

9th Carshalton Scout Group Annual General Meeting 2019

Meeting held on Tuesday 4 June 2019

Minutes taken by Gary Cox (Group Secretary)

Version – Final

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Date: Tuesday 4th June 2019

Venue: Bishop Andrewes Church Hall

In Attendance:

Sam Lainsbury	Group Chairperson
Karen North	Group Treasurer
Gary Cox	Group Secretary
Charlie Roberts	Group Scout Leader
Debbie Brown	Beaver Scout Leader
Sarah Bartholomew	Beaver Assistant
Lisa Busuttil	Beaver Assistant
Julie E Cox	Cub Scout Leader
Gemma Baker	Cub Assistant
Paula Wilson	Scout Leader
Andy Ferdy	Scout Assistant
Mark Austin	Scout Sectional Assistant

Co-opted Executive Committee members and Parents

Guest Speaker: Bryony Gorley (ADC Beavers)

Apologies: Mark Smith (Cub Assistant) and Vic Foster (QM)

Introductions

Sam Lainsbury (chairperson) welcomed everyone to the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

She took the opportunity to introduce everyone involved in the Group. She emphasised that without all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes the Group would not exist.

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Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were agreed.

District Speaker – Bryony Gorley (ADC Beavers)

The ADC (Beavers) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all those involved in the Group, and the parents, for their continued support as it was impossible to run the group without the parent's support.

On completion of her training, Debbie Brown (Beaver Leader) was awarded her woodbeads.

GSL Report

Charlie Roberts (GSL) expressed her heartfelt warmth for everyone involved directly or indirectly with the Group. The key to its success is its Leadership and the hard work they put in to make it a success.

The detailed GSL report for 2018/19 is at [Appendix B](#)

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer introduced the Group Accounts.

Main examples of income include providing marshalling services at the Wallington & Carshalton Roundtable firework display at Ruskin Park which brought in a donation of £500, and the bag packing in ASDA which was a huge success, bringing in over £1,088. This meant the total income was a little over £12,500. Various outgoings were mentioned, and these totalled a little over £6,600. The total balance at the end of the financial year was £5,862.57.

The Treasurer was also extremely pleased to announce that the Group had received a donation of £1,000 from Barratt Homes, who were building houses in the local area.

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The Treasurer confirmed that the Group had £1,700 more at the end of 2018 than at the beginning, which is positive news as we don't always manage to achieve that.

The 2018 Group Accounts were accepted and seconded.

The full 2018 accounts are at [Appendix A](#).

Section Reports

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

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

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

Nominations & Approval of Group Executive Team

Group Chairperson (Sam Lainsbury) Approved and seconded.

Group Secretary (Gary Cox) Approved and seconded.

Group Treasurer (Karen North) Approved and seconded.

Group Auditor (William Busuttil) Approved and seconded.

Award Presentations

Paula Wilson opened this section by explaining what the criteria was in order to receive the Barbara Jackson Award. The Barbara Jackson Award is named after a Beaver Leader who was part of the group for several years before she lost her battle with cancer. The award is made to the person who has made a significant contribution to the group over the past year.

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This year's recipient is **Caitlin Lawrence**.

Caitlin has been a beaver, cub and is now enjoying herself as a scout. Through her cub years she has shown great enthusiasm and has always shown interest and respect for her fellow cubs. She has a very friendly and bubbly personality and always does her best in whatever she is given to do and try. Caitlin always cared for the younger cubs and takes them under her wing which is extraordinary and warming to watch.



The following awards were also presented:

Beaver of the Year: Jasmine Doughty

Jasmine has won Beaver of the year for all her hard work in Beavers. She is a brilliant lodge leader and makes sure her lodge are always presented nicely and ready for any activities. She always contributes to all that we do and upholds her beaver promise every week. She is always willing to help new beavers when they arrive and help them get settle into our colony.

Cub of the Year: Leon Doughty

Leon started with the Beavers, and will be shortly moving onto the Scouts. During his time with the cubs he has shown great promise and has grown into a very confident young man. Of course, he can be cheeky sometimes, but what child isn't at this age. He is an excellent cub to have in my cub pack, and will do very well in scouts.

