

18th Edmonton (Methodist) Scout Group Minutes of the AGM Friday 16th May 2008

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman, Paul Symons, welcomed everybody to the AGM, extending a special welcome to Martin Covington, the District Scout Leader, and Rev Alistair Jones.

Flag Break was performed, the Rev Alistair Jones said an opening prayer and the Chairman explained voting rules.

2. **Beavers going up and Cub Investitures**

A ceremony was held for the Beavers going up to Cubs.

3. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Ron Bird, Paul Dockley, Mark Dowsett and Ian Kirby.

4. **Minutes of Last Meeting (18th May 2007)**

The Minutes of the last AGM were approved as a true record of the meeting by a show of hands.

5. **Health & Safety Report**

There have been no major incidents since the last AGM.

6. **2007/2008 Accounts**

The Accounts prepared by the Treasurer, Rob Bruce, have yet to be scrutinised by David Lo, this will be done shortly. The Accounts were accepted by a show of hands, subject to successful scrutiny.

7. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman stated that this would be his last report, as he was now becoming GSL. He praised the contribution to the group of Lilian Cooper, who had recently left the Group, and who had been presented with a gift at the District AGM the previous evening.

The Chairman added that the Group had been lucky to secure three new leaders, and also thanked Lucy Bragg, who has stepped up to become Scout Leader, and Mary Bird, for her help with Beavers. He paid special tribute to Pat Powell, who was leaving after 10 years' service, and who was presented with a gift and flowers. He also thanked the members of the Exec Committee, and the Church for all their support.

Finally, the Chairman outlined the leaders still required, and stated his ambition of raising membership numbers up to 70.

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

The GSL nominated Heather McIsaac-Hall as the new Chairman. There were no other nominations and her election was agreed by a show of hands.

9. **Election of Secretary**

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

10. **Election of Treasurer**

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

11. **Election of Scrutiniser**

The Chairman nominated David Lo for the position of Scrutiniser. There were no other nominations and his election was agreed by a show of hands.

12. **Sponsoring Authorities Nomination to Group Executive**

The Rev Alistair Jones advised that he wished Mary Bird to take on this role.

13. **GSL's Nominations for Members to Group Executive**

The GSL nominated the following members to the Group Executive Committee:

Nicola Headland, Paul Boulter, Barbara Barnicoat and Raymond Prentice.

These nominations were approved by a show of hands.

14. **Election of Members to Group Executive**

The Chairman proposed that the following be elected to the Group Executive Committee:

Sue Bateman, Jan Ballett, Brenda Kennedy, Ian Kirby and Dave Edwards.

These nominations were approved by a show of hands.

15. **Presentations**

Priya Singh of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, the Group's chosen charity for 2007/2008, was presented with a cheque. She thanked the Group for choosing her charity, and talked about how the charity had been progressing.

The Beaver Leader presented her report. She said that, as ever, there had been a variety of events taking place both on Friday nights and at weekends. She thanked the Church and all regular helpers for their support over her time as Beaver Leader. She wished her successor Shan Gerrard all the very best and offered wishes of success for all those taking on new roles. Finally, she offered thanks to her family, especially Alan, for all of their support.

The CSL presented her report and gave the Best Behaved Cub award to Aidan Roomfield-Harris. She explained that the pack had been busier than ever following the move to Enfield District and thanked the other leaders and parents who had helped throughout the year. Presentations were made to Jo Allen for her help at meetings and to Richard Clark for his help with football. Finally she thanked Paul for all of his support over the period.

The Scout Leader said that she was still settling into her new role. Presentations were made to Alex Chetty and Sue Bateman to thank them for their help at Scout meetings.

Darren Leonard spoke about the Young Leader scheme for Explorers, and presented Alex Chetty with certificate and badge.

Martin Covington, the District Scout Leader, presented Katelyn Edwards with her Jack Petchey award.

16. **Explorer Scouts Presentation**

Darren Leonard presented a video about Explorers, which showed many of the activities in which the Explorer Unit had been involved over the previous year.

17. **Show Time**

A varied programme of entertainment was provided, involving children from all the sections.

18. **Flag Down**

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm and was followed by refreshments.