

1st CLIFTON (YORK) SEA SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 16 July 2017 ~ 7.00pm

Present:

Anthony Hale, Peter Swann, Pippa Cooper, Phil Stead, Deborah Watson, Jenny Smailes, Jennifer Lawn, Peter Dowling, Joy Turner, Andy Thirlwell, Matthew Gabbitas, Barry Byatt, Christina Chinnian, Jenny Smailes

Chris Swan, Iain Everett, Liz Everett, Alison Dewhirst, Heather Elsworth, Martin Armstrong, Sheryl Humphrey, Michelle Tighe, Joanne Vamplew, Chris Heppell, Ian spencer, Jacqueline Chiplin, James Potter, Liz Flint, Richard Rawson

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Group Scout Leader, Peter Swann, welcomed everyone and thanked all those present for attending. He noted that it was the largest number of parents to attend the AGM in a long time. Peter thanked parents for supporting the Group and helping with activities. It is not possible to run activities without leaders though and with several changes of leaders recently we are struggling in most sections. There needs to be a partnership between parents and scouts and we cannot continue when there is not enough support. Peter finished by thanking all the leaders and the Treasurer, Chair and Secretary, and all the other committee members.

2. Apologies for absence

Suzanne Barwick, Jivan Sharma, Alan Butler, Rachel Teale, Louise Fairley, Ruth Buckley, Lorena Healey

3. Acceptance of previous minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

4. Receive Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2016

The Treasurer presented a summary of the 2016-2017 Group accounts. He noted that income remains static. There was a discussion surrounding the replacement of the current building. Committee members explained that a new building cannot be pursued at present as the lease on the land has expired. Whilst members have been in contact with and have met representatives of the council, no progress has been made. XX agreed to make efforts to make further enquiries with the council and also to investigate whether or not the council could make a contribution to the building replacement fund.

5. Approve the Group Scout Leader's Nomination for Group Chair

Antony Hale was nominated and re-elected as Chair. The Group Scout Leader noted that the role of Chair should be independent and should not have to be filled by one of the leaders. He asked if anyone was interested in taking on the role that they put themselves forward.

6. Elect Group Secretary

Pippa Cooper was re-elected. A volunteer to take over the role of secretary is needed as Pippa would like to step down.

7. Elect Group Treasurer

Philip Stead was re-elected.

8. Group Scout Leader's Nominations to the Group Executive

Phil Bodmore and Stephen Cavanagh were re-elected as nominated members of the Group Executive.

There were no other nominations.

9. Elect Members to the Group Executive

Current elected members of the Group Executive are Peter Dowling, Matthew Gabbitas, Deborah Watson and Jennifer Lawn. All agreed to continue.

The Chair advised those present that there are still vacant positions should anyone wish to join the Committee.

10. Appoint the Group's Independent Examiner

Warren Ivel will be asked to continue as independent examiner.

11. District Commissioner's Remarks

Neither the District Commissioner nor his representative was able to attend.

12. Request for parent support

The Chair explained to those present that Clifton Sea Scouts must find new leaders or have parental support, or face the closure of some sections. The current situation is:

Monday cubs – needs parental support and new leaders

Tuesday beavers – needs more parental support

Wednesday cubs – needs more parental support

Thursday beavers – facing closure

Friday scouts – new leader due to start

A number of parents offered to help out on a rota basis. Andy T noted that with more than 20 children in each section there should be plenty of parents available to help. Parent volunteers can help with admin and other roles, they would not necessarily be expected to lead a session. Anyone who is willing to help was asked to stay behind at the end of the meeting to discuss further.

The problem of recruiting new leaders was discussed and agreed to be an issue all groups who rely on volunteers are facing. It was suggested that perhaps a number of parents could volunteer and share the role between them, and that parents could help with the process of finding new leaders.

13. Date of next Group Executive Meeting - Tuesday 5 September – 7.30pm