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

Monday 28th June 2021 – 7.30 pm

Present: Antony Hale, Deborah Watson, Phil Stead, Claire Hutchinson, Tim Clarke, Alex Clarke, Joy Turner, Simon Errington, Susan Sharman, Pete Dowling, Peter Swann, Jon Chiplin, Jacqueline Chiplin, Barry Byatt, Simon Mills, Joe Cronin, Ian Lee, Caroline Sauntson, Jennifer Lawn, Deborah Clark, Elyce Lamb, Sarah Norville

Apologies: Andy Thirlwell, Peter Ingham

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all those attending. The Group Scout Leader, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive were introduced to the meeting.

2. Acceptance of minutes of Annual General Meeting held September 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were received without further questions.

3. Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020

The Treasurer reported that the accounts were the healthiest ever and the Group had monies, equipment and assets totalling over £100k.

The Group had accepted a number of COVID grants, however these were offset by the reduction in income as a result of the reduced subscriptions and cessation of group activities and income generation. The sale of the minibus had netted £4K, which had been returned to the vehicle fund in order to fund a replacement when required. Monies had also been set aside for the building fund. It was noted that it was unlikely that the council would help with funding towards the new Headquarters and other options would need to be assessed to fund the new home.

A response was still awaited from the council regarding the new community hub and inclusion of the group in the new proposal. Consideration was being given to various sites within the area for the new community hub but nothing had been confirmed. It was noted that the Group did not have any long term security on the present site and the existing building would not last indefinitely.

The accounts had been examined and approved by the external examiner.

The accounts were accepted.

4. Group Scout Leaders Remarks

The Group Scout Leader thanked the Executive for all their work over the year. Also the Section leaders and assistants who were putting in some terrific efforts to create the risk assessments and provide varied activities for the sections. He remarked that things will never be exactly the same and the additional funding was allowing the Group to work well. The Group had fared fairly well, wastage from the leaders was minimal and the membership was only down by 15% compared against a district wide loss of between 25% - 30%. The Group were in a strong position, supported by the reduction in the vehicle fleet. The GSL thanked everyone for this positive situation and remaining with the group. The District Commissioner congratulated the Group.

5. Elect Group Chair

It was noted that Deborah Watson had agreed to continue to serve and the Group Scout Leader's nomination was agreed.

6. Elect Group Secretary

The nomination of Sarah Norville was agreed.

7. Elect Group Treasurer

It was noted that Phil Stead had resigned from the position and the Group thanked him for many years of service to the Group..

Claire Hutchinson was nominated as Treasurer and accepted by the Executive.

8. Group Scout Leaders nominations to the Group Executive

The Group scout Leader confirmed the intention to continue with the trimmed back Executive and to create the Active Support Unit (ASU) to support Group activities. The Active support Unit would utilise the skills of other members and reduce the need for training required for membership of the Executive. These volunteers would take on the practical activities required for the Group to operate successfully.

It was noted that there were a number of new faces amongst the participants and they were invited to indicate if they were willing to volunteer for the Executive or ASU. Volunteers could discuss where they would be best placed to assist the Group. It was noted that although the intention was to maintain the smaller productive Committee there were still vacancies for parents representing each of the section.

The Group Scout Leader nominated Phil Stead for membership of the Group Executive and this was accepted.

The records would be amended to reflect the above.

9. Elect members to the Group Executive

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

Pete Dowling
Ian Lee
Jennifer Lawn
Susan Sharman
Peter Swann
Joy Turner

The following change to the existing Committee was noted:

Caroline Sauntson stepping down

10. Appoint the Groups Independent Examiner

The Groups Independent Examiner was not appointed and the Treasurer would be actioned to nominate a candidate.

11. District Commissioners Remarks

The District Commissioner noted that the Group were now operating in a massively different environment and that it had been tough over the last year. There was now light at the end of the tunnel and that he believed we were nearly at the end. He thanked everybody who had continued to volunteer and give their energies to enable scouting. The leaders had shown great energy and commitment to reducing the risks and enable scouting. He encouraged the Group to keep up the good work getting back to Scouting. The return to boating was a major step forward.

He noted that the membership losses were under the District trend and would be replaced by those on the waiting list. He welcomed the recruitment of other volunteers to support scouting and thanked the Executive for their work noting the challenges to give the best experience to young people going forward. The Group would build back up again and he thanked the Group Scout Leader and all those involved. He reminded members of the volunteer opportunities to support the District and encouraged them to apply.

12. Any Other Business

DBS Check

It was noted that Joy Turner's DBS certification was due to expire and she was asked to speak to Peter Ingham and Barry Byatt.

13. Date of next Group Executive meeting

Thursday 9th September 2021 via Zoom

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