

9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Meeting held on Monday 5 June 2017

Version - final



Prepared by Gary Cox
Group Secretary

Date: Monday 5th June 2017

Venue: Bishop Andrewes Church Hall

In Attendance: Sam Lainsbury (Chairperson), Gary Cox (Secretary), Ann Gilbert (Group Scout Leader), Karen North (Treasurer), Section Leaders (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts), Executive Committee members and Parents

Guest Speaker: Sian Hewitt (ADC Cubs)

Apologies: None.

Introductions

Sam Lainsbury (chairperson) welcomed everyone to the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

Approval of 2016 AGM Minutes

The minutes were agreed and seconded.

District Speaker – Sian Hewitt (ADC Cubs)

Sian Hewitt (Assistant District Commissioner – Cubs) thanked everyone for attending. She completely understood how difficult things were for parents during a school night but it was a great sign that so many had made the effort and it was important for parents to be involved in the running of the Group.

It was clear from the Section Reports that the Group was an extremely active group, not only through the camps and visits, but also through continuous badge-work and activities.

GSL Report

Ann Gilbert (Group Scout Leader) thanked the ADC (Cubs) for coming and took the opportunity to thank all the parents, scouts, cubs and beavers for coming along as well.

The GSL reported that once again it had been a good year for the 9th Carshalton Scout Group. The overall number of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had increased, plus the addition of new Leaders.

The GSL was pleased to inform the meeting that the Beaver Leader had been able to recruit 2 new Sectional Assistants (who would be undertaking further training to become assistant Leaders) plus the addition of a sectional assistant. That meant a total of 4 Leaders for the beavers.

The enthusiasm from these leaders had produced a very strong beaver colony. There was also a lot of fundraising in the beavers which enabled them to become very stable going forward.

Full Beaver Section Report is available at [Appendix B](#).

Introducing the Cub Leader and team the GSL was happy to report that the section is becoming even stronger with the total number cubs reaching a record 23. This was a massive improvement since the last AGM, where the numbers reported had dropped to just 10.

Obviously the numbers are effected by a strong beaver colony, but there were just as many joining cubs from outside, by word of mouth, as those swimming up from the beavers.

Activities, badge-work and camps provide a steady diet for the cubs to enjoy.

They had also recruited a new Sectional Assistant who had started her training.

Again the fundraising, plus the grant received from Sutton Council, had helped fund many activities, camps and of course equipment.

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

The GSL stated that the Scouts had another busy year with many days out and plenty of camps.

The numbers had steadily increased although the proportions of boys to girls were very uneven.

The Scout Leader was ably supported by an assistant and a young leader.

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

The GSL then mentioned the Group Funding and although it appears ok, every year it was becoming more difficult to meet demands.

We now have a Fundraising team who are looking to come up with ideas for increasing the group's funds.

The Subs are held at £25 which are one of the lowest on the District, but if we can't raise sufficient funds then we would have to look at increasing subs.

Any parent who would like to help should contact the Fundraiser (Sarah Bartholomew) or any of the leaders.

All three sections had undertaken Nights Away this year (even the Beavers who had had a sleepover at the church hall) and have a varied programme.

All Section Leaders are DBS approved and are fully trained (which includes safety and first aid) to ensure that the children are well looked after. Every section has its own programme designed to ensure that the children have a variety of project-based activities, recognising achievements with badges, and of course making sure they enjoy themselves.

The meeting was reminded that all Leaders were volunteers and it was important that parents kept this in mind as it was not always an easy task keeping the beavers, cubs and scouts occupied, all the time. Also, parents should ensure that they speak with the Leaders on any issue that concerns them.

The GSL explained that the Group had an Executive Committee which met approximately 4 times a year and was well represented

The GSL then personally thanked all the Section Leaders, Assistants and Executive members for all their help over the last year.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer introduced the Group Accounts. Overall the end balance was somewhat disappointing, but had hoped that the new Fundraising Committee would be successful. The Treasurer repeated that subs had remained the same but this was one area which we may need to look at.

