

9th Carshalton Scout Group Annual General Meeting 2021

Meeting held on Monday 15th November 2021

Minutes taken by Gary Cox (Group Secretary)

Version – final

Appendix A – Group Accounts for 1 January to 31 December 2019

Appendix B – Group Accounts for 1 January to 31 December 2020

Appendix C – Group Secretary letter re: Subscription Increase



Date: Monday 15th November 2021

Venue: Bishop Andrewes Church Hall
Wigmore Road
SM5 1RG

In Attendance:

Karen North	Group Treasurer
Gary Cox	Group Secretary
Paula Wilson	Scout Leader
Julie Cox	Cub Scout Leader*
Sarah Bartholomew	Beaver Sec. Assistant
Lisa Busuttil	Beaver Sec. Assistant
Vic Foster	Quartermaster

*Currently permit holder for Beaver evenings.

Co-opted Executive Committee members and Parents

Apologies: Sam Lainsbury (Chair), Andy Ferdy (Scout Sec. Asst.) and Jo London (Co-Opt)

Introductions

Karen North (Treasurer) welcomed the parents to the 2021 Annual General Meeting and thanked them for taking the time to attend. It had been over 2 years since we had held an AGM and it was nice to be back.

There were three apologies: Sam Lainsbury (Chair), Andy Ferdy (Scout Asst. Section Leader) and Jo London (Parent Helper). We had also invited a Guest Speaker from District but had not heard anything at the time of the meeting, although we did receive apologies after.

The Treasurer took the opportunity to introduce everyone involved in the Group, from Leaders to the Executive Members and emphasised

www.9thcarshalton.com



that without all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes the Group would not exist.

Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2019 AGM had been previously agreed.

District Speaker

The District Commissioner had been sent an invitation for someone from District to speak at the AGM but we had not heard whether they would be represented.

GSL Report

We do not have a Group Scout Leader so a report is not available.

As a way of explanation, the GSL manages and supports the Scout Group and its Leaders to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the rules and policies of The Scout Association.

If any parent was interested in taken on this role, then they should speak to someone in the Exec.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer introduced the Group Accounts.

There were 2 sets of accounts to go through (2019 and 2020) which have been audited and approved.

www.9thcarshalton.com



2019 Accounts

The Treasurer explained that the 2019 accounts reflected a more typical year as it was a full year, and gave a brief overview.

On Income the main items highlighted were:

- A £500 donation from the Carshalton Round Table for providing marshalling services at the firework display;
- A donation (£1,004) from Barratt Homes.
- A donation (£500) from ASDA for the Green Disc Charity Collection; and
- Our own Christmas Fayre generated over £400.

The Treasurer then gave a short overview of the typical Expenditure occurred by the Group.

The 2019 Group Accounts were accepted and seconded.

2020 Accounts

There had been a lot less activity during this particular year because of Covid-19.

- For the first time for a few years the Group was in a position to apply for Gift Aid. The Gift Aid scheme allows a UK charity to claim back the tax that you pay, as a donor, when you earn the money from which you make the donation. This brought in over £627.

Other notable donations were:

- £200 was received from our Quartermaster
- £100 was received in memory of a former Leader, John North.

The full 2019 accounts were seconded by Rachel Pain and are at Appendix A.

The full 2020 accounts were seconded by Lisa Tasker and are at Appendix B

www.9thcarshalton.com



Section Reports

At this stage we usually ask the Leaders to stand up and give a brief report to the parents on the years programme and achievements. Unfortunately, this is not possible as the beavers & cubs have only just returned to scouting.

The scouts however returned much earlier in the year (mainly to outside meetings) and their report is at:

Scout Section Report is available at [Appendix C](#).

Nominations & Approval of Group Executive Team

Group Chairperson (Sam Lainsbury) Nominated and seconded.

Group Secretary (Gary Cox) Nominated and seconded.

Group Treasurer (Karen North) Nominated and seconded.

Group Auditor (William Busuttil) Nominated and seconded.

The Treasurer then explained that after many years' service to the Group, she would be standing down as Treasurer in 2022. If anyone was interested in taking on the challenging role should come forward after the meeting.

Award Presentations

Paula Wilson opened this section by explaining that we normally have the Beaver/Cub/Scout of the Year awards at this point of the AGM but obviously this is not possible.

However, there was the Sir Jack Petchey Awards which are available to the scouts to apply for:

"The Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme recognises young people who have gone above and beyond to achieve, perhaps when others thought they might fail."

www.9thcarshalton.com



Each award winner receives a certificate, pin badge and a book from Sir Jack himself. They will also choose how to spend a £250 grant to benefit their school or organisation".

For 9th Carshalton, 3 scouts were recipients of the award:

Keira Tasker

- Keira joined scouts 4 years ago but quickly showed she had the enthusiasm, commitment and maturity to become an excellent scout. She soon became an assistant patrol leader and then a patrol leader. She has showed great leadership skills in completing the Expedition Challenge which has led to her gaining the Chief Scout Gold Award. Keira has led a team of scouts in District competitions on a number of occasions achieving a high level of competency and skill. She has now moved on to the Explorer Unit and has also taken on the challenge of becoming a young leader. Keira is a reliable and helpful young lady who is a credit to her family.

Cleo James

- Cleo joined scouting late on as a scout but quickly showed she had the enthusiasm, commitment and maturity to become an excellent scout. She quickly became an assistant patrol leader and showed great leadership skills in completing the Expedition Challenge. Cleo is now part of Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit and continues to show great enthusiasm for all the activities that the Unit does. She is a Young Leader with the 9th Carshalton Scout Group and has just completed her final Mission Badge and will now receive her Young Leader Mission Belt as well as the Chief Scout Platinum Award. Cleo is a reliable and helpful young lady who is a credit to her family.

Joseph Pain

- Joseph joined the 9th Carshalton 4 years ago and has been a model scout since day one. Not only is he always polite, kind and helpful, he is very enthusiastic for all aspects of scouting. He's a keen camper and enjoys days out and activities and always considers his fellow scouts in everything that he does. He is a Patrol leader and has worked hard to achieve the Chief Scout Gold Award and I'm sure will go on to be a valuable member of the Explorer Unit. Joseph has had a personal tragedy to come to terms with

www.9thcarshalton.com



during the last year and he has shown amazing maturity and resilience during this difficult time for him. He is a real credit to his family and I know his dad would have been very proud of him if he'd been here today.

Pictures were posted on our Facebook page.

Addendum** – *The Executive forgot to remind the parents that subscriptions would be increasing with effect from 1 January 2022. A copy of the letter is at **Appendix D

www.9thcarshalton.com




9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

Appendix A

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance & Cash in Hand			
Balance as at 01/01/2019	£5,862.57		
Cash Subscriptions	£3,533.00	Capitation	£1,950.00
Subscriptions by Cheque	£560.00	Motion Picture Licence	£20.00
Pro Rata Subscriptions (Beaver)	£14.00	Church Hall Rent (Autumn 2018)	£642.00
Scarf and Badge Payments for New Recruits	£70.00	Church Hall Rent (Spring To Summer 2019)	£1,137.00
Round Table Donation for Marshalling Firework			
Display November 2018	£500.00	Network Rail - Rent Demesne Road	£463.48
Sales of Donated Clothes	£104.21	Business Rates - Demesne Road	£35.78
Barrett Home Grant	£1,004.00	Property & Equipment Insurance	£189.12
Asda Donation for Green Disc Charity Collection	£500.00	Equipment & Money Insurance	£195.94
Refund for Faulty Gas Cooler	£208.99	PA & Medical Insurance	£42.00
Amazon Easy Fund-Raising	£5.27	Group Scarves	£210.82
Re-imburement for Beaver Sleepover Deposit	£100.00	Gas Portable Cooler for Camping	£208.99
		Storage Container	£77.99
Christmas Fayre	£417.39	Sutton District Council Badges (Scouts)	£44.87
Unused Cash received from Beaver Leader as		Sutton District Council Badges (Cubs)	£98.58
part of transfer from GSL	£88.15		
		Beaver Badges from Scout Shops Ltd	£51.16
		Beaver Badges & Leader's Shirt (via Scout	
		Shops Ltd)	£50.11
		Electric Bill	£230.73
		Group Website	£36.72
		OSM Annual Set Up Charge	£72.00
		Beaver Sleepover Deposit (Frylands Camp)	£100.00
		Cub PGL Camp - Additional Helper Fee	£82.50
		Committee Christmas Meal	£275.00
		Filing Cabinet for storage	£109.99
		Gift Aid Meeting	£5.35
		Goodwill Payment to Beaver Parent	£48.00
		Group Scout Leader's Expenses (Mortice	
		Deadlocks)	£13.58
		Group Treasurer Expenses; Stamps/Ink	
		Cartridges	£35.22
		Leaders' Uniform & Hoodie for Chairperson	£99.75
		Bouquet of Flowers for former Assistant	
		Beaver Leader (Barbara Campbell)	£15.19
		Sympathy Card & St Raphael's donation in	
		Memory of Barbara Campbell	£27.25
		60th Birthday gifts; Bouquet of Flowers for	
		Cub Leader & Gift Card for Group Secretary	£18.00
		Former Beaver Leader Unclaimed Expenses	£32.69
		Donation to BHF in Memory of Daphne	
		Goddard	£25.00
		Additional Church Keys Cut	£30.00
		Christmas Fayre Expenses	£50.54
	£12,967.58	Total	£6,725.35
		Cash in Hand	£93.60
		Bank Balance	£6,148.63
		TOTAL	£6,242.23

There were no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2019
This report is prepared in accordance with the books and reports of the group


