
Denmead 1st Scout Group Executive Committee Annual General Meeting of Scout Group Council

Meeting date: Saturday 28th April 2007

Scout HQ Kidmore Lane, Denmead

Present:

Alan Harwood (Chairman)	1 st Denmead Scout Group Leaders
Bernie Reid (Group Scout Leader)	1 st Denmead Scout Group Executive Committee
Jackie O'Halloran (Secretary)	Members
Simon Cottam (Treasurer)	Paul Wilkinson (Deputy District Commissioner)
	30+ Parents and Carers

Apologies:

Brendan Gibbs (Denmead Parish Council)
Colin Bartlett (District commissioner)

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Item		Action
1	Welcome The Chairman welcomed all Scout Group Council members and invited guests to the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the 1 st Denmead Scout Group. Danny Paine-Winnett opened the meeting with a Prayer.	
2	Apologies As above	
3	Minutes of 2006 Annual General Meeting The Chairman informed the Council that the previous AGM minutes had been subsequently agreed by the Executive Committee to be a true record and had proposed they be accepted by the Council. The Scout Council accepted the minutes, with the Chairman offering to make available copies to individual Council Members upon request to any Scout Leader or member of the Executive Committee and that they would be made available to view on the web site.	
4	Chairman's Report The Chairman opened his report by explaining that this year was a particularly special year for scouting, as we were supporting and celebrating the Scouting Centenary. The Chairman stated that much time had been spent on the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the building this year, and that the constant support of parents and helpers to keep this going was necessary.	

	<p>He was very pleased to announce that after 4-5 years of negotiating with Denmead Parish council, a 30 year lease for the building, and the land it stands on, has now been signed. The land is owned by King Georges Trust and held for use of the general public and the Scout Association. The chairman thanked The Parish council and particularly Brendan Gibbs along with the district for all their help in achieving the lease and – ‘Helping keep Scouting alive in Denmead’.</p>	
5	<p>Financial Report by the Hon. Treasurer</p> <p>Simon Cottam introduced a report of the Groups’ Accounts for the recently closed 2006/07 financial year. He confirmed that the previous year’s accounts (for 2005/06) had been independently audited.</p> <p>Indicating that a full set of the 2006/07 accounts could be made available for inspection on request, he summarised the Group’s financial position and main items of income and expenditure as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the commencement of the 2006/07 financial year, the balance of the Group’s accounts was £11,000. Over the year, income had amounted to £36,000, with total outgoings of £39,000. Therefore the Group’s balance at the end of the financial year was £8000. • The key items of the £36,000 income were broadly as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25% due to subscriptions, gift aid etc ○ 50% from fundraising activities ○ The remaining 25% from additional centenary funds and rent from Busy Bees Playgroup. • Of the £39,000 outgoings, around a third was spent to keep the building running - with ongoing building maintenance costs, a third spent on activities and camps and a third on capital expense, equipment and the cost of fundraising. • £1800 was received via gift aid from subscriptions and he urged parents to tick the box for this, as it was ‘free money’. • The centenary fundraising has raised just over £4000, which is a tremendous achievement. <p>He concluded his report by stating that the loan taken from District last year, to pay for the new flooring, is expected to be paid off by the end of 2007. This year had been very successful; with the income exceeding the budget plan and expenses that were less than the budget plan, leaving us in a good position financially.</p> <p>The Treasurer thanked everybody for their support.</p>	

Group Scout Leader's Report

The Group Scout Leader reported that this had been a positive year with the introduction of two new groups. The consequence of these new groups being; that last years' critical situation, when boys were unable to be removed from waiting lists, has now come to an end.

- A new Scout troop (Spitfire) is now being run by Frankie Hipwell-Larkin with the help of Jim Reid and Nick Smith and is growing well. This group will be working closely with Vulcan run by Derek Gilbert and Richard Gerrard.
- Amanda Wood has moved to Wednesdays in order to run the 2nd Beaver group, enabling the waiting list to be cleared. This group are meeting slightly earlier time of 5.30 - 6.30, thus offering parents an alternative, and is particularly helpful for younger children that can get tired earlier. Amanda is working closely with Wendy Theobald-Morgan, who is running the Tuesday night troop.

