

18th Edmonton (Methodist) Scout Group
Minutes of the AGM Friday 12th June 2015 at 7.00pm

1. **Welcome**

The Acting Chairman, Richard Clark, welcomed everybody to the AGM. Flag Break was performed. Voting rules were explained.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Jo Allen, Paul Dockley, Mark Dowsett, Darren Leonard, Pete Miskin, Shirley Scotcher and Caroline Smith.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting (16th May 2014)**

The Minutes of the last AGM, which had previously been emailed out by the Group Secretary, were approved by a show of hands as a true record of the meeting.

4. **Health & Safety Report**

There have been no major incidents since the last AGM.

5. **2014/2015 Accounts**

The 2014/2015 Accounts had previously been emailed out by the Group Secretary. There were no questions for the Treasurer and these were taken as approved by show of hands.

6. **Acting Chairman's Report**

The Acting Chairman acknowledged the efforts of his predecessor, Heather Connor, who remains in everyone's thoughts. He thanked the Church for their support and all the Exec, leaders, young leaders and helpers who had assisted throughout the year. He thanked Jo Allen and Dave Edwards, who are leaving the Exec, and paid a special tribute to Sally Symons, who has stepped down as Cub Scout Leader after 15 years. Gifts were presented to Sally.

The Acting Chairman stated that this had been an extremely difficult year for the Group. Health issues had hit the leadership team hard and the lack of in-depth cover had meant some events had been cancelled this year. The most significant of these was the cancellation of Summer Camp, a horrible decision to have to make, but one required on the grounds of child safety. He stressed that, although the Group is now bringing on board new leaders, the need for parents to help out the Group is now greater than it has ever been.

7. **Group Scout Leader's Report**

The GSL thanked Jo and Dave for their work on the Exec and also thanked the Beaver, Cub and Scout teams. Special thanks went to Sally. On a happier note, the GSL was pleased to announce positive changes on the leader front. Donna will be joining the Beaver team to work with Starling, Grant and Linda will be looking after Cubs and Jason will shortly be joining the Scout team as an assistant. Finally, she thanked Richard for his work on behalf of the Group and stressed that the Group is still in need of a permanent Chairman.

8. **Nomination of Chair by GSL and approval by Group Council**

The GSL nominated Richard Clark to continue in the position of Acting Chairman. His election was agreed by show of hands.

9. **Election of Secretary**

The Acting Chairman nominated Richard Clark for the position of Secretary. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by show of hands.

10. **Election of Treasurer**

The Acting Chairman nominated Rob Bruce for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by show of hands.

11. **Election of Scrutiniser**
The Acting Chairman nominated Jill Wright for the position of Scrutiniser. There were no other nominations and her election was agreed by show of hands.
12. **Agreement of Account Signatories**
The holders of the GSL, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary roles were agreed as Account Signatories by show of hands.
13. **Sponsoring Authorities Nomination to Group Executive**
The Rev Tim Swindell said a prayer and advised that he would be continuing in this role.
14. **Section Leaders Sitting on the Group Executive Committee**
The Scout Leader, Graham Reid, has elected to sit on the Group Executive Committee. The Beaver Leader has elected not to sit on the Group Executive Committee. (There is no Cub Leader currently in place.)
15. **GSL's Nominations for Members to Group Executive**
The GSL nominated the following members to the Group Executive Committee:
Gervase Bush and Karli Turner. These nominations were approved by show of hands.
16. **Election of Members to Group Executive**
The Acting Chairman proposed that the following be elected to the Group Executive Committee: Anna Gill, David Jackson and Ian Kirby. These nominations were approved by show of hands.
17. **Agreement of Group Executive Quorum**
It was agreed by show of hands that over half of the members of the Group Executive would need to be present in order for the Group Executive Meeting to be quorate.
18. **Group Charity for 2015 – 2016**
Sue Bateman spoke about the work of St Elizabeth's, the Group's chosen charity for 2015 – 2016. (See www.stelizabeths.org.uk for more information.)
19. **Presentations**
Jack Petchey Awards and a Chief Scout's Gold Award for Thomas were presented by the District Commissioner.

The Beaver Leader outlined the packed programme that the Beavers had enjoyed throughout the year and thanked all those who had assisted her. Gifts were presented.

The Assistant Cub Scout Leader presented her report, detailing the varied programme that had taken place during the year. She thanked all who had helped her and presented gifts. The Best Behaved Cub award was presented to Rhianna.

The Scout Leader outlined the many activities that had taken place during the year, a particular highlight being the Group's Wide Game victory in a District event. He thanked everyone who had provided him with assistance and presented gifts.
20. **Entertainment**
A programme of entertainment was provided, involving children from all the sections.
21. **Flag Down**
The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm and was followed by refreshments.