Karen North
Group Treasurer



William Busutill
Group Auditor

9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

Appendix B

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance & Cash in Hand Balance as at 01/01/2020	£6,242.23		
Cash Subscriptions	£1,113.00	Capitation	£1,771.00
Subscriptions by Cheque	£140.00	Motion Picture Licence	£21.00
Scarf and Badge Payments for New Recruits	£30.00	Young Leaders Capitation (Paid to District)	£154.00
Pro Rata Beaver Subscriptions for Autumn Term 2019	£28.00	Church Hall Rent (Autumn 2019)	£762.57
Young Leaders (Explorer Unit) Capitation Fees	£154.00	Church Hall Rent (Spring 2020)	£586.08
Sale of Marquee	£200.00	Business Rates - Demesne Road	£36.35
Donation from Quartermaster Vic	£200.00	Property (Buildings) Insurance	£214.72
Donations in Memory Of Former Leader John North	£100.00	Equipment & Money Insurance	£215.64
Gift Aid - 2017	£627.79	PA & Medical Insurance	£42.00
Amazon Easy Fund-Raising	£5.00	Group Website	£76.50
Easy Fundraising	£83.85	Sutton District Council Badges (Scouts)	£61.34
Scout Payments for Ad Hoc Meetings	£74.00	Sutton District Council Badges (Cubs)	£110.25
		Stay at Home/Protect the NHS Badges	£86.85
		Plastic Charity Collection Buckets	£31.20
		Electric Bill	£97.13
		PPE Equipment	£33.18
	£8,997.87	Total	£4,299.81
		Cash in Hand	£58.10
		Bank Balance £4639.96	£4,639.96
		TOTAL	£4,698.06

There were no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2020
This report is prepared in accordance with the books and reports of the group



Karen North
Group Treasurer



William Busutill
Group Auditor

Scout Troop Report 2021

The last 18 months has been very challenging for everyone, but through this period the Troop have managed to meet whenever we have been allowed to whether it be outside or eventually back inside. This has kept our numbers at a reasonable level.

There hasn't been any District competitions during this period so there is nothing to report on that front.

We have done many activities outside, for example orienteering, hikes, days out at Frylands Wood campsite, town Treasure Trails and many more activities that have been fun.

We had a great week long summer camp in July at Frylands Wood and despite the rather damp weather at times, everyone had a great time.



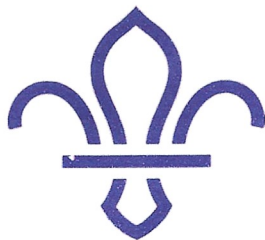
It was my pleasure at camp to award Louisa and Cleo their Chief Scout Platinum Award and their Young Leader Mission Belts. I am very happy to say that they have both decided to become assistant scout leaders now that they are 18!



I have also awarded Ned, Jack and Joseph their Chief Scout Gold Award in April of this year, so well done to them.

Many thanks to Andy and Mark for supporting the Scout section with me and to the Young Leaders Jake and Keira along with Cleo and Louisa who are now leaders.

Thank you for your continued support. Paula Wilson, Scout Leader



9th Carshalton Scout Group

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The impact of Covid-19 has left so many organisations in a difficult financial position, and the 9th Carshalton Scout Group are no different as we try to deal with these unprecedented challenges. Tough decisions have to be made if the Group is to survive.

Subscriptions

Since the early days of Scouting, subscriptions have been the main way of funding the Movement. Subs tend to be paid termly in advance by parents to cover day to day activities for all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, alongside subscriptions to District and the cost of the Hall, and other activities and overheads.

Subs also cover the training for all the 9th Carshalton Leaders, who are all volunteers. Training includes First Aid, Safeguarding, Safety Awareness, plus there are many more modules that have to be attained before becoming a Leader. The Leaders also have to attend regular refresher courses.

Subs are collected 3 times a year, as per school terms; September (Autumn Term), January (Spring Term) and April (Summer Term).

Annual Capitation Fee

Another financial burden on the Group is the Capitation Fee which is currently £34.50 per child. You may not know about this so a short explanation is provided below:

The Annual Capitation Fee is the annual charge levied by the Scout Association on every uniformed person in the Scout movement. It covers the support structures at district, county and national level, including the significant levels of insurance required for youth work today.

This cost is currently being met by the Group itself but we are slowly reaching a point where we need to consider changing this in the next couple years.



Next Step - 2022

The 9th Carshalton Executive Committee have given consideration to a number of proposals how these costs can now be met and we believe the most sensible way is to make a couple of changes.

With effect from 1 January 2022, the following changes will take place.

Subscriptions will increase from £28.00 per term to £32.00

Sibling rate will increase from £23.00 per term to £25.00

Payments can either be by cash, cheque or **Standing Order**. As a charity we are unable to offer Direct Debits.

This decision was not been taken lightly and we remain still one of the cheapest Scout Groups in the District.

We hope this meets with your approval.

Gary Cox
Group Administrator
For and on behalf of the Executive Committee
9th Carshalton Scout Group