A solution is still to be sought to offer the Explorers, (run by Carolyn Hargreaves) more space, as the present room they operate from is not big enough for their needs.

The Group Scout Leader went on to explain that individual group reports will be available of the web site and will include all their activities and outdoor events.

He thanked the Chairman for his excellent work in securing the new lease and projects to the building including re-skimming the roof, installing heating and other building maintenance. He also applauded Simon Cottam for his dedicated work as treasurer and Angela Freeman for her important job as Sub Secretary. He also gave special thanks to Tina Cottam and Kim Jordan for all their help and involvement, along with the cleaner who visits twice a week. Thanks were given to helpers at the work days, who helped in making a room for the Denmead Guides to use, along with other maintenance tasks in the building and grounds.

The Group Scout Leader explained that the new Navy Blue 1st Denmead T-Shirts were on sale and very popular.

Congratulations were given to Derek Gilbert and Richard Garrard for achieving their Wood Badges and completing their training.

The Group Scout Leader presented Angela Harwood with a bouquet and described her as the backbone of Denmead Scouts, whose fantastic efforts with fundraising for centenary camps means that every boy attending will receive a discount of £50 and for her tireless dedication towards fundraising at the Dinosaur Derby.

He concluded by thanking everybody that made his job possible and stressed that new leaders and helpers are always needed for the Scout group to continue.

7	<p>Appointment of Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee for 2007/08</p> <p>The Group Scout Leader proposed the appointment of Alan Harwood as the Chairman of the Executive Committee for 2007/08 and the Scout Council duly supported the nomination.</p> <p>In turn the Chairman proposed to the Group Scout Council the following appointments to the Executive Committee for 2007/08, each of which were duly seconded and supported by the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary Treasurer – Simon Cottam • Asst Honorary Treasurer – Angela Freeman • Honorary Secretary – Jackie O’Halloran • Facilities Manager – Malcolm Attrill • Insurances Manager – Steve Tuck <p>The Chairman announced the following vacancies existed in the Executive Committee for which volunteers were sought:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity and Events Secretary • Buildings and Grounds Manager <p>The Chairman concluded by proposing Sean Hunter as Auditor for the completed 2006/07 Group Accounts, this was agreed by the scout council.</p>	
8	<p>Questions from the floor</p> <p>There were no questions.</p>	
9	<p>Balloon Race Results</p> <p>Angela Harwood revealed the winners of the fundraising balloon race. Most of the replies had come from France and details of places they have landed in and the name attached will be available on the web site. The three that travelled the furthest distance were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 1st Place – M. Stevens ✓ 2nd Place – A. white ✓ 3rd Place – Rose Simpson <p>This event was sponsored by Clemtech and Aerial Telephones.</p>	
10	<p>Presentations and Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim cheesebrough the retiring secretary was presented with gifts and given thanks for his dedication over the years and good luck was wished to him and his family as they start a new life in New Zealand. • Adrian Clements Managing Director of Clemtech was presented with an Award Certificate with thanks for sponsoring 1st Denmead Scout Group for the last 7 years, supporting projects including the trailers and balloon race amongst others. Adrian accepted the award and complemented the boys on their good behaviour and commented that they were a credit to the group. • Matt Griffiths was presented with his Chief Scouts Gold Badge by Deputy District Commissioner, Paul Wilkinson. This took great effort, commitment and enterprise to achieve. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Wilkinson – The Deputy District Commissioner thanked Denmead Scout group for their support of the district in particular allowing the premises to be used for First aid courses, district AGM and County events. He complimented 1st Denmead on their good communications between sections, groups and district The Deputy district commissioner made an appeal for scout groups to put conflicts to one side as a brother to every other scout. He gave his congratulations to 1st Denmead Scouts for another successful year and concluded that this year we celebrated 100 years of scouting and 50 years of Denmead scouting..	
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