Scout of the Year*: Joseph Pain

Joseph joined the Group nearly 2 years ago from the 6th Carshalton as a cub. He is an extremely pleasant and polite young man who attends regularly and is a model scout. He is enthusiastic and a real asset to the Troop. But since Joseph has been with us his dad has been diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour which he is fighting really well at the moment. Joseph has shown great maturity under these difficult circumstances and continues to take it all in his stride. He remains fairly cheerful and very positive about everything and is a real credit to his family.

**For information. The Scout of the Year award is chosen by the scouts themselves, in a secret ballot.*

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Any Other Business

- Bag packing is usually held in September at ASDA, Sutton. Parents were asked to look out for the announcement regarding this year's bag packing and to support it as it was such a great fundraiser last year.

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

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9TH CARSHALTON SCOUT GROUP ACCOUNT FOR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Bank Balance & Cash in Hand Balance as at 01/01/2018	£4,154.59		
Cash Subscriptions	£3,877.50	Capitation	£2,023.50
Subscriptions by Cheque	£909.00	Motion Picture Licence	£20.00
Pro Rata Subscriptions	£15.00	Church Hall Rent (Summer & Autumn 2017)	£1,213.30
Scarf and Badge Payments for New Recruits	£246.50	Church Hall Rent (Spring & Summer 2018)	£1,086.75
Legal & General Sponsorship Matching Scheme (Treasurer) - Bag Packing 2017. CAF Transfer (1712282367CF).	£147.50	Network Rail - Rent Demesne Road	£422.38
Round Table Donation for Marshalling Firework Display November 2017	£500.00	Business Rates - Demesne Road	£35.00
Chocolate Raffle	£86.00	Property & Equipment Insurance	£184.48
Neighbourhood Grant for Anniversary Badges	£198.62	Equipment & Money Insurance	£183.50
Anniversary Camp (Cheques paid by parents)	£135.00	PA & Medical Insurance	£42.00
Summer Fayre	£637.37	Group Scarves	£127.20
Bag Packing (September)	£1,088.34	Sutton District Council Badges (Scouts)	£57.37
Cub September Camp (Cheques paid by parents)	£75.00	Sutton District Council Badges (Cubs)	£78.16
Christmas Fayre	£449.41	Beaver Badges from Scout Shops Ltd	£197.54
Sale of donated Bicycle	£40.00	Beaver & Cub Badges from Scout Shops Ltd	£109.00
		Electric Bill	£258.83
		Group Website	£36.72
		Cash for Anniversary Camp Expenses	£135.00
		First Aiders Course (Cub Assist Leader Leaders)	£32.93
		Summer Fun Day Bouncy Castle	£60.00
		Summer Fun Day Expenses: Consumables & Miscellaneous	£137.37
		Cash for September Cub Camp	£75.00
		Group Scout Leader's Expenses (Ink)	£36.00
		Group Chair Expenses	£21.45
		Group Treasurer Expenses; Stamps/Ink Cartridge	£30.91
		Scout Leaders' Expenses (inc Engraving of Barbara Jackson Award)	£15.98
		Leaders' Uniform	£49.90
		Executive Committee Member (Chair)	
		Polo Shirts	£19.99
		Christmas Fayre Expenses	£7.00
		Total	£6,697.26
	£12,559.83	Cash in Hand	£79.53
		Bank Balance	£5,783.04
		TOTAL	£5,862.57

There were no outstanding liabilities at 31 December 2018
This report is prepared in accordance with the books and reports of the group



Karen North
Group Treasurer



William Busutill
Group Auditor

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Group Scout Leader Report

Presented by Charlie Roberts – GSL

What another busy year we have had! I have enjoyed seeing all the photos being uploaded onto our Group website and Facebook pages! Lots of fun activities and new challenges faced and conquered!

