

## **PAMBER HEATH SCOUT GROUP MINUTES OF THE AGM – 14/10/2020**

### **Attendees**

Emma Wells	Sarah Spencer	Georgina Jones
Helen Ranson	Stephen Clough	Graham Morrison
Laura Pedley	Dave Robson	Rachel Hawkes
Hannah Monger	Stephen Clough	Sam Drayford – joined part way 20.32 minutes
Graham Pretty		

### **Apologies**

Francesca Forde

### **Welcome and introduction from Chair**

Thank you from GP to all members of PHSG as quite an unusual time trying to keep sections running virtually as it has been a challenge. Been difficult but we have got through it.

Congratulations to Helen and Sam for their work with PHSG and for taking on District Roles. Thank you for welcoming GP as chairman to PHSG. Expressed apologies for standing down. GP said we can't survive without parental help, and we need more. We should encourage co-helpers and share roles as GP did when he started.

There have been several good things over the year. A couple of den tidies, meaning we are all ready for when we finally come back. Enjoyed his year but sadly is going to stand down and son will leave cubs as concentrating on other activities.

Thank you to SC for stepping up to run Cubs again. Thank you to Francesca for getting the accounts into a reasonable format and for her time.

### **Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

The minutes of the 2019 PHSG AGM were agreed. Proposed posed by HR, seconded by EW

### **GSL report**

GM took over from HR as GSL in Nov 2019. Numbers in the sections have stayed the same/ grown since the previous year which is encouraging, and the children are enjoying the meetings.

The group is supported by the executive and leaders, in Nov we had the following leaders: 2 in Beavers, 1 in Cubs, 2 in Scouts.

Scouts: The Scout section lost DW as Scout leader in early December. HM has continued in her role as assistant Scout Leader running the section. GM has also provided support. A number of planned events have not taken place due to Covid. They did however a wet camp with Popley scouts.

Cubs: GM joined SC on the Cub meeting to provide support. Cubs attend the district Flip-Out evening, Tri-district Orienteering which they came 1st in their group & the district welly walk day before lockdown.

Beavers: During the year they attended Space Camp and Poulton's Park.

Lockdown: Since lockdown started in April each section has had Zoom meetings setup and hosted by Helen.

Thanks to:

- All leaders & young leaders for their continued dedication to their volunteering roles.
- The Executive Committee under Graham Pretty for their leadership.
- 34SP.com for their support by providing free Web hosting services to the group.
- DW for his years of leadership at scouts.
- NH for providing cub support once a month.
- Special thanks to Helen for her leadership in the Zoom conferencing environment, setting up the section meetings and hosting them and for guiding/supporting me into my role.

### ***Update in the last 6 months / looking forward - 2020-21***

- We received a grant from the government from "Small Business Grant Fund / Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund" at the start of the Covid lockdown.
- June we were to be joined by the Hampshire Scout development team to support us in a recruitment drive at Silchester Fate and the following week at the Den but Covid put paid to that
- SF resigned as Beaver Leader at the end of the summer. GM thanked her for her years of leadership. Not losing her completely as she is still supporting EW in the transition and she had taken on Chair of the District.
- FF will not be standing for Treasurer this year. Thank you for the time she invested in helping out in this role getting the group out of the previous situation. We are now up to date with Gift Aid claims.
- HR has moved to the District team, supporting cub sections across the district, we've not lost her completely as she's still happy to help when she's available.
- Zoom meetings are not for everyone so we are not seeing as many in the meetings due to school pressure/I.T. technical reasons/availability. The Scout section quite often only had 2 members attending.
- Start of September, current status is that with an 'approved risk assessment' we can start to meet face to face with limited numbers and certain conditions.
- The Beaver & Cub sections are staying with Zoom till October 1/2 term to see what the situation is after schools have re-opened/potential 2nd wave.
- The Scout section is looking to start in October with a successful RA.
- The Beaver section welcomed several new faces this term and currently has 20 members, this was a larger number than normal as they were held waiting last term because of Covid and seeing how the colony went. Well done EW managing that introduction for so many. The waiting list now has 4 \* 5-year olds, 2 \* 4-year olds and 1 \* 3-year old.
- Scout leader training has been under the spotlight for the mandatory modules. GM confirmed all leaders are up to date.
- PHSG is short of adult leaders and executive members. A plea has been made to parents but no one has come forward.

