee was formed whereby Mr Stedman would look after the hut and John Hurley the van.
- 8 ELECTION OF GROUP SECRETARY - Mrs Hardy agreed to continue for the coming year. Proposed Helen Flack, Seconded Anna Cox.
- 9 ELECTION OF GROUP TREASURER - Mrs Abington agreed to continue for the coming year. Proposed Nigel Carruthers, Seconded Hazel Birch.
- 10 ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - agreed as above.
- 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Tony Prior, the Deputy District Commissioner, brought a word of welcome from the District and was pleased to see the cubs and scouts were very much enjoying their scouting activities.

David Ward, a football has been purchased and signed by Watford FC including Elton John. This was to be raffled and any proceeds used to purchase new strip.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9pm. CHEESE AND WINE REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWED.

.....CHAIRMAN

.....*Hardy*.....SECRETARY