Examples of income include providing marshalling services at the Wallington & Carshalton Roundtable firework display at Ruskin Park, running a stall at the St Helier Festival (although last year was a complete wash-out), and stalls at the Church funday.

A parent had a suggestion and agreed to email the Treasurer.

The Group Accounts were accepted by Sam Lainsbury and seconded by Gary Cox.

The GSL added that the Group were very appreciative of the continued reduced rent charges for the church hall, as this had helped in keeping the costs down.

The 9th Carshalton Scout Group Accounts are at **Appendix A**.

Section Reports

Beaver Scout – **Appendix B**

Cub Scout – **Appendix C**

Scouts – **Appendix D**

Nominations & Approval of Group Executive Team

Group Chairperson (Sam Lainsbury) Approved by Gary Cox and seconded by Charlie Roberts.

Group Secretary (Gary Cox) Approved by Julie Cox and seconded by Laura Tasker.

Treasurer (Karen North) Approved by Sam Lainsbury and seconded by Mark Smith.

Claire Coppin was re-elected as group auditor.

Award Presentations

The ADC presented Mark Smith (ACSL) with his woodbeads on the completion of his training to become an Assistant Cub Scout Leader.

The GSL then presented the remainder of the Awards:

Beaver of the Year – Sophie Bartholomew

To follow

Cub of the Year – Ben Bedford

The recipient of this award has been with the Group since 2013. He steadily progressed through the beavers and now he is reaching the end of his cub years.

He is a thoroughly liked young boy although he can be a bit cheeky at times. He has grown in confidence, and will put himself out to help and encourage the younger cubs, particularly at camps. His scouting knowledge is growing and with this I feel that he will make a great scout now that he has started his linking.

Scout of the Year – Andrea Tasyaka

Andrea was voted scout of the year by her fellow scouts. When voting they think of someone that is a really good example of a scout. Someone that is smart, well presented, loyal, committed and enthusiastic for all scouting activities and shows they are proud to be part of scouting. Andrea fits this description perfectly.

The Barbara Jackson Award – Ryan Tasker (Cub Scout)

Ryan has been with the cub section for only a few months now and has had quite a few problem's settling in. He found the move up from Beavers a huge challenge, coupled with his known communicating issues, which exasperated the problem even further. However, on our recent trip to PGL Ryan met all the challenges full on, showing determination and willingness to have a go. The reaction on his face when he completed the various tasks was of 'excitement' and I am sure he even surprised himself. In fact, he impressed the instructors so much they awarded him Cub of the Weekend (out of 18 cubs).

I feel that he really deserves this award as this is what it is all about "having fun and pushing yourself to have a great time in scouting".

Any Other Business

The Vicar at Bishop Andrews Church (Kevin Lewis) has recently moved to another church and unfortunately can't be with us tonight to receive his thank you gift. Kevin always provided great support for the group and he will be missed.

Vic Foster (QM) would be getting married soon and the Group presented him with a present.

There being no other matters, the meeting was closed and everyone was thanked for attending.

9th CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP

Annual General Meeting 2016

Monday 6 Jun 2016

APPENDICES:

- A - Annual Accounts** *(1 January to 31 December 2016)*
- B - Beaver Scout Report 2016/17**
- C - Cub Scout Report 2016/17**
- D - Scout Report 2016/17**




