

18th EDMONTON SCOUT GROUP

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON FRIDAY 9 MAY 2003

The Chairman, Paul Symons welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Rev. Anderson to say an opening prayer.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ron and Mary Bird, Ron and Wyn Morey and the District Commissioner.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Introduction

The Chairman explained that everyone present at the meeting was entitled to vote. He outlined how the evening was going to proceed.

He said that one of the main achievements of the Group Executive this year was to discuss Health and Safety at each meeting as the committee felt this was very important. There had been no major incidents during the year.

4. Accounts for 2002/2003

The Treasurer, David Lo had prepared the accounts that were attached to the minutes. The Chairman explained that quite a large amount of money had been spent on resources this year. There were no questions for the Treasurer from the floor. The Chairman said that under Scout rules the accounts did not need to be audited but they had been scrutinized by Rob Bruce. The accounts were **agreed** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

5. Report by the Chairman

Paul Symons said that the Group Executive had had a very busy 12 months. They had discussed a large number of policies and guidelines. Funds had been spent on amongst other things, leaders' uniforms, a photocopier, polo shirts for helpers, camping equipment, sets of crockery for camp and two way radios. Other items dealt with by the Group Executive included the maintenance of the buses and membership subscriptions (Gift Aid via subscriptions was bringing in approx. £1,000, thanks to Ron Morey). Paul thanked parents and others for helping with the District Fete and the Quiz (thanks to Keith Kimber, who had agreed to re-join the committee this year).

Future proposals included: repairs to the fundraising hut, a hard standing area for the buses and a review of transport arrangements, a sound system and more tents, benches and ropes.

He also thanked people who had helped him during the year:

Glennis Barnes who was leaving the committee after many years. David Lo who was resigning after tonight. John Jewson, Anna Bruce, Toni Scott, Ian Kirby, Ron Morey and Jenny Odell.

Thanks were also due to the leaders who gave up so much of their time for the Group. In particular, Lillian Cooper as GSL and also ran the Scout troop this year.

There were no questions from the floor.

Paul then stood down as Group Chairman and handed over to Lillian as GSL.

6. Report of GSL

Lillian thanked all the leaders for their hard work over the past 12 months. She said that contrary to popular opinion they did not get paid, and it was all voluntary. They did not always claim all the out of pocket expenses they were due.

Lillian explained that the units had not prepared a written report this year - the boys were presenting the Annual Report themselves.

The units then acted out a month by month display of what the 18th Edmonton had achieved over the last year, including the shields and trophies they had won.

7. Report of the Cub Leader

Sally Symons thanked her helpers, particularly Kevin Bird (Balloo), Keith and Mike for organising the football, and Ian Kirby for managing her accounts and attending District meetings. Presentations were made. The Cub of the Year award was made to Stephen Bird.

8. Report of the Beaver Leader

Pat Powell described the badges that the Beavers undertook under the new scheme. She thanked Sharon for her help and support. Sharon had decided to leave in the Summer. Pat asked for someone to come forward to help her run the colony in future.

9. Nominations to Group Executive

Lillian nominated Paul Symons for Group Chairman. This was **agreed** after a show of hands.

Paul took over the meeting again. He said there was no nomination for the role of secretary and encouraged someone to come forward.

Rob Bruce was nominated as the new Treasurer and this was **agreed**. David Lo agreed to scrutinize the accounts next year.

The Beavers entertained.

Rev. Anderson nominated Toni Scott as the Church Representative for the following year.

The Cubs entertained.

The GSL nominations for co-opted members of the Group Executive Committee next year were:

Keith Kimber
Ian Kirby
John Jewson

Nominations by the Chairman for the Group Executive Committee were:

Sue Bateman
Lucy Bragg
Richard Clark
Brenda Kennedy

All the nominations were passed by the meeting.

10. Presentations

Chief Scout Platinum Awards were presented to Gareth Powell and Bradley Hill.

Flowers were presented to Glennis Barnes and to David Lo for his wife Karen to thank both of them for their help.

Paul Symons also asked everyone to remember Sylvia Horder who had passed away during the year and had given so much to the Group over the years.

Refreshments were available courtesy of Ian Kirby.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Signed: Date: