

4th Newbury (St. Johns) Scout Group Annual General Meeting

Minutes

Date: 09 September 2019

Venue: Thirtover Place Campsite, Cold Ash

Present: Bruce Meldrum, Sarah Hill, Stuart Pass, Gerard O'Neill, Sue Richardson, Adrian Bishop, Ian Sheppard, Kate Vrolijk, Patrick Keene, Richard Johnson, Joanna Latimer, Nigel Leadbetter, Robin Cohen, Louise Gibbons, Penny Horwood, Stuart Horwood, Kate Wakefield, Will Alexander, Sasi Kumar, Gaby Broadfoot, Mike Broadfoot, Sarah French, Nick Tibbels, Neil Holmes, Lloyd Davies, Helen Lawson, Claire Norris, Josie Price, Keith Cahoon, Roger Harman, Marc Stewart, Matthew Roberts, Meredith Sharples, Mark Clifton, Brian Burton, Mrs Burton, Jane Goodman

Welcome and review of previous year's activities by section leaders

Stuart Pass welcomed and thanked all the parents who joined us for this combined group get together, campfire singalong and AGM.

Stuart took his leave as Chair of the Executive Committee after many years. He has very much enjoyed supporting "the best group in Newbury".

Gerard gave a review of Cub's activities over the past year and thanked Stuart for his Chairmanship. See Appendix 1 for his report.

Bruce reviewed the Scout's activities over the past year. See Appendix 2 for his report.

Ian listed the highlights of the previous year in Beavers.

Financial report for year ending 31 March 2019

Sue presented an overview of the healthy financial position the group is in.

Income:

- 4th Newbury continues to have a healthy financial status with limited fixed expenditure
- Total income amounted to £7,708 (1.3% fall)
- Income from subscriptions was £4,582, a decline of 6.5% on the previous year (£4,902)
- Gift Aid can add an extra £1,000 to income per year. This was unclaimed within the financial year but claims for two years are currently being processed.
- Other income consists of contributions from participants for activities such as camps. This amount can vary considerably depending on the number of camps and the flow-through of funds for running multi group activities. In financial year 2018-19 income from contributions to camps and other activities (excluding Scout camp) was £3,051.

Expenditure:

- Total expenditure amounted to £8,695 (a rise of 24% - largely due to an increase in capitations cost and some multi group activities. That makes an overall loss of £986 for the year
- Biggest expenditure is Capitation (the financial contribution the Group pays to County). This amount was £3,123 this year, an increase of 15.8% on the previous year. Capitation costs now swallow 68% of subscriptions.
- Our other main fixed cost is the rent payable to St John's Church for the use of the rooms. The amount of £426 has not increased for several years.
- Expenditure on Monday night activities amounted to £453 (a rise of 8%)
- Costs for badges and uniforms was £644 and Group expenses (such as equipment) amounted to £269.

At year end 31 March 2019 the group had a current account balance of £16,700.

Election of new Executive Committee officials

Jane Goodman was introduced as the new Group Scout Leader, taking over from Nigel Sayers.

Stuart Pass stood down as Chair. Sarah Hill stood down as Secretary. Both were sincerely thanked for their dedication and hard work over many years supporting the Group.

New Committee officials were elected. For the position of Chair, Adrian Bishop was nominated by Keith Cahoon and seconded by Roger Harman.

Kate Vrolijk was nominated for the position of Secretary by Sarah Hill and this was seconded by Kate Wakefield.

The re-nomination of Sue Richardson was proposed by Helen Lawson and this was seconded by Patrick Keane.

Adrian, Sue and Kate will take up their new positions with immediate effect.

Any other business

Parents were invited to the next joint Group event which will be the Christmas evening in the church with singing and mince pies and mulled wine on 16 December 2019.

Parents were thanked for the significant contribution they make to the success of 4th Newbury.