



58th Eastville Scouts AGM

Date: 18 July 2023, 7pm

Venue: 58th Gadshill HQ, Gadshill Road

Attendees

- Emma Gibbard, Chair. Simon Peck, Group Section Leader. Rob Miles, 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. Nikki Finn, Group Treasurer. Tim Gibbard, Quartermaster

Apologies

- Clive Mason, Brunel District Commissioner; Tim Grimshaw

Minutes

Item 1 – Welcome

Chair welcomed and thanked parents and carers for attending. Chair announced that this was their last meeting and would be standing down.

Stated that agenda will cover some new governance items.

Chair stated that the 2022 AGM meeting minutes were approved at the 2022 October Group Trustees Meeting.

Item 2 – Apologies

Clive Mason – Bristol Commissioner and Tim Grimshaw, Parent Trustee Representative

Item 3 – Chairperson's Report

Chair reflected on the year, thanks to volunteers – big commitment and time contribution, thanks to young people and helpers; commented on the success of the thriving community. Noted that the group has a long waiting list – and encouraged all to volunteer to enable new section to open and provide access to more groups. And if you would like to volunteer to speak to a member of the team.

Noted that many upgrades to the HQ have happened over the last year, including, new windows and new fences to come, as well as plans to refurbish the toilets.

Chair shared how much she had enjoyed her 6 years in the role.

Item 4 – Governance

It was stated that the naming conventions have changed with the Executive Committee now Board of Trustees – this brings new policies and procedures.

As this is the suggested format that Scouts UK have recommended Chair proposed to all attendees and Leaders in the room that this format be adopted. Steve Lloyds seconded this motion with attendees raising hands in favour.

Further to this a further recommendation for adoption was put to attendees that Trustees Group Board meetings should have a 5-attendee quorum set (at least 50% of trustees in attendance).

Simon Peck stated they are happy to follow good practise and seconded this motion with a show of hands from attendees.

Item 5 – Treasurer’s Report

Treasure stated the Group is in a good financial position due to funding secured and our popular hall hire for community organisations. They noted that it has been possible to keep subs at the same level with the group account being able to subsidise a number of activities for the times - ensuring that the young people have had lots of exciting opportunities. Since the end of March, improvements to the hall have been undertaken including replacement windows and will shortly be upgrading the fence and refurbishing the toilets.

Full accounts can be [found here](#).

Item 5 – Group Scout Leaders Report

Simon Peck stated that the Group thrives due to its helpers, leaders and parent helpers. These helpers allow the Group to do lots, but he iterated to do more means more uniformed leaders are required. Simon Peck signposted the board outside the room where all voluntary roles were listed.

Simon Peck reminded that volunteers were just regular people, no qualifications or experience is needed as full support and training is available. Commenting on volunteering as a very fulfilling and rewarding role. Simon stated that with more support we could open further groups to allow others access to the Scouting experience and that the Group could double the number of sections with the number of young people waiting for a place.

Simon noted that when he joined as a Leader, he very much built a programme around some of his interests i.e. sailing. He stated that the programmes set up around the range of badges the young people can earn. Simon pointed out the posters which show the range of badges.

He encouraged all to review the badges and volunteer even if it is simply some DIY or gardening at the HQ.

Simon closed with thanking all for sending the young people to the Group. It is an ongoing pleasure to be able to offer a diverse range of activities to the young people.

Item 6 – District Report

NA

Item 7 - Election of Officers

The election of officers sets up the charity to be lead for the next fiscal year.

Role	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded
Group Chair	Jason Lawrence	Simon Peck	Anna
Group Secretary	Fiona Burrow	Show of hands	
Group Treasurer	Nikki Finn	Show of hands	

Item 8 – AOB

Section Reports

Beavers Sarah Rosser

Group have come back from camp with many badges to be awarded. Creative badge, camp craft badge, nights away badge. Summer camp badges. Further awards that are very hard to earn, chief scout award: Zack and Harry. Final award, Beaver of the year the beaver who has joined in, was kind goes to Ean.

Cubs Clive Sinclair

One main award today; chief scout silver award. They are moving away from Dev fantastic Cub, well done. Cub of the year, someone who comes every week, and every session gives their time to help other cubs. Frank. He is moving up to scouts next term. Thanks to Liam and Steve for helping regularly, your support goes a long way. Couple of DoE participants Thomas and Harry are great with the cubs and the cubs think they are great!

Scouts – Rob Miles

Great bunch of Scouts each week have min 26 attendees, all willing to get involved and participate, Rob very proud of their leader. Lots of badges to give out: camp survivors, nights away, joining in, astronomer badge, survival skills, outdoors, emergency aid.

Special badges Harry and Dylan earned with the group since beavers, last night as scouts moving onto explorers. Both have earned their gold badge award.

Closing

Simon Peck thanked Emma Gibbard for her contributions as Chair over the last 6 years and said that she has made some huge improvements and contributions - some of those being putting parameters around length of meeting to ensure time was used efficiently and a massive undertaking, the fire safety/risk assessment that she wrote during covid to enable us to use the hall keeping income coming. Simon presented Emma Gibbard with a gift.