The Autumn term started off with yet another successful bag packing at ASDA in Sutton. We were welcomed by colleagues and customers alike. It gives me great pleasure to announce that we beat last year's amount, although it did give our Treasurer Karen heart palpitations! We plan to go again in September, just waiting for dates so it doesn't clash with any upcoming camps or days out. Parent helpers take huge amounts of pressure off Leaders at this event so if you could spare an hour it really does make a HUGE difference, and as always there is McDonalds up for grabs for those that do all day!!

Autumn camps proved popular as ever. Cubs headed to Boidier Hurst, a camp that Kaa won't let me forget in a hurry – I will leave him to tell you the story. Beavers headed to 4th Worcester Park Scout Group's Headquarters for a 'Space' themed sleepover, where 'glow in the dark' paint seemed to glow as well as glow. Scouts participated in the 'How cup' and did us proud. They also had a day trip to Frylands Wood.

We had our usual fundraising event at Carshalton Fireworks, an event we have supported for many years. In exchange for marshalling one of the gates we get a £500 donation to the Group. It is a lot of fun as we get fed and watered by the ladies of the Roundtable and have the best spot to see the bonfire,

even if it was a tad warm this year. If parents would like to help out then please contact one of the Leaders.

Christmas saw our annual Christmas Fayre which was well attended and I would like to thank Sarah Bartholomew for all the wonderful donations she acquired from local businesses for our raffle.

The Summer term always brings lots of new challenges and adventures, I know my Jack is looking forward to the week-long Scout camp in August, the first for both of us. Cubs enjoyed a weekend at PGL and the scouts enjoyed an evening at Morden Hall Park, the photos don't do the trips justice. Beavers are off to Amberley Museum.

Lastly, I come onto the part of my report I never know how to put properly! How do I thank all of our wonderful volunteers? How do I thank them for all the hours behind the scenes, endless paperwork and emails, receipt books that don't add up and still manage to turn up every week with a smile on their face? I'm still working on that but for time being a HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers who without this Group could not function.

If you are able to spare an hour at bag packing, or help the Leaders pack for a camp, bake or have a skill you think we could benefit from please come and have a chat, we aren't looking for weekly commitment (although we wouldn't say no!) but anything you could offer would be much appreciated.

I look forward to the rest of 2019 and can't wait to see what 2020 brings.

Charlie Roberts
Group Scout Leader

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Beaver Section Report

Presented by Debbie Brown – Beaver Leader

Fox – Debbie Brown

Rabbit – Lisa Busuttill

Mouse – Sarah Bartholomew

Bumblebee – Charlie Roberts

This year has been a year of change for the Beaver Leaders. We have recruited two new Section Assistants (Rabbit and Mouse) and with Bumblebee moving to become the Group Scout Leader, Fox has stepped up to become the Beaver Leader in the Spring term.

We kicked off the Autumn term with tent building at Royston Park, also team games with the Cub section. With the nights becoming darker, we started work on the Space badge, with a space themed sleepover at 4th Worcester Park, which saw the beavers create aliens, planets and 'glow in the dark' t-shirts. We also worked towards our experiment badge with cola rockets, slime and lots more experiments.

Spring term kicked off with Fox's takeover, with 5 badges being worked towards which included the Disability badge, which saw the beavers make sandwiches with either blindfolded, or only using one hand, cue the messy results. Cook badge, which saw us learn about dangers in the kitchen and get messy with chocolate creating some fabulous treats like chocolate coated popcorn that the beavers got to take home. Another badge that we undertook was 'My World Challenge' award, for this badge the beavers had a visit from a nurse who spoke to them all about where she worked, and they had loads of interesting questions to ask her. We gave the beavers some homework over

half-term to work on their 'Photographers' badge, the results were lovely to see from holiday photos and even day trips.

The highlight of our Spring term must be the Twilight rugby session that the beavers were invited to at Mitcham and Carshalton Rugby Club, with the beavers being presented with lots of goodies to take home.



The start of the Summer term has seen Mouse and Rabbit take the beavers to the district campfire. We have been to 'Pets at Home' to work towards our Pet Carer badge. We have also learned how to make paper planes and also about different types of aircraft for the Air Activities stage 1 badge.



As we continue in the 2nd half of this term, we are looking forward to our annual summer sleepover at Fryland Woods along with a trip to Amberley Museum to look at different emergency vehicles and see how they have changed over the years.

