



58th Eastville Scouts AGM

Date: 20 July 2022, 7pm

Venue: 58th Gadshill HQ, Gadshill Road

Attendees

- Emma Gibbard, Chair. Simon Peck, Group Section Leader. Rob Miles, (Acting) Scout Group Section Leader. Fiona Burrow, Group Secretary, Clive Sinclair, Cubs Section Leader. Steve Lloyd, Assistant Cubs Section Leader. Sarah Rosser, Beavers Section Leader. Sharon Redmond, Assistant Beaver Section Leader.

Apologies

- Tim Gibbard, Quartermaster. Alan Otieno, Treasurer. Nick Regan, Clive Mason, Bristol Commissioner

Minutes

Item 1 - Welcome

Emma Gibbard (EG) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for joining. Highlights will be covered during the AGM with more detail in meeting packs.

Item 2 – Chairperson's Report

EG extended her thanks for all support making the 58th Scout Section such a vibrant community. EG reminded attendees that the Section still had long waiting lists due to its popularity noting the number and range of activities that were undertaken e.g., camping overnight stays.

Highlighted that the HQ hire contributes significantly to subsidising funding activities and new equipment for the Sections and is a hub for the central community of which the Section is proud.

The main threat to the Section and ongoing challenge is volunteers – in short, the Section needs more, with several open positions: Treasurer, parent support, Leaders and Assistant leaders within Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Stated that Rob Miles has been interim Scout Section Leader for 2 years, this was a temporary position but needs to be filled urgently to ensure the group can still run.

Please speak to one of the Executive for more information on what you can do to support.

EG summarised that volunteering with the Scouts is very rewarding, with lots of exciting plans for the coming year.

Item 3 – Treasurer’s Report

Simon Peck (SP) stated that the account is in a good position. With £34k in account. The account is held by Executive Committee however, split between sections who manage their own budget.

Spend has been on fire exit door replacement, tree surgery, fire assessments and rectification of drainage issues which have been a problem for a decade.

SP noted that the Group successfully applied and won grants during lockdown. Stating past income from hall was £6k in 2022 this rose to £7k. SP reiterated that HQ hire is key income generator for Group, which has enabled subs to remain at £10.

Item 4 – Group Scout Leaders Report

Links to the Chair's, Beaver, Cubs and Scout full reports can be [found here](#).

District Report

Clive Mason (CM), Commissioner sends his apologies. Via SP CM asked SP to raise awareness that there is a new section in scouting called squirrels which is gaining traction, age range is 4–5-year-olds.

The Group would like to open this Section, demand, and volunteer dependant – do let one of the Executive Committee know if you know anyone who would like to get involved.

SP expressed thanks to all – Scouts is thriving post pandemic, please do consider taking on a role to help support the Section.

Item 5 - Election of Officers

Shelly who is on the Exec Committee, shared her experience of being on the Exec as parent rep, Shelly is moving away so is stepping down, but wanted to let attendees know a little about what the role involves. The commitment is 4 meeting a year with volunteers able to make role big as they'd like.

Shelly’s fondest memories are of going on group camp, stating it was a really fulfilling experience – cooking for 70 people, really loved the opportunity. Just try and you'll be surprised how much you'll get out of it.

Role	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded
Chair	Emma Gibbard	Simon Peck	Rob Miles

Secretary	Fiona Burrow	Emma Gibbard	Clive Sinclair
Treasurer	Nikki	Simon Peck	

Item 6 - Awards

Beavers

Great year lots lined up, all Beavers have worked hard. 2 of our Beavers awarded bronze chief scout award, hard to get, have gone above and beyond T and F. At the end of the scouting year, we present Beaver of the year awards, decided that this year's beaver of the year is T.

Cubs

It's been brilliant being back in person doing lots of activities.

C was invested into the Scout group and presented with her neckerchief and badges.

Cub of the year as with sadness as this person will be leaving to have their own adventure – T shows real enthusiasm gets involved, model cub. Will be missed.

Sharif, Assistant Group Scout Leader is also sadly leaving so we have spaces for more leaders. Mention to Isaac who is undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh award and has been supporting the Group.

Scouts

Rob Miles stated what a great group Scouts is, fun and full of mischief; all give it 100% and try.

Badges awarded – lots of badges were from last camp, with real pride.

Rob stated that those that are leaving will be missed: L and C.

Special award presented by Simon Peck to Steve Lloyd - 40th service award, signed by Bear Grills – Simon and Group thanks Steve for his decades of commitment and dedication

Item 7 - AOB

Closing remarks that lost property on table please look, quotes from young people on notice board.