



# **Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grundisburgh Scout Group AGM 2022**

The Annual General Meeting was held outside the Scout Hut on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 4pm followed by a BBQ open to all members families.

Phil Stebbings Group Chairman welcomed everyone to the Meeting.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stuart Ross, Alison Banham, Patricia Ross, Phil Stebbings, Christina Poguntke, Mike Walls, Dave Brown, Caroline Warren, Jason Banham, Paul Boswell, Daniel Turner, Toby Murrill, Alan Comber

## **APOLOGIES:**

Carly Richmond, Richard and Chris Garnham, Minister Colin Grimwood, Keith and Sue Haddock, Nicola Hobbs, John Ager, Tony Smith, Peter Clements, Chris Dennis, Rosie Venn, Alison Garrod, Julia De Boerman, Tracey Kearney, Heather and Ian Langdon.

## **2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES:**

The minutes of last year's AGM were on the website for anyone to read. They were also available to download via a QR code located on the Hut wall. The Minutes were voted unanimously as an accurate record of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

## **SCOUTING SUMMARY:**

Group Scout Leader Stuart Ross summarised what has happened within the Group and what will be coming up in the future. The Group had a full year of Scouting and enjoyed 5 different Camps during the Autumn term: 19 Cubs and 3 Young Scouts went to Hallowtree for the first one. Next, the District Explorer Camp at Hallowtree where we met with lots of other Explorers. The Scouts camped at Boxford and slept in shelters for one night. The next camp was for the Beavers at Thorington and had a fun-filled weekend. Lastly, Explorers camped at Hallowtree again in a wet and windy weekend before Christmas.

The Group had several other camps/activities during the year, with some highlights being:

- Cubs hike and stay at Kesgrave
- Scouts and Explorers Expedition Challenge
- Cycle Camp
- National Archery Competition where we had some winners: Eddie Warren (Scout) came away as under 14s Field Champion, Assistant Scout Leader Toby Murrill became Adult Target Champion and Leland Murrill (Scout) took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in under 14s Target.
- Summer Camp
- Rafting night
- Escape the Hut Challenge
- Mission Impossible in the Hut
- Whittling and Branding
- Many Hikes: Explorer Stag Hike, Cubs Adventure Hike in the undergrowth
- A very successful Fireworks Night
- Jubilee Celebrations on the Green
- Very successful, record-breaking Duck Race. The change to Sunday was very popular.

The Group welcomed Toby Murrill as a new Assistant Scout Leader and Laura White helping with the Cub Pack. Dan Turner is now a Uniformed Leader with the Cub Pack and taking over as Cub Section Leader. All Sections remain full with waiting lists in place. Bronze Chief Scouts Awards were presented to Jonah Banthorpe, Albie Turner and William Warren-Smith, while a Chief Scouts Gold Award was presented to Lilly Jerrold.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Carly Richmond was not present and Stuart Ross delivered the report.

The general fund is in good condition with £200 more than the expenditure. The Gift Aid was lower this year because Subscription fees were lower due to the Pandemic. Any Camps came under budget and Textile bin remains a good supplementary income.

The Amazon Smile charity fundraiser is also bringing in some new money and it would be good if people could try to use it. The cost of uniform has increased as we have more Young Leaders and Adult Leaders to pay for.

Less major repairs to the Scout Hut were needed as these were completed during Covid.

The New HQ fund is healthy too. The accounts are only short-term bonds and Notice accounts because we are still in negotiation for the new HQ, and therefore the Group is not putting money away for a longer period in case of immediate access required.

### **APPROVAL OF 2022 ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS:**

The 2022 Report was approved by a majority vote. No-one was against and the report will be signed off by Chairman and Treasurer.

### **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Phil Stebbings stepped down as Chairman but took on the new position as Group President.

Phil was presented with a 15 year service badge and certificate by Stuart Ross and was thanked for his years of service to the Scout Group. Mrs Alison Banham, current Deputy Chair was proposed as the new Chairperson. Alison was voted in unanimously.

Carly Richmond remains as Treasurer, Pat Ross as Secretary and Christina Poguntke as Minutes Secretary. All three were voted in unanimously.

Parent Representatives Caroline Warren, Paul Boswell and Dave Dring were nominated for the Committee along with Mike Walls, Jason Banham and Alan Comber as general members and New HQ advisors. All were approved by a majority show of hands with no-one against.

Due to their Leadership role in the Scout Group, all Section Leaders are automatically approved as Ex-officio Members of the Scout Group Committee.

These people are: Zarah Decker (Beavers), Archie Adams and Daniel Turner (Cubs), Steve Swain and Toby Murrill (Scouts).

Also, as part of our Partnership Agreement with Fynn Valley Explorer Unit their Section Leader Dave Brown is also automatically approved onto the Committee.

Jo Saagi, Grundisburgh Guide Leader, was elected as Co-opted Member onto the Committee.

### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:**

Stuart Ross proposed Mrs Celia Comber, an Accountant, and 1<sup>st</sup> Kesgrave Scout Group Treasurer to be auditor again for next year's accounts.

Celia was approved by a majority show of hands with no-one against.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

A Sub-Committee has been formed to lead the progress with the new HQ. The following members of the Executive are in this Sub-Committee: Stuart Ross, Alison Banham, Jason Banham, Paul Boswell, Daniel Turner, Toby Murrill, Dave Brown, Alan Comber

Work at Chapel Field has started by Hopkins Homes and the Committee is still negotiating to buy a piece of land from Lord Cranworth for the new HQ.

Committee Member and Architect Paul Boswell explained to the meeting that talks with Hopkins Homes will begin to gain access for the new development and a car park. The Group has now appointed a Land agent Mark Sargeantson of Fenn Wright to carry out these talks with Hopkins Homes and the Cranworth Estate.

### **ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE FROM DISTRICT OR COUNTY:**

There was no representative from District or County Scouts present.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

Alison Banham explained the next big event in our calendar is the Fireworks Display on 5<sup>th</sup> November. She was collecting names of any volunteers that are willing to support the event. A message will also go out to parents.

### **OPEN FORUM & QUESTIONS**

An Open Forum then took place where questions could be put towards the Committee regarding topics discussed or other points of view.

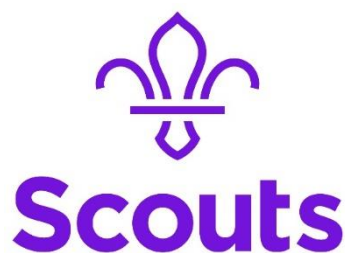
### **CLOSING:**

Alison Banham closed the meeting by saying that without help and volunteering we can't provide Scouting and Guiding so encouraged people to get involved. The Annual General Meeting was officially closed at 4:50pm with a BBQ laid on afterwards for all members and families.

Signed:

Alison Banham  
1<sup>st</sup> Grundisburgh Group Chairperson

Date:



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