I want to say a big thank you to all my assistants, helpers and parents this year, also a very big well done to all my beavers, they have worked so hard and I am very proud of you all.

Debbie Brown (Fox)
Beaver Leader

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Cub Section Report

Presented by Julie E Cox - Akela

Since the last cub report we have seen the cubs earn even more badges and two of our cubs have gained their Silver Award, and moved up to the Scouts Section.

The number of cub scouts remain high at 24, which I have decided is the maximum we can now handle. With the constant flow of beaver scouts swimming up we have to make sure we can welcome them asap. However, this does mean setting up another waiting list.



The cubs took part in the Group camp held last May 2018, at Downe with the beavers and scouts. All were very tired when the camp finished as many activities were arranged for them to take part in.

The cubs then took part in a very wet and windy September



camp at Boidier Hurst and Kaa is pleased to say they all survived the good old British weather. It is the second time we have camped at Boidier Hurst and it rained then as well.

We had 14 cubs in attendance, plus the pleasure of Sian Hewitt (ADC). Despite the weather, cubs

enjoyed themselves learning new skills from cooking lunch, pioneering, and using axes and saws safely.

A huge thank you goes to Kaa, Baloo, Susan, Sian and Matthew for not giving up. Sadly, I was on a sabbatical and was unable to attend.

The cubs then took part in our PGL camp in April. We had a fantastic time (as usual) and the cubs were well behaved (most of the time).



They took part in the new zip wire challenge, wall climbing, buggy building, raft building, sports and games. In the raft building a few fell in (some deliberately) but it was a lovely day so who cares. We all got wet.

The idea of the PGL camp is to make new friends within the pack and learn to work together as a team.

As usual they were a good example to 9th Carshalton.



Our next camp is already booked for next September and we shall be sleeping under canvas at Park farm, a firm favourite.

I would like to thank Mark Smith (Kaa) for all his help and support this year, as well as Gemma Baker (Baloo).

Julie E Cox

Akela

Cub Scout Leader

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Scout Section Report

Presented by Paula Wilson - Scout Leader

We currently have 15 scouts and 2 young leaders supporting the Troop. Andy Ferdy, Mark Austin and Ida Boe (who is with us for year from Denmark whilst in England working) are the adults supporting the Troop and a big thank you to all of them for their help.



After the Group camp last May (mentioned in last year's report) we had a scout hike near Box Hill and did some orienteering in Morden Hall Park. We did our usual evening at Wimbledon Park boating lake and did the canoes/kiwis and the paddle boats with some of the older cubs attending.

We entered the District camping competition in late June and came 5th, well done to Keira, Jake, Halle, Jack C and Ned.



Our week long summer camp in July/August was at Braggers Wood in the New Forest. We had a day at Paulton's Park and another day at the New Forest Aqua Park, did swimming, went to the beach and a day out on the Isle of Wight plus an evening meal out in a restaurant.

We started the term late in September due to work at the church but to fill in we had an evening at Oaks Park with a wide game and a camp fire.



In October we had a day out at Frylands Wood camp site once again with the older cubs and did some camp site service, backwoods cooking and activities.

In November we entered the District Night Adventure Exercise and once again came 5th out of 22 Troops entered on the night, well done to Jake, Keira, Halle and Kishan.

We went ice skating in December at Hampton Court and most scouts supported our traditional bag packing at Marks and Spencer which will subsidise camps and activities this year.

We went to camp at February half term in a hut at Walton Firs with some of the older cubs again. We did the assault course, maze, a quiz



around Cobham, archery and crate stacking. Everyone was organised in colour teams and there much competitiveness! Well done to the Red Team who gained the most points!

In March we completed our Skills Challenge and did an evening hike from Belmont to Banstead and finishing at the fish and chip shop.

In May we've had an evening at Morden Hall Park building mini boats in patrols and then racing them along the river.

Once again thank you to all those that have supported the Troop this year and that includes our quartermaster Vic Foster who looks after and fixes our camping equipment.

Paula Wilson
Scout Leader.