



# Annual General Meeting

**Date: 8 October 2023 at 6:30pm**

**Venue: HQ & Online Zoom meeting**

## Attendees

- Chair: appointee:  
GSL: Antony Visone  
AGSL: Carol Baird  
Treasurer: Amanda Newcombe  
Section Leaders: Owen McFadden, Veronica Madden
- District: Reshma Patel
- Parents
- Explorers: Ben Desmond

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## Minutes

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### Welcome

- Tony welcomed all attendees

### Apologies for absence

- Sonya Thomas

### Approval of minutes

- AGM minutes of 1st October 2023 – proposed by Simon, seconded by Ben

### Treasurer Report

- Amanda presented the report for the period of 2022-2023:
  - There is more money in the account this year, but due to Covid there are plans due for works to be completed.
  - We have fundraised for the first time in three years to celebrate St Patrick's day
  - Our costs to rent have been increased, however our electricity costs have nearly tripled, but are now fixed for 2 years
  - Money has been set aside for much needed repairs to the building - a leaks earlier this year caused damage to the shower, flooring and kitchen units. Some work should have been carried out already during the Summer break, but additional funds need to be raised to ensure that costs can be covered.
- Accounts have been scrutinised by Caroline Brooks
- Approval of Treasurers Report
  - Proposed by Carol – seconded by Owen

## Section Reports

Reports for the period of September 2022 to September 2023

- BEAVERS

Veronica presented the report for Beaver Scouts for the period.

- Thanks to the Beavers and the team
- Could not pick a 'Beaver of the Year' as all have done really well
- Lots of activities for the Beavers: sleepover, Christingle with the District, family camp, first time in a tent! District campfire (which everyone will remember, the rain poured down and everyone got wet; our night hike; jubilee party.
- Lots of badges this year - various badges were handed out during the meeting-
  - Bronze Awards: Annie, Dominik, Joseph H, Jude, Laurelle, Ruby
- Beavers always full and we still have a waiting list
- Presentation of certificates:

- CUBS

Owen presented the report for Cub Scouts

- Thanks to the team,
- Busy year starting with a visit to the Fire Station in Pinner and to Harrow Apiary. We had 'nights away' with the Family camp in September, a great tuenoit for church parade in November, Nights Away in November at PGL and a visit to the Hindu temple in November. The usual annual night hike in February and, as always, thank you to Tony for providing the much-needed refreshments on our return. We joined Beavers for a Conronatuon picnic in May and our water night in June
- Cub of the Year: Sienna
- Lots of badges this year - presentation of badges
- Thank you to the team for their hard work: Natalia, Kat and Carol
- Thank you to our Young Leaders and Young helpers.

- SCOUTS

Carol presented the report for Scout Troop

- Thanks to the team (Dom, Sharon and Rhea) and parent helpers.
- A thank you to Owen and the Explorers for leading the annual night hike this year
- Days out have been varied and from an A-Z. Baking; cooking; camping; debating; experimenting; hill making (with bread); hiking; jumping (on a trampoline!); making ladders; listening ( guest speaker); lighting fires; gettingg sponsored; quests; quizzes; sleepover; visits and touring (houses of Parliament, Windsor, Harrow School); walking; on the water (and of course a water fight); and zip wire!
- Awards:
  - Scouts of the year: Ethan, John-Joe & Shamara
  - Most Improved: Leon
  - Patrol of the year: Hawks
  - Patrol PL'sM William, Kate, Edith-Rose, Leon & Ton
  - Patrol APL's: Dania, Amelia, Malachi, Francisco & Charlotte
  - Chief Scout Gold Awards to: Ethan, John-Joe, Matteo & Shamara
  - Young Leader Module A: Shamara
  - Top parent volunteer: Peter
- We have a busy year coming with lots of varied activites planned - but going forward parent help ls needed. We need parents to volunteer for 3 times throughout our Scouting year
- Thank you to a wonderful team, without whom, there would be no Scouting!

## Nomination of Chair by GSL

- Dr. Sonya Abraham
  - Approved by Reshma

## Election of officers

- Ex-Officio members:
  - Chair - Sonya: re-elected
  - Secretary – Sita (new volunteer)
  - Treasurer – Amanda Newcombe: re-elected
  - Group Scout Leader - Antonio Visone
  - Section Leader: Beavers; Veronica – confirmed their appointment / position
  - Section Leader: Cubs: Owen – confirmed their appointment / position
  - Section Leader/ AGSL: Carol – confirmed their appointment / position
- Elected members from the Group Scout Council (*adults with appointments in the Group, as well as the parents of youth members in the Group, and Patrol Leaders*):
  - Luca Visone
  - Kirsty Lewis
  - Siobhan Rensen (fund-raising committee)
- Nominated members (*must not exceed the number of elected members*):
  - Katherine Jones (fund-raising committee)
  - Simon Chandler
- Co-opted members (*must not exceed the number of elected members*):
  - Ben Desmond
- Position of President for Fr. Derek to keep the link between the church and the 17th

#### Role of Executive Committee explained:

Basic training required so you understand what scouting is about and to help shape and support our group to lead it in the right direction to support Tony in his decisions. Sub-Committees can be appointed off the main committee.

## GSL Report

- Tony thanked the section leaders and the team.
- Tony presented Carol with flowers for her contribution to the group. Tony reminder regarding the booking for the spa day that was offered.
- A lot of maintenance is needed as lots of items left over from Covid that will need to be undertaken in the coming year.
- Tony also thanked Reshma for her support of our group.
- Presentation of thank you certificates to leaders: Beavers: Veronica & Klara. Cubs: Owen, Natalia & Kat; Scouts: Rhea & Sharon; adult challenge award to Veronica for her first camp; Antonio
- Sadly, this year we lose Dom!  
According to records Dom joined 17th in April 2006 - but he has been with us far longer than that. Dom answered the appeal for help and became a Cub Scout leader in February 2009 and transferred to Scouts in September 2015. We will miss him! Dom was presented with a farewell gift on behalf on 17th.

## Report for District Commissioner, Reshma Patel

- Congratulated the group for their assistance, not only to the group, but to the District team.
- She can see that our programmes are engaging and full of varied things - the sections go above and beyond to push the young people further and with fun experiences to learn new things
- Reminded parents; in order to deliver a quality programme, we need leaders, so this is where parents need to step forward to help
- Awards presentation –
  - Jack Petchey Award:
    - Dominic Rowe

## AOB

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## Closed

Meeting ended at 7:40pm