

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3RD SUDBURY SCOUT GROUP WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY 2023

AGM held at 3rd Sudbury Scout Group HQ, following the Exec (Trustee) Meeting.

Graham started the meeting by welcoming Jenny Mullan, Deputy District Commissioner for Sudbury. The AGM was held after the Beavers session and parents & leaders had been invited to join the meeting. The AGM Agenda, Minutes and Accounts were accessible on the Group website and in hard copy on the night.

Apologies:

Apologies received from Bruno Brown

Minutes of the Last AGM:

There were no matters arising from the minutes. Acceptance of the minutes proposed by Guy Hume and seconded by Giles Hume as a true record.

Change of Governance:

Graham opened the meeting, welcomed those that attended and thanked everyone involved in running the group for their efforts.

Graham ran through the changes in governance, including the change from an Executive to Trustee group, the appointment of the Trustees, and the need for a Scout Council. Changes to POR, the Executive model, and Scout Council were all accepted.

A change that will affect future AGMs was the need for a Quorum for agreements. There was no clear guidance on what would constitute a Quorum. The Trustee group will have to consider this in advance of the next AGM.

Section Reports

The Section reports had been circulated via the Group website and were taken as read. A brief summary was provided on the night:

- The year was active, and close to normal in terms of programme, following 2 years of disruption from the impact of Covid 19.
- Leaders have faced into the challenges of getting the sections back up to speed, getting back on the water, and out under canvas again.

Treasurer's Report:

Giles talked us through the accounts ending March 2023. These were available on the website.

Giles said as this year had seen activities return to normal following tough years due to Covid 19. People were back and fundraising had increased. Subs were up to £13,158.35 and Gift Aid over double the previous year, rising from £779.59 in the previous year to £1,936.54 for the year ending March 2023. Giles thanked all those who had taken time to promote Gift Aid subscription

and the parents who had updated records. The group has been run prudently and a small pull was made from reserves to cover repairs which were higher this year.

The expectation in budgeting for the fiscal year 2023-34 is that the group would be able to breakeven with a minor increase in subs.

Covid 19 had continued to disrupt fundraising events. The Big Night Out has not taken place. However, bag packing and the return of in person Presentation Night and Quiz Night events contributed to an increase in fundraising from £522.42 the previous year to £1,735.73 this past year.

We currently have £41,000 in total monetary assets, of which £11,500 are held in the Building Reserve.

Approval of the Accounts:

Graham said that the accounts had been approved by the Exec in June and so he would sign off the accounts.

Election of Officers:

Steve took charge of the meeting for the Election of Officers. He thanked Graham, the Exec and the Leadership team for their commitment and effort in the last year.

Steve then asked Graham if he would stand as Chairperson for another year and Graham agreed. This was proposed by Guy Hume and seconded by John Wiseman.

Graham then resumed the position of Chairperson and asked Chris if she would continue as Secretary, to which he agreed. This was proposed by John Wiseman and seconded by Guy Hume.

Graham asked Giles if he would continue as Treasurer to which Giles agreed and this was proposed by Guy Hume and seconded by Brian Clampin.

Graham asked the other members of the Committee if they would like to remain on the Trustee Group. Trustees, Ex-Officio, Elected, and Co-opt members nominated en-bloc are:

Ex-Officio:

Group Scout Leader	Vacant
AGSL	Steve Challis
AGSL	Cathy Challis

Elected:

Beavers	Mark Hales
C Pack	Vacant
D Pack	Vacant
Scouts	Lindsey Harding-Payne
Sea Scouts	Andrew Brown
Explorers	Vacant
Friends Chairperson	Vacant
Quartermaster	Vacant
Leader	John Wiseman
	Guy Hume
	Rob Crawford

Co-opted Members:

Brian Clampin

Leaders wishing to stand: None

Noted that: Mark will be standing down in December 2023 to allow him to be more involved with Section Activities.

Graham invited Jenny to say a few words.

She said that Sudbury continues to grow and thanked the Exec, Leaders, and Parents for the effort that makes this possible.

Graham then went on to speak about the changes in governance and appealed to the parents present to come forward for roles in the Trustees Group. Moving on to financial principles – We need to strike a balance between being prudent and not spending any money. At the same time, we need to maintain a group that is affordable for families, and not exclude those that would not be able to participate if subs or activities became too expensive.

We currently have a waiting list of 50+ but need more leaders to help run Sections. Graham said volunteers help to provide a safe environment.

Graham finished by thanking Steve, Cathy, the Exec and Leadership team and said it was a pleasure to work with us all.

Graham thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the AGM closed at 8.50pm.