

5th Dartford Scout Group

AGM 2022-23

Location:- 5th Dartford Scouts Hall

Date: Saturday 7th October 2023 4.00PM.

Present: Russ Ketley (RK), Paul Boreham (PB), Karen (KH) and Phil Hannah, Jason and Kay O'Brien, David and Alice Bloom, Tim Roscoe & Del Hurd. Will Ward (District Chair) and a number of Scouting members with their families.

1. Apologies for Absence: Bryn, Maggie and Jim Lilleycrop, Dave Monteith, Kevin & Darren Enever.

2. Chair Welcome: RK – Provided a warm welcome to all to the AGM, thanking them for their attendance as well as their continued commitment to the 5th Dartford Scouts. Russ provided a brief explanation of the details of his and PB's trip to Kent County Scouts Apex 23 event, explained about Scout movement transformation to a more warm and friendly organization, by encouraging more adult support.

3. GSL Report: PB thanked executive members again for their continued support, mentioning the valuable Social Impact that scouting can make on a society. He also mentioned that Kent Scouts has set a target of each group increasing its numbers by at least 50 this year. PB informed meeting that after 20 years Keith Furlong had stepped down from Leader's duties – but is happy to continue supporting the group when required. He then introduced Sam – a new leader with Earley Troop and Bryn with Philpott Beavers. It has been an interesting year – starting with our break-in PB thanked members who rallied round to clear up and repair the damage and assist with the admin. Both Easter and Summer camps were both at Thriftwood, and with the Explorer Passport scheme they have camped as a unit, as well as three Explorers attending this year World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. There have been a number of District competition including football and shooting, as well as Kent Scouts County best ever Air Camp – at which we provided archery and target shooting and our members enjoyed experiencing various forms of Air transport.

4. Awards: PB then awarded Karen Hannah with her 10-years long service certificate and badge and Phil Hannah received his 5 years award also.

5. Treasurers Report: KH introduced herself to the meeting explaining that she had actually been involved with the 5th since 2005 when her son started Beavers. She reminded us all that the skills and experiences obtained by the young people involved in scouting will stay with them right into their adult lives.

Year 2022/23

Income: £18,749.00p

Expenditure: £21,913.00p

KH explained that £1200 of expenditure was paid in grants to assist 2 of our members to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea.

KH also stated that all our Nat West accounts would be closed in the next few weeks and all our monies transferred to the new CAF Bank.

Our total assets are: £190,640.00p

This money of course will help towards our priority which is of course – a new hall.

RK thanked Karen and Bev for their hard work and dedication with accounting and auditing.

6. Nominations: PB nominated RK for position of chair – seconded by David Bloom.

PB again requested someone to take on the job as secretary.

The meeting welcomed and thanked Sachinand Tim Briggs, who have agreed to become the parent's representative at future meetings.

PB also nominated to the trustee board – Jim Lilleycrop, Dave Monteith & Darren Enever.

7. AOB. RK gave a brief update on the application to HM Land Registration, which we have employed T.G Bayne solicitors to assist us with. He had been initially concerned about the lack of contact or any evidence that the application had been submitted. However, after submitting a formal complaint is now in receipt of a letter from HMLR stating that our application was still being processed and that there were unable to give us a timeframe for completion.

PB invited input from the attendees with the suggestion of a family camp possibly May or June next year which recieved some interest.

8. Presentation on WSJ. We were treated to a very interesting talk by Bianca, Lloyd and Danielle the three group members who attended the World scout Jamboree in South Korea. They explained that the cost to them was £4k each and paid for flights, food, accommodation etc, also offset costs for less affluent countries. They had been interviewed at Heathrow by ITV News before departure. And had enjoyed Korean sight seeing such as the Presidential Palace and the De militarized Zone where they were able to look into North Korea. The Site of the Jamboree was massive and would have taken 2 hours to cross side to side – housing some 45,000 people from all over the world. They enjoyed 'trading' which was encouraged swapping scout memorabilia and clothing with each other, they mentioned some of the issues that had been reported in the British media and that eventually with the heatwave the UK contingent returned to the capital where they were treated to more sight seeing by the Korean Government and were also able to sample various national dishes. They reported that they all thoroughly enjoyed their experience and would be happy to get involved with future international camps and Jamborees

9. The meeting was closed by RK at 4.45pm.