

Minutes of the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group AGM 2023

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Grundisburgh New Village Hall on 8th October at 3pm. Plans for the New Headquarters were on display for the Public to view and make comments.

Alison Banham Group Chairperson and Stuart Ross Group Scout Leader welcomed everyone to the Meeting at the New Village Hall. The meeting was presented via a powerpoint slide show.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stuart Ross, Alison Banham, Patricia Ross, Christina Poguntke, Mike Walls, Caroline Warren, Carly Richmond, Paul Boswell, Daniel Turner, Toby Murrill, Archie Adams, Zarah Decker, Dave Brown, Steve Swain, Alan Comber and various Village Residents and Group Supporters.

APOLOGIES:

Rev Katrina Dykes, Keith & Sue Haddock, Ian McIvor, Bryan Laxton, Geoff & Sheila Caryer, Neil King, Carl Gloess, Jason Banham, Andy Vobe.

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:

Copies of the Minutes were displayed and available to download beforehand on the website for anyone to read. The Minutes were voted unanimously as an accurate record of the Meeting held on 17th September 2022.

APPROVAL OF 2023 ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS:

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts were displayed and available to download beforehand on the website for anyone to read. The 2022-2023 Report was approved by a majority vote. No-one was against and the Report was to be signed off by Chair and the outgoing Treasurer.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Carly Richmond stood down as Treasurer but remains on the Executive Committee as a Parent Representative. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Carly as a thank you for 10 years of being Treasurer. The following people were nominated and approved by a show of hands to be on the Executive Committee, no-one was against. A plea for more people to join was asked.

Election of Scout Group Committee Members

Chairperson	Alison Banham		Paul Boswell
Secretary	Patricia Ross		Caroline Warren
Treasurer	*Rebecca Hewitt*		Dave Dring
Minutes Secretary	Christina Poguntke		Carly Richmond
Group President	Phil Stebbings		*Daniel Catchpole*
New HQ Advisors	Jason Banham	<u>MORE PARENT REP's NEEDED</u>	
	Alan Comber	Section Assistants	Mike Walls
Guides Rep	Jo Saagi		*Andy Vobe*
ALL UNIFORMED LEADERS ARE PART OF THE COMMITTEE DUE TO THEIR ROLE			
* = New to the Committee in 2023			

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

Mrs Celia Comber, an Accountant, and 1st Kesgrave Scout Group Treasurer was proposed to be auditor again for next year's accounts. Celia was approved by a majority show of hands with no-one against.

FUNDRAISING:

A Summary of the Groups Fundraising was discussed. 2022 was the return of the Duck Race, all 2200 Ducks sold and £3500 raised. The 2022 Fireworks Display was the second one after Covid. Very popular again with £5500 raised. Textile Bin had increased use during the year with 5855Kg of textiles collected raising £1463 for the Scout Group Operating Funds.

Alison Banham explained the next big event in our calendar is the Fireworks Display on 4th November. She was collecting names of any volunteers that are willing to support the event. A message will also go out to parents.

CHIEF SCOUTS AWARDS

The following Chief Scouts Awards were presented. Cubs and Scouts had to complete all Challenge Badges to gain this Award. Well Done to all for their hard work and commitment.

Chief Scouts Silver Award		Chief Scouts Gold Award	
Austin Hewitt	Tom Bottomley	Leland Murrill	Eddie Warren
Sophie Stuart	Freyja Brussell	Neve Jerrold	Abbi McTaggart
Darcey Hubbard-Theobald			

NEW HQ LAUNCH

Paul Boswell, Committee Member and Director at Patrick Allen & Associates Architects along with Group Scout Leader Stuart Ross presented the plans for the New Headquarters. The Scout Group purchased a piece of land 13.95 acres on Stoney Road, IP13 6RG.

Stuart Ross explained how the piece of land behind the current Scout Hut was no longer viable as the Landowner Lord Cranworth decided to change his mind and not to sell it to the Scout Group after our years of work and paying out for a survey and agents fees.

In November 2022 the 13.95 acre site was on the market and the Trustees decided to bid for it as it was potentially the Groups only option to find a suitable plot to build upon. On 22nd December the Group was successful in their bid of £150,000. In January 2023 Louisa Saunders of Birketts was appointed to act as Solicitor and complete the transaction and the Committee meet to approve the appointment of the Scout Association Trust Corporation as Custodian Trustee. This was to safeguard the future security of the land should the Scout Group ever sadly discontinue.

Paul Boswell then explained that a Pre-App to East Suffolk District Council Planning Department had been submitted and the Scout Group had a Site Meeting with the Planners on 5th October 2023, with their report following soon after. Apart from minor changes to the designs the Planners were in favour of the development and said we should take it to Full Planning Permission stage.

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM DISTRICT OR COUNTY:

There was no representative from District or County Scouts present.

OPEN FORUM & QUESTIONS

An Open Forum then took place where questions could be put towards the Committee. All questions were about the new site and New HQ with the audience in favour of the building.

CLOSING:

The Annual General Meeting was officially closed at 3:50pm. This was followed by Refreshments and Activities - Cornholing and Tomahawk throwing available to all members families.

Signed:

Date:

Alison Banham
1st Grundisburgh Scout Group Chairperson



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