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PAMBER HEATH SCOUT GROUP MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2019

Friday 27th September 7:00pm, The Den, Pelican Road, Pamber Heath

Name	Position	Attendance
Tom Potter (TP)	Chairman	Attended
Carole Ryan (CR)	Treasurer	Apologies
George McGarvie (GMcG)	Facilities Manager	Apologies
Helen Ranson (HR)	Group Scout Leader (GSL)	Attended
Sarah Spencer (SS)	Secretary	Attended
Darrell Weston (DW)	Scout Leader	Apologies
Hannah Monger (HM)	Assistant Scout Leader	Attended
Steve Clough (SC)	Cub Leader	Attended
Emma Wells (EW)	Beaver Leader	Attended
Sam Ford (SF)	Beaver Leader	Apologies
Georgina Jones (GJ)	District Commissioner	Attended
Edel Abbott	Parent	Attended
Graham Pretty	Parent	Attended
Andy Baines	Parent	Attended
Francesca Forde	Parent	Apologies
Caroline Given	Parent	Apologies
Graham Morrison (GM)	Baughurst AGSL and ACSL	Apologies
Len Spray (LS)	District Chairman	Apologies

Welcome and Introduction

TP welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Executive Team. Attendance was as recorded above. TP provided a brief overview of roles, reminding everyone that the Executive were not all uniformed leaders, although they volunteer for the group.

The agenda, minutes of the AGM 2018 & Pamber Heath Scout Group Annual Accounts for 2018/19 were circulated.

Next year we will aim to have a larger event to celebrate the year of scouting, due to circumstances beyond our control this was not possible this year.

Minutes for AGM 2018

The minutes of the 2018 PHSG AGM were agreed. Proposed posed by HR, seconded by EW.

Chairman's Report

TP expressed thanks to all involved with PHSG, without the help and support we really couldn't survive. He acknowledged that we are a small group limited by our building size. TP felt that we deliver a lot as a group & good service to our members.



TP said he had been in post for 10 years and had lots of fun times with PHSG. He felt it was now time for new people with new energy to join the Exec. He will always remember the place fondly.

Treasurer's Report (CR)

TP presented the Treasurers Report for 2018/19. The closing balance of the accounts was £9291.03. The balance is healthy but is a decrease on the balance at previous year end. To note the largest income to the accounts is subs, if we have a decrease in numbers then this obviously effects income. We have had several expensive camps and we do not aim to recover all the costs i.e. camps usually subsidise adults and kit.

Still outstanding from the accounts is the gift aid claim. To note the den has been relatively low on maintenance costs.

ACTION: We do need some working parties at the den.

Group Scout Leader's Report (HR)

HR presented a report for the 2018/19. She reported a challenging year with numbers dipping but felt confident that 2019/20 would be much healthier.

Numbers

HR explained that she felt the dip in numbers was due to age balance in Cubs and losing members before/during transition to Scouts. HR was pleased to report that the Scout Troop have doubled in size & are increasing in strength every month. Credit was given to DW and HR for this. Beavers to Cubs transition and retention has improved due to good working between section leaders.

The effect of low numbers are we aren't helping as many young people but it also places pressure on our finances.

The Cub Pack still needs help. HR is in talks with District to provide support with this. Thanks to Louis Soccard for help in the Summer, also GM will be helping us in the short term. **ACTION:** required to seek parental support.

Waiting List

This remains healthy but we struggle to find places for all young people. However, if we keep the steady flow through Beavers and into Cubs, and work with other Groups, we should be able to make the space for all those waiting eventually.

Fundraising

This has been on a trickle basis over the year: CISCO matched funding, Amazon Smile, Happy School Bag and Terracycle Crisp Packet collection, although with a 5kg minimum shipment, we haven't had a payout yet.

Pamberscouts.org.uk benefits from free hosting from 34SP.com; a package which would cost £120 a year. In year we have also benefited from Hampshire Council funding to support a young person in the Group; but both the scheme and funding has since been suspended. On the positive side, that gives us the fantastic opportunity to launch a local provision, for which I am in the progress of gaining grants.

Training

As a group we have invested time in training of the team and have gained several permits between us. Training will be a priority area going forward. Not just formal training but making better use of other leaders in the District to act as mentors.

Programmes

HR was pleased to report that the programmes have been fantastic this year, with lots of nights away opportunities. Each Section has a target for at least three opportunities a year – and they are achieving this. That's a lot of volunteer time and PHSG are really grateful to all Leaders for giving it.

HR ran a group event - RIAT Camp. This was supported by two parent helpers. Thanks to Karen and Steve for enabling this. HR plans to use this model again in the future.

Thanks

HR expressed thanks to all the parent helpers, leaders, GMcG and MS & the Executive Committee.

HR acknowledged and thanked TP, who has been Chair of PHSG for over 10 years, she recognised the thousands of volunteer hours he has given; also, CR who steps down following two years as Treasurer.

Section Reports

Beavers – read by EW, prepared by EW & SF

Section Numbers

Current: 16, Capacity: 22 (prefer working at less than 20)

Waiting List / Try Out: Reduced waiting list to 13 and all those of age being offered places, 1 currently trying and will join Sept.

Leaders / Adult Helpers: 2 leaders and have had regular help from another leader (Phil Wignall leaving, Francesca Ford staying regularly). Parent helpers each week typically 2 organised on rota and via facebook.

Highlights of the Year

- Bronze Awards: 5 achieved prior to moving up to Cubs, badges given by ADC Matt Saville. 1 more due
- Scouting the Zoo at Marwell with Tadley and GSL HR in attendance
- PGL 2 nights away March 2019, with Cubs and benefited from travelling with Pamber Brownies.
- Space Camp 1 night away July 2019 with Hampshire Beavers, organised alongside Tadley & Baughurst Colonies, sharing kit and a lot of support / help / advice. Beavers have written thank you notes to express our gratitude!
- Other additions to programme organised and supported by HR including Laser Tag in the forest, Archery in the den and RIAT July 2019.
- Remembrance Parade at the Beacon – Beavers were respectful, polite and rose to the occasion.
- Making contact with another Beaver colony in Canada as part of Chip's Challenge, letters and pictures were sent and replies have been received to be shared after the summer.
- Chip's Challenge Badges achieved by many including the now infamous sew a Beaver!
- 218 badges awarded in total over the year. An amazing achievement and commitment from the Beavers. Much of this has been done outside of sessions as homework projects or in relation to activities and sports that they are taking part in.

Den / Resources

The quiet space tent, sensory equipment and the visual timetable have been positive additions to the resources available to the leaders.

Lodge Leaders

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and praise our Lodge Leaders, including those who have moved on to Cubs, for their leadership and support, seeing them develop and take on appropriate responsibilities has been extremely rewarding. Particular mention goes to Joshua Woods who excelled in his responsibilities and guidance with his lodge, Henry Wignall for the breadth of experience and ability shown and

shared, and for George Brigden with his caring and supportive nature welcoming new beavers and ensuring they feel settled – particularly noticeable at Space Camp this year.

Cubs - SC

Firstly, a thank you to all the parents who help throughout the year in whatever mode you can as without any assistance, I would not be able to run a Cub Pack. We started last July with two uniformed leaders and a prime number of Cubs and closed this year losing one leader and down a couple to eleven Cubs; balance generally due to moving on with age to Scouts. For these last three weeks we have an Explorer (with a Queen Scout Award), Louis Soccad, and stepping in where necessary has been Helen (GSL) and Tiger (BSL).

District, group events and also joint events throughout the year include: District campfire and wide game, day-trip to Marwell Zoo, Swimming party, Chess competition, Halloween laser tag, Group archery in the evenings, weekend at PGL, Remembrance evening parade, Winter Camp (or was it 'Washed Out Camp') and orienteering competition (Milcheldever Woods).

