



58th SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 19th July 2021

1. Welcome – by Emma who commented how good it was see people face to face when we've become so use to having meetings on zoom.

Lisa Peck took the minutes in the absence of Fiona Burrow

2. Apologies – received from: Fiona Burrow (Secretary)

Alan Otieno (Treasurer)

Clive Mason (Brunel Scout District Commissioner)

3. Chairperson Report – for full report refer to:

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A special mention was made of the fantastic effort by all connected with the Group and in a wider capacity through District, County and at National level of their dedication.

4. Treasurer Report – for full report refer to:

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In Alan's absence Simon (G.S.L.) gave the report. The Group decided not to place any financial burden on parents during the last financial year 2020/21 and would cover all membership costs. Being responsible for our own building we also had to find the money for hall maintenance and insurance whilst also having no revenue from hiring the hall out. During that time we were able to apply for Government grants and local government subsidies which actually increased our revenue. This will allow us to follow through on outstanding projects like WiFi for the hall, new Fire Exit doors, fencing and equipment.

5. Group Scout Leader and Section Reports - for full reports refer to:

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Mention was made of the extra effort taken to keep the Group alive whilst we were all dealing with the effects of the pandemic. Juggling family, work and friendships whilst having one eye on Scouting and how things would look in the future. During this time the hall had to be kept in a good state of repair for Scouting and hiring and was also made Covid secure with signage, risk assessments, sanitising stations, QR codes etc. A big thanks to Rob on behalf of the Group for taking over the role as acting Scout Leader till July 2022 whilst also balancing his role as A.G.S.L. The search for a Scout Leader goes on.

Beavers invested Fern and Theo into the Colony

Cubs invested Aiken, Seren, Redwyn, Tristan, Theo, Dylan, Noah and Frank into the Pack.

Rob as interim Scout Leader commented how well the last two months had gone in the Troop especially the recent caving trip which for most was a whole new experience.

6. District Report – In Clive's absence Simon (G.S.L.) read the report

1. With the pandemic very much still here, recognition of the resilience of Scouting and the place it has in communities and society in general. At census, Brunel District down by 19% of YP's and 12% of volunteers as a result. However, there's an unprecedented number of enquiries (every day) and I've forwarded over 160 to Groups since March...and that's just those that come to me!
2. Confident that numbers will be back to pre-pandemic figures (if not surpassed) by this time next year.
3. Group should be financially stable but District will support if required. Bear in mind that next year's capitation won't be as subsidised as this years...District waived its levy and subsidised the County one.
4. Recognition of the enormous efforts made with virtual Scouting and the important engagement thereof with both YP and volunteers.
5. Squirrels section (4-6) now officially announced to be introduced as & when ready. However, it is important to note that Brunel (along with all other Districts in Avon) has agreed **not** to progress until next year (due to the priority being stabilising & relaunching Groups). It will be a District led cohort initially and then as & when, discussions will take place with Groups as to whether they wish to progress as a partnership. No pressure to progress but do consider along with any other Group development plans.
6. I was in a meeting with Bristol City Council last week and amongst others, the 58th land lease was discussed and also the fact that there was no (separate) lease covering the adjacent grassed area and car park utilised by the Group. Nothing to worry about as B.C.C. are **very** keen to maintain community Groups in situ. However, a discussion needs to take place over the next year to clarify/formalise a few issues.
To add to this Simon also mentioned he had been dealing with B.C.C. recently and realised a lot of what we thought about our boundaries (lost in the mists of time) had been a surprise.
7. A plug for the #GoodForYou recruitment campaign, highlighting the great resources available and taking every opportunity to recruit.
8. Aside from Group role vacancies, District Chair is still vacant and also now ADC Cubs...if anyone fancies a change, contact me!
9. Sarah Rosser's Medal of Merit was announced with a full presentation to take place at a later date. This is for her service to Scouting.
10. Finally...a massive 'THANK YOU' to all volunteers involved with the Group for still being here and looking forward to getting Scouting back to where it needs to be. Whilst DC visits are few and far between, rest assured that your support is recognised, appreciated and above all...**valued**.

7. Election of Officers – with no other proposals the following stood for the key roles on the Executive Committee.

Role	Name	Proposer	Second
Chair	Emma Gibbard	Simon Peck	Steve Lloyd
Treasurer	Alan Otieno	Rob Miles	Preash Patel
Secretary	Fiona Burrow	Sarah Rosser	Clive Sinclair

Parent representation for the Executive:

Beavers	Alice Haines
Cubs	Tim Grimshaw
Scouts	Shelley Gillman

Plus the Group Scout Leader (Simon), Assistant Group Scout Leader (Rob), Cub Section Leader (Clive) will make up the 58th Scout Group Executive for 2021/22.

After this any others will be co-opted on

8. Any Other Business

A presentation was made to Tim Gibbard for his time as the Scout Section Leader. Tim joined the Group in September 2013 as part of the Scout section team and took over fully as leader the following year. He stepped back from the role in July 2020. A big thanks to Tim on behalf of the Group and all those young people that benefitted from all the time he was able to give. *#skillsforlife*

Section Assistants Preash Patel and Shariff Tbealah were invested into the Group.

Date of next meeting: 19.30 Monday 4th October 2021.