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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### MINUTES

Tuesday 16 July 2018 - 7.30pm

**Present:** Antony Hale, Barry Byatt, Christina Chinnian, Helen Chiplin, Jacqueline Chiplin, Rudy Humphrey, Elyce Lamb, Ian Lee, Alaistair Mills, Simon Mills, Liz Moreno, Phil Stead, Andy Thirlwell, Joy Turner, Mark Turner, Sarah Norville

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Tony Hale, as Group Scout Leader and Chairman welcomed and thanked all those attending the meeting. Tony thanked parents for supporting the Group and helping with activities. It was noted that it was not possible to run activities without leaders and the partnership between parents and scouts allowed the sections to continue to function.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

Phil Bodmer, Alan Butler, Jane Halnan, Peter Ingham, Jennifer Lawn, Richard Rowson, Susan Sharman, Deborah Watson

#### 3. Acceptance of minutes of Annual General Meeting held July 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

#### 4. Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

#### 5. Group Scout Leaders Remarks.

It was noted that Peter Swann had taken the decision to step down as Group Scout Leader from February 2018 as a result of poor health. Remarks were received from Peter Swann and Antony Hale as the new GSL.

As the outgoing GSL Peter Swann expressed his enjoyment of the time spent in the role. He acknowledged that not enough recognition was given to the volunteers who give their time freely to the group and he thanked the members of the Committee for their contributions.



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Antony Hale thanked Peter Swann for his contribution over the years and for leaving it in such a strong position. He noted that leadership is a particular issue that faces not only 1<sup>st</sup> Clifton Sea Scouts but other groups as well. The number of Committee members stepping down was almost 50% of the group and new members were required to replace the vacancies in order to keep the group running and functioning. Committee members are people who can help with the running of the group. Tasks such as looking after the vans to check they are roadworthy. We are not asking people to fix the vans just to facilitate the safety checks. Things such as the management of marquee and HQ bookings, fund raising. These are vital functions to raise the monies needed to keep the group functioning

The break ins had cost the group two boats, only some of the monies had been recovered through insurance, it had also highlighted weaknesses in the CCTV coverage. The three vehicles were haemorrhaging monies. The fundraising activities had been led by Phil Bodmer, but these were only just keeping pace with what we are spending. He made a request for anyone who could help with the group and committee let him know. Six members were standing down this year and this inevitably happened when children left the group. There are three categories where people can help, leaders, assistant leaders and parent helpers.

6. Approve the Group Scout Leaders nomination for Group Chairman

Antony Hale reported that he had received one nomination for Group Chairman – Deborah Watson. Her nomination was agreed.

7. Elect Group Secretary

It was noted that Pippa Cooper had stood down as secretary and the nomination of Sarah Norville was agreed.

8. Elect Group Treasurer

It was noted that Philip Stead had agreed to continue to serve and his nomination was agreed.

9. Group Scout Leaders nominations to the Group Executive.

The following retirements were noted:

Secretary                      Pippa Cooper  
Group Scout Leader   Peter Swann



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Beaver Leader Scout Leader	Caroline Saunston Katherine Surtees		
Committee member	Matthew Gabbitas		

## Nominations to the Group Executive

Phil Bodmer  
Steven Kavanagh

## 10. Elect members to the Group Executive.

The following members were re-appointed at members of the Group Executive:

Peter Dowling  
Jennifer Lawn  
Susan Sharman  
Liz Hart  
Liz Moreno  
J Davis  
Ivana

2 vacancies remained.

Co-opted members including

Peter Ingham  
Andrew Jennings

The Chairman was asked what committee membership entailed. He confirmed that it was a trusteeship position and that you should not be bankrupt, an ex-offender and available to attend a meeting once every two months. It was noted that the group was asset rich however the issues faced were challenging. The chairman invited people to come to a committee meeting and see what happens.

The Chairman confirmed that individuals could be co-opted to support specific issues and that this role was intended to ensure an equal split between the sections and that predominance of one section did not occur.

## 11. Appoint the Groups Independent Examiner.



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Warren Ivel was re-affirmed as the Groups Independent Examiner

## 12. District Commissioners Remarks.

The District Commissioner expressed his appreciation to everyone for their contributions to the group. In particular he thanked Peter Swann as Group Scout Leader. He noted that it continued to be a tough environment and that support from the leaders and volunteers in the group was fundamental.

He spoke of the need to recruit more leaders and the work that was taking place to do this, that harnessing more support from the parents and volunteers. He thanked Antony Hale for his contribution and acknowledged the contribution of committee members.

He presented the wood badge to Andrew Thirlwell.

## 13. Date of next Group Executive meeting. (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm, at The Group HQ)

Closure of meeting. Everybody was thanked for attending and the date and time of the next committee meeting were noted.