

1ST PARK STREET SCOUT GROUP

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held 19 JUNE 1997

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Eva Thomas, Anita Jackerman
2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 1996 AGM MINUTES - The 1996 AGM Minutes were approved, proposed by Dave Ward and seconded by Mike Flack.

3. LEADER PRESENTATIONS -

Beavers - June Bailey. June reported that the Colony had maintained a steady 24 beavers and they still have a waiting list. She was particularly pleased at the good turn out for St Georges Day Parade. The Colony has once again enjoyed a varied programme this year including a visit to Hedges Farm, a bird and swan evening at the local gravel pits, a pirate evening with coded, flagged messages and this coming Saturday they are going to Woburn Safari Park.

Beavers - Mandy Cox. Not present

Cubs - Thelma Callow. Thelma took over as leader of the cub pack in January of this year. She extended her thanks to her terrific band of helpers. There are currently 42 cubs - the pack is about to explode! The pack have been orienteering, they have had a burn a banger night and been skating (only Akela has the bruises). There has been a camp craft evening, a 20-a-side football match!! And the Pack is now preparing for a night hike.

Cubs Football - Bob Browell. Training takes place on a Saturday morning and is consistently attended by 20 cubs. The training consists of basic skills through to tactics. A very successful year during which they won the Salway Cup (equivalent to the FA Cup), the Inter League Shield, were Division One runners up and finalists of the 5-a-side. A new coach will take over in September but Bob will be supporting the team in other capacities.

Scouts - Steve Davey. The troop is running with 20 scouts at present. Their activities have included first aid work, planning a camp site, using cooking equipment, pioneering, wide games and outdoor cooking. There are lots of camping and cooking competitions that they are preparing for. Steve extended his thanks to all those who have helped him.

Ventures - Andrew Dadswell. Ventures is running with 8 members. They have enjoyed a varied programme which has included a visit to quasar, a car rally and cooking. Future events will include a BBQ, a video of the Spice Girls. A team had been entered for the Peak Assault and they came 47th. Andrew thanked the 'two Mikes'. Both Mikes have retired now but their help and advice has been greatly valued.

Fund Raising - Martyn Dadswell. Martyn reported that the team had had a fun year raising money. He asked that people let the committee know what they want in terms of events and if it makes money - he'll arrange it!!

Treasurer's Report - Julie Johnson. Everyone present was given a copy of three sheets of accounts. It was explained that both fundraising and ventures are self supporting and therefore have their own pages of accounts. The main message from the Treasurer this year is that subs will have to increase. As a Group subs are too slow coming in particularly from cubs and scouts. Julie stated that the Group is a registered charity.

A question was raised from the floor: Is the Auditor **really** Ann Summers? No said Julie, she is Audrey Summers.

The Accounts were accepted as a true reflection, proposed by Carol and seconded by June.

GSL Report - Richard Johnson. Richard's theme this year was that of recognition for all the hard work that volunteers put into the Group. Thanks to Judy Turner for her work and predictions relating to the Group membership. Thanks to all the Leaders and their helpers for their brilliant efforts this year. Welcome to two new arrivals, Thelma Callow and Eva Thomas and thanks to two people who have taken up different posts within the Group, Andrew Dadswell, VSL and Ann Burling, Cub Helper. Its excellent to see our Young Fellowship helping around the Group. This group will shortly be joined by a Group Fellowship which is being formed.

Thanks were also extended to all members of the Executive Committee, particularly the Fund Raisers and last but not least to Julie and Colin for their various supporting roles

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman - Mike Turner proposed by Julie, seconded by Pauline

Secretary - Pauline LaRiviere proposed by June, seconded by Dave

Treasurer - Anita Jackerman proposed by David, seconded by Judy

Executive Committee - all agreed to continue to serve, new member to join the committee is Michelle (Bailey), proposed by Dorielle, seconded by Carol.

Two parents attended the AGM but declined to join the Executive Committee for the present.

5. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER - Geoff Bassil

Geoff opened his report by saying how gratifying it was to be associated with Groups like the 1st Park Street, well organised and well run. He then went on to talk about the censor figures that were submitted at the end of last year. They showed that countywise there was a 6% drop in the numbers of scouts. HQ had launched a review and looked at the scout programmes, getting feedback at grass roots level. An exit poll was also conducted to find out the reasons that scouts were leaving. Geoff said how pleased he was that information was now coming from the 'grass roots'. He gave an example of an evening where he was asked to judge a competition. The scouts had described in various modes their scouting activities. One lad had produced a fantastic account of St Georges Day Parade but when Geoff stopped to talk and praise him about his entry the lad left him on no doubt as to how much he had hated the event.

It was also reported that there is a review regarding rifle shotting and air guns. This badge will probably be dropped.

Geoff concluded by saying how much he enjoyed visiting the 1st Park Street Group, particularly the hilarity. He extended thanks to Richard and all the leaders. Geoff added that leaders training is being very closely monitored due to insurance purposes and the fact that the outside world

looks at our leaders as people looking after other peoples' children. He appreciated the commitment to training by our Group. Long may the 1st Park Street continue.

6. PRESENTATIONS

Geoff presented a Scouters Warrant to Andrew Dadswell

Presentations, to mark the passing/recognition of past work, were made to Julie, Sheila, Bob Browell, Mike Flack and Mike Turner

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A sports day and BBQ has been arranged for Sunday 6th July at How Wood School. The first objective is that this will be a fun day for everyone, beavers, cubs and scouts along with friends and family. The second objective is to speak with parents to get some more support. Thanks were extended by the Chairman to the GSL

8. CLOSE AND REFRESHMENTS

Last one to the bar is a cissy!

