



Warminster

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Annual General Meeting
Reports
30 June 2023 @ 7pm



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Agenda

Meeting agenda for Friday 30 June 2023

Location: Greenland Hut, Weymouth St, Warminster, BA12 9NQ

Time: 6.45pm, to finish by 9pm (BBQ and Refreshments to follow)

Serial	Item	Lead
1.	Welcome and introductions	Group Chair
2.	Apologies for absence	Group Secretary
3.	Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting of the Group Scout Council.	Group Secretary
4.	The Group Scout Council to receive and consider the annual report and Accounts (Members of the Group Executive Committee will be available to answer questions).	Group Chair
5.	Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair	Group Scout Leader
6.	Election of the Group Treasurer	Group Scout Leader
7.	Election of the Group Secretary	Group Scout Leader
8.	Election of ex-officio members of the Group Scout Council of the Group Trustee Board. (Section Leaders – written agreements)	Group Secretary
9.	Elected Members to the Trustee Board - Mr Peter Owen - Mr Peter Wellstead	Group Scout leader

10.	Nominated of members to the Trustee Board	Group Scout leader
11.	Co-opted members to the Trustee Board - Volunteers	Group Chair
12.	Adopt Group Constitution for Scouting Year 2023/24	Group Trustee Board
13.	Presentation: Youth Led presentations – our Scouting year	Youth members
14.	District Comments/Response	
15.	Future Plans – Greenland Hut	Group Secretary
16.	Closing Statement	Group Scout Leader
	Meeting Closed	

The District AGM will be held on Wednesday 21 May 2023

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Minutes of Warminster Scout Group Annual General Meeting

Held on Friday 1 July 2022
at Greenland Hut

Present

Jake White, Denise White, Michelle Meadow, Pete Owen, Russ Cane, James Church, Wendy Neate, Peter Wellstead, Nigel Hodges, Joan Davies, Alan Meadow, Beck Murphy, Elizabeth Williams, Duncan Brown, Stef & Ellie.
Chris Broom – District Commissioner

Apologies - Becky Mill-Wilson, Pam Blair, Mike Beckley

Russ opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. With a BIG thank you to all our leaders and volunteers.

We welcome this year – Stef, Cathy George, Rich (all Beavers), Lottie and Judith (both Cubs) as new leaders, and Wendy as our new Treasurer.

Our youth membership for 20/221 was 132, down to 128 this year as we continue to recover membership after Covid. We currently have 2 Beavers Colonies, 2 Cubs packs, 2 Scout troops and 17 young people in Explorers.

The Hut itself was built in 1930 and opened by Lord Bath. We have had some ground works completed to investigate the subsidence issues, however this will require more work in the coming year.

To our Outgoing chair, Becky Mill-Wilson, thank you for everything you have done and your support.

Minutes from last meeting – Russ proposed, Chris seconded, all agreed.

Financial Report

This year funds have been quite tight, we mostly came in on budget and we have replaced a lot of damaged kit. The full report is attached, any questions please see Wendy.

The main concern is bringing funds from previous years to cover the maintenance of the Hut. We need to make sure we make the right decisions regarding the fixing of the Hut. We also hold a significant amount of funds to replace the kitchen following the flood. However we need to sort out the subsidence and structural issues before we fix the kitchen.

The focus this year to funding for subs & activities is spent on activities and we should only charge the bare minimum and not make a profit. We are also looking to structure the sections in the same way – for example OSM charges £62 per section per year, so we will ask for Group membership – we can issue events, the programme, parents can see badges etc.

We are also changing bank accounts – from HSBC to Lloyds. This will enable us to pay by BACS. A future consideration will be using OSM for parents to pay for activities.

Awards

This year we have awards the following Chief Scout awards:-

Beavers (Weds) – 6 Bronze,

Cubs – 2 Silver,

Scouts (Thurs) – 4 Gold

Scouts (Thurs) - 3 Gold in progress

Scouts have been mixing the troops together so they operate as a group rather than separate troops and this has been working well.

Explorers are the future of the group, and we need to get the support of the young people right from Beavers. We are looking to support other groups, and our own Explorers with DofE, and do more adventurous activities.

Russ – our leaders put a lot of effort into the programmes, and the young people we have coming through are fantastic.

Nominations for Exec posts:

Role	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Group Chair	Mike Beckley	Russ	Denise & Elizabeth
Secretary	Michelle Meadow	Russ	Beck & Peter
Treasurer	Wendy Neate	Russ	Alan & Pete
Group Comms	Beck Murphy	Russ	Michelle

Leaders – everyone is happy to stay (co-opted)
All present agreed to all above.

District Commissioner Comments

It's always a pleasure to come to Warminster, you are a fantastic group,
At last census – 110 Young people with 23 leaders and 8 Young leaders –
that Amazing.

You run fantastic activities over the year and I would like to thank every
leader for everything they do.

Presentations

Unusually we have no awards for Young People as they have been given in
their Groups.

Michelle – 5 Year Award

Nick Gair – 10 Year Award

Pam (Joan Collected) – First Aid Training (2021) and 40 Year Service Award.

Maxine (TicTac collected) – Wood Beads

Dan – Wood Beads

Pete Own – 60 Years Award.