Appendix A

9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance & Cash in Hand Balance as at 01/01/2016	£2,998.02		
Cash Subscriptions	£2,731.50	Capitation	£1,525.00
Subscriptions by Cheque	£355.00	Motion Picture Licence	£18.00
Donation for Marshalling Firework Display November 2015	£500.00	Church Hall Rent	£1,903.00
St Helier Festival 2016;		Network Rail - Rent Demesne Road	£408.11
Tombola	£174.60	Business Rates - Demesne Road	£30.81
Football; Beat the Goalie	£93.00	Property & Equipment Insurance	£170.38
Legal & General Sponsorship Matching (Treasurer's Employer)	£367.00	Equipment & Money Insurance	£142.11
2015 Autumn Subscriptions Beaver & Cubs (late payments)	£32.00	PA & Medical Insurance	£41.25
2016 Summer Subs for Beavers & Cubs (late payments)	£80.00	Group Scarves	£197.80
Christmas Fayre (2016);			
Tombola	£93.60	Sutton District Council Badges (Scouts)	£94.02
Raffle	£67.00	Sutton District Council Badges (Cubs)	£92.95
Bric a Brac	£42.35	Beaver Badges	£272.46
Refreshments	£35.05	Beaver Leader Expenses	£104.98
Sweet Cups	£34.00	GSL Expenses	£55.20
Toy Tombola	£29.00	Group Secretary's Expenses	£22.95
Scout Game	£22.00	Group Treasurer Expenses; Stamps/PC Paper	£16.66
Face Painting	£12.00	Electric Bill	£126.42
Replacement Payment for Camp Money from 2015	£8.50	Frylands Weekend for Adults	£60.00
2016 Beaver Sleep Over	£48.00	Group Website	£36.93
Money for Group Scarf	£5.00	St Helier Festival (2016) Expenses (Football & chocolates)	£27.99
Money from Beavers	£12.50	Car Valet (Cub Parent) re basement flood	£15.00
	£7,740.12	Total	£5,362.02
		Cash in Hand	£170.13
		Bank Balance	£2,207.97
		TOTAL	£2,378.10

There were no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2016
This report is prepared in accordance with the books and reports of the group


Karen North
Group Treasurer


Claire Coppin
Group Auditor

Registered Charity Number 1021173

9th Carshalton Scout Section Report

2017 Annual General Meeting

Presented by Charlie Roberts (Bumblebee) – Beaver Leader

Once again the Beaver Section has some big changes this year. Upon their appointments as Section Assistants, Fox and Butterfly are now fully fledged 'Scouters' and agreed to become Assistant Beaver Leaders, a role they pretty much did anyway, just without the fancy title. We have been joined by Bobcat as our newest Section Assistant and the Beavers have almost claimed him as their own, but our upcoming Sleepover at Frylands Wood will be the proof in the pudding! We have also had the continued support of the rest of the Leaders at 9th Carshalton a source of knowledge that no doubt will always be there. Numbers have remained stable this year with the help of a large intake in January after many fond farewells saw most of the colony from last year graduate to become Cubs! We are in constant communication with the District's enquiries regarding membership and the Group's website has kept my email inbox buzzing for most of the year! Which is always a good thing!

After embracing the new badge concepts last year we as a team have flung ourselves into the programme with lots of fun and lots of challenges! Our annual Beaver Sponsored Walk in October was amazing with Beavers raising over £800 to be put towards equipment and resources for the year. We purchased six 4-man tents which will make our Autumn Sleepovers much easier as previous sleepovers saw us borrow from the cubs and another group. This year's autumn sleepover saw us spending the day at Frylands Wood taking part in some of the site's activities including Traverse Wall and Assault Course. We had 2 parent helpers join us and no doubt enjoyed the campfire and marshmallows as much as the Beavers! We had an exciting evening in November that saw the Beavers celebrate bonfire night with a firework display on the church's front lawn.



Nothing to rival Carshalton Park but still spectacular! As always we participated in the District Sports taster at Westcroft Leisure Centre with the new activity of Judo being a new favourite amongst the beavers, although I still prefer trampolines!

Butterfly lead us one evening with her amazing circus skills, an evening no doubt will be repeated in the near future, with steamers and plate spinning taking over the hall! Another evening that was one to remember was creating a night sky by covering the hall floor with black paper and going crazy with paintbrushes, toothbrushes and glow in the dark paint! Results will be revealed at our Beaver Award Ceremony at the end of the Summer Term.