## **Section overview**

### **Cubs**

SC updated that:

- Eleven Cubs started last year (September 2019) and we restarted this term with eleven although there were losses and gains to both Leaders and Cubs throughout the period.
- Our Cubs participated in the Basingstoke District orienteering competition and won the out of area trophy. (This year, due to restrictions, it shall not be a competitive course so we shall retain the trophy!)
- Some Cubs were able to attend a night of trampolining.
- Pamber organised and hosted a District hike from Silchester via our den and on into Tadley.
- We saw 2019 off with a Christmas movie night, in a tent, outside with popcorn.
- Currently pack nights are in par with the other packs in the District - online only.
- Thanks go to the following leaders who have provided additional support during the year: Sam Dray-Ford (Tiger), Nick Hicks (Baloo), Helen Ranson, Graham Morrison
- I would also like to acknowledge Aaron Clough for receiving the Silver Chief Scouts Award.

### **Beavers**

EW said despite everything the highlight of the year was the Swedish logs session run over Zoom. All beavers loved it i.e. one commented: 'I will never forget this, I will remember for the rest of my life!'

### **Scouts**

HM – strange year for the scouts. HM just started and Darryl took a sabbatical. Worked through a number of badges electrical, artists badge etc. Managed an incredibly wet winter camp. Scouts were brilliant. No complaints. Take up of Zoom meetings well received. Two that joined in enjoyed what we did.

### **Helen Ranson additional comments:**

Congratulated the leaders for their spirit during Covid. Great to see scouts working through badges with their families. Sharing experiences – highs and lows. What Helen would like to highlight is how proud she is of the team. The teamwork, sharing programmes, use each other's resources. i.e. HM supporting Beavers programme etc. Network of support is growing but still there to support PHSG. Very proud of group and happy to help and support in future.

### **Georgina Jones additional comments**

Echo what a lot of people have said. Thank you for time and effort you all put in. Way ahead of other groups for getting mandatory training done. Well done to Beavers for their programme and work put in. Swedish log highlight of Josh's life. Thanks to GM for stepping in coming from Baughurst & taking a 2<sup>nd</sup> role, Helen for doing it for so long and hanging on in. Thank you to Helen and Sam for joining District level.

### **Annual Statement of accounts**

Please see accounts for full details. Proposed HR, Seconded EW

- Income £ 6245.58

- Expenditure £ 8103.90

We have not made a loss. However, when subs & insurance go out shows we are in loss at points in the year.

Very strong financially due to the: Covid grants, Gift Aid, BP grant

Balance of accounts are:

- BIA £2,315.79
- Current £16,644.75

### **Executive Committee Roles**

We provide good training and have a variety of roles available. They don't have to take up a lot of time c. 4 x meetings per year.

Chairman: Sam Drayforde – temporary chairman propose GM, second GJ

Treasurer: Dave Ranson / Laura Pedley propose EW + HR, second GM & HM respectively

Secretary: to be filled. SS to step down

Parent representatives: invitation to be sent to all parents in each section

Beavers – EW to speak to new parents

Cubs – SC to speak to all parents

Scouts – HM to speak to all parents

Community representatives – Andrew Cobb (nominated by District Chaplain to represent community and help). Propose GM, second EW

Scrutineer – Dave Ranson has a friend who he could reach out to at Kingsclere. This year was Sharon Thompson (FF neighbour). Possibly ES could help via SS.

### **AOB**

- Date of next AGM will be 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- HM – quick mention. Are we going back to do any den tidies? GP will organise one. Action GP. Chainsaw and bonfire party.
- EW – Matt Cebel @ Bramley reached out as he has 3 Beavers who would like to join Zoom calls. What is correct route to take for approval. Advised by GJ for one of Bramley leaders to join zoom calls
- RH – as scout parent had no communication about scouts. HM said there was an email sent asking who was willing to carry on. HM though mentioned would be starting meetings soon. Currently c. 5 scouts. Outside meetings, include going on to Common. First meeting campfire outside and catching up. Delay as waiting for approval on things. Start after half term. Risk assessment approved on PHSG side at District.
- GM – Remembrance Day parade. CP has been in touch. Invitees only to attend i.e. uniform and son – SC and son or HM and son. GM going to assist with CP's risk assessment, it needs to be within scouting and Government guidelines.
- Meeting closed @ 20:57pm