Night's Away opportunities have been every term.

During the evenings we have used the forest for Naturalist, Navigation, Pioneering, Cyclist badges and tracking. The local school, in summer for the Athletics badge (where 2/3rds were faster than Kaa and ran 1000m inside five minutes) and in the winter for winter ballistas (glowsticks were 'launched miles' – across the playing field). The indoor fun earned Antarctica badge (emperor penguins sliding with their egg), Science (vacuum ballistas), Paddle-sports, DIY (the Cubs only had the mitre block and hexagonal boards made for them!) candle-making for presents.

Three novel evening moments, whether good or bad, for me to remember this year by are: self-extinguishing fires, bring a Guy night, popcorn cooking. The Cubs have prepared posters which are on the wall exhibiting some of they wish to share with you.

Parents have often queried to me whether Scout Association has a set programme – now just rolled out last term was Beta, so from September this would be an ideal moment for an interested parent to get involved.

HR expressed thanks to Kaa for all his hard work.

Scouts - HM for DW

DW thanked WR, HR & HM for general support throughout the year. He acknowledged HM has now joined as Assistant Scout Leader. Sadly, the group has lost WR due to re-locating to Reading but he has offered his services to help at camps which is always a bonus.

During the year Scouts have undertaken:

- Summer Camp which was a complete success. The only negative part of it was a very wet and soggy hike down to Beaulieu Motor Museum. That and we did not stay long enough.
- The district winter camp was attended by the Scouts, once again enjoyed by all.
- We also had a most enjoyable night at the bowling alley with Tadley scouts.
- We have completed some badgework since the last AGM. Mechanics badge, Electronics (which seemed to last forever)!
- Lots of activities such as: rifle shooting, mapwork, team building, challenge evenings, practical skills, numerous games, Geocaching, Archery and all sorts of other stuff.
- Due to the weather being kind to us on a Wednesday night, we have made sure that we get outside as much as we can. There is only so much we can do inside.

We will continue the partnership with Popley Scout Group in Basingstoke and more recently we have been invited along to some events organised by Baughurst Scout group.

We are currently in the throes of completing the Survival badge. This may take a bit of work and a Survival weekend. Further details to follow.

It seems that the latter part of this year we are going from strength to strength. Our numbers now stand at 10 Scouts. Sadly, we lost a few but gained more. And I believe that most of the Scouts are now working as a team which is a very good sign.

Alas, interest for camps and other activities still is a bit low in the troop, something we will need to work on. Otherwise it has been a pretty good year. Some areas still need a bit of work but if the Scouts can leave every week with a bit more knowledge, that's all we want.

Elections for Committee Roles for the period 2019/20

Resigning at end of term 2019/20 – TP as Chair, CR as Treasurer.

Elections

AB & GP were elected as co-chairs (proposed by HR, seconded by SS)

FF was elected as Treasurer (proposed by HE, seconded by EW)

Sarah Spencer was re-elected as Secretary (proposed by HR, seconded by EW)

GMcG was re-elected as Facilities Manager (proposed by TP, seconded by HR)

To note GMcG recently received his long service award.

EA was elected as Parent Representative (proposed by HR, seconded by EW)

Other vacant roles included Assistant Cub Section Leader, Assistant Scout Section Leader, Sectional Assistants, Skills Instructors / Permit Holders, Quarter Master and Fundraising Co-ordinator.

Awards 2019/20

These will be awarded at Section events.

Any Other Business

- Date of the next Exec meeting will be on the Friday 15th November 2019 at 7:00pm @ The Den
- Leaders to confirm verbally or in writing that they are willing to remain as leaders & ex officio members of the for 2019/20
- **ACTION:** HR to provide SS with Charity Commission log in
- **ACTION:** HR/TP/CR to arrange handover to AB, GP & FF
- **ACTION:** New cheque signatories to be set up (2 x chairs, treasurer & secretary)

Date of Next AGM

This is to be confirmed at the next Exec meeting