Although we've had lots of fun we've knuckled down and explored that world of living with disabilities through the Disability Awareness Badge with the help of one of Fox's friends who is hard of hearing. We explored the night's sky with the Space Activity Badge and filled the hall with Semaphore Flags for our Communicator Activity Badge. We completed the first stage of the Digital Citizen Badge with the use of Suttons Life Centre's Media Lab. We took the #YouShape challenge, which focuses on peer leadership, giving the Beavers a chance to shape their programme and lead in activities.

We also enjoyed a day to Chessington with one particular Beaver being incredibly brave! And we found the Gruffalo in the Enchanted Wood! Pizza all round sealed the deal on the day too! Butterfly and Fox took the Beavers to the annual District Campfire which proved not even a drop of rain stops a turquoise army!



We look forward to our next challenge, a 2 night sleepover at Frylands Wood, with 17 Beavers signed up to go, our biggest number to date! I might have to do the food shop in my uniform otherwise there might be a few raised eyebrows at Asda! Preparations have also begun on this year's Award Ceremony which was greatly received by parents last year, which for new parents is a chance to celebrate and look back over everything we have achieved this year.

Once again I thank all the Beavers for their hard work and smiles; it really does make Monday's better! And I look forward to another adventurous year!

9th Carshalton Cub Section Report 2017 Annual General Meeting

Presented by Julie Cox (Akela) – Cub Scout Leader

Since my last annual report, it has been another eventful year. Cub numbers have increased dramatically – in 2016 we only had 10 Cub Scouts, but by the end of May 2017 this number had increased to 23 cubs. And we are still getting enquiries. It won't be long before we introduce a waiting list.

Personal and work commitments continue to dictate our weekends/spare time and so we have not had as many day trips as I would have liked, but we have very big plans for the second part of the year (fingers crossed).

In 2016 the main focus was the celebration of **100 years of Cub Scouting**. The highlight of this year-long celebration was the **Cubarnival** in July 2016 which was held at Polyapes campsite. Almost all of the Sutton Cub Scouts were represented and there were so many activities for the cubs they didn't know where to start. As you can see, it was also an ideal time to show off our new banner.



We had a relatively late camp because of the Cubarnival and although the weather started off well, it wasn't long before the rains started and the **Boidier Hurst campsite** turned into a quagmire. The trip from the tents to the catering areas was treacherous. Many a cub went over. But hey, we had a good laugh. Fortunately

Appendix D

9th Carshalton Scout Section Report 2017 Annual General Meeting

Presented by Paula Wilson - Scout Leader

It's been another busy year for the Scout Troop with lots of days out and camps.

Our numbers have steadily increased although the proportions of boys to girls is still a little uneven.

We had a weekend camp at Boidier Hurst, Box Hill last June where we did a lot of basic camping in preparation for the How Cup District camping competition in July. In this competition we did really well and won the Ted Neater Trophy which is awarded to the team with the best team spirit. So well done to Andrea, Faith, Cleo, Ryan and Kacey.

We had a water activities evening at Wimbledon Park and did sailing and kayaking and those taking part earned their 'Time on the Water' badge.

Our summer camp was at Ferny Crofts scout campsite. We visited Splashdown Water Park, Bournemouth and the beach, Beaulieu Motor Museum, did bike riding across the New Forest, swimming, raft building and we had a meal in a restaurant one evening.

During October we went to Frylands Woods scout campsite for the day where we did some activities and our Teamwork challenge badge.



We were back at Frylands in November when we took part in the District Night Adventure Exercise, the Tate Shield where we came just outside the top 10 out of 22 teams; well done to Andrea, Faith, Ryan and Jake.

We went ice skating at Hampton Court in December.

As part of our Fire Safety badge we went to Mitcham Fire Station in January.

We had another weekend camp away in March at Frylands Wood Scout Activity Centre where we did the archery, geo-caching and assault course.

We had a day out at Oaks Park in April doing basic scouting skills and did a lovely hike along the Thames path from Staines to Windsor in May.

Thank you Rob Foot and Lauryn Sherwood for their support throughout the last year.