Closing

Thank you and here's to the next 12 months

GSL AGM Report

Scouting Year Jun 2022 to Jun 2023

I would like to start by thanking everyone involved in Warminster Scout Group (WSG).

As a fully voluntary organisation, the time and effort individuals put in to providing the quality and quantity of activities is outstanding, considering the time and social constraints in normal life.

We continue to grow as a Group with in excess of 150 young people in our seven sections, making us one of the biggest, if not the biggest in the District if not the County. Strength in number, and shows how much your young people enjoy in attaining the skills for life that we provide.

Our youth membership has regained this beyond to pre-COVID lockdown to from 128 (2022 Census) to 152 (2023 Census), however we continue to recover numbers and grow, with current membership;

Beavers – Two Colonies;

- Wednesday's – Youth - 25, Adults – 4
- Thursday's – Youth – 21, Adults - 3

Cubs – Two Packs (same evening)

- Youth -34, Adults – 5

Scouts Two Troops;

- Wednesday's – Youth – 18, Adults – 4
- Thursday's – Youth 21, Adults – 4

Explorers

- Youth – 22, Adults 2

Growth and Development is key, as is Quality Programme which is reflected in the section Top Awards.

We are particularly fortunate to have so many of the explorers as Young Leader across the Group, with them giving back and supporting the active programme.

The challenge this year is in the refurbishment and/or replacement of the Greenland Hut, now at a grand old age of 92 years olds starting to show its age. We have plans to work with the Town Council on a new modern facility to suit 21st Century Scouting and the town alike.

And before I summarise the year, this year's AGM is youth lead, with both Troops and the explorer Unit providing a youth perspective of Scouting, instead of the tradition Leader waffle!!!

Summary:

It's been another great twelve months; I would like to thank the Trustee Board for their continued support and effort in keeping us all on the straight and narrow.

Big thank you to Michelle (the Groups rock) as Secretary, those remaining members of the Exec, and of course the Section Leadership teams for all the voluntary support provided over the fifteen months.

We remain the largest Group in the District both youth membership and Leadership. However, we need you to join the Trustee Board as the Group does not run itself, your help is genuinely needed in a support role, I can't express this enough, we need a Trustee Board, who are in part parents of our young people. Your guidance, support and help is what is critically needed – so please volunteer and you can also gain;

“Skills for Life”

And finally, thank you to my wife (Dawn) and my family.

Russ Cane
GSL (Skippy)

Beavers (Wed) AGM Report

Scouting Year Jun 2022 to Jun 2023

Summer 2023 has arrived and that brings about the Groups' AGM signalling the end of another scouting year.

This past year has been a very successful year with the children appearing to be enjoying themselves and by the time of this years' AGM we will be running just above full capacity. (25 beaver scouts) We are anticipating that another 2 Beavers will move up to Cubs at the end of July which will allow only 1 child to come in at the start of September returning us back to maximum numbers. Extensive work continues on the waiting list but during the height of the pandemic enquiries about joining diminished which kept numbers of those waiting static. However, interest is beginning to return and consequently our waiting list is beginning to grow again albeit slower than in previous years..

We, the 2 Beaver Scout Leaders, are grateful to the helpers/parents who have given up their time to help at each meeting. Our thanks, once again, go out to them for their time, support and input.

Our Leadership Team has grown yet again this past year with Fawn (Louise) joining Owl (Kathy) and Squirrel (Jen). However, we still need support and assistance from parents on an Occasional Helper basis.

The new term saw us start with 24 Beavers registered and during the period between September and December we continued programs of learning and fun for the youngsters.

December We were able to arrange a visit to the West Somerset Railway to travel on the "Santa Express" at Cranmore with the Thursday Colony joining in the festivities although regrettably both Colonies could not travel on the same train due to the numbers that were involved.

Some of our activities this past year have included an insect hunt, tracking, a visit from the local food bank, money skills with savings, meeting tropical

creatures, entering a space dome to learn about the stars and planets and making birdhouses just to name a few.

We have continued to carry out our weekly programs assisting and helping the children to gain as many badges as is possible. As a footnote we have awarded 11 Chief Scout Bronze awards this past year and are hopeful that the 2 beavers moving up to Cubs at the end of this term will also be presented with their Bronze awards. On the 19th July we will hold our final meeting of the term in the grounds of the hut and hold our "Beaver Olympics". We hope that a lot of parents will decide to stay and join in with our games.

The future of the Warminster Beavers looks very promising with such high numbers which indicates that there is a strong interest in scouting in the town.

Elizabeth Williams and Nigel Hodges

Kala and Badger

Beaver Scout Leaders.

Beavers (Thurs) AGM Report

Scouting Year Jun 2022 to Jun 2023

Let me start by saying a huge Thank-you to everyone who has supported Beavers over the past year. Without parents, other section leaders, local businesses and volunteers we wouldn't be able to provide such a wonderful programme for our eager Beavers. The biggest thanks of course must go to the wonderful leadership team, including our young leaders, who make the magic happen. We are lucky enough to have 3 adult leaders and 3 young Leaders, as Fionnlagh (Hawkeye) has joined us, and we have a lot of fun running our programme.

After the last AGM we still had a few fun evenings left over including a ready steady cook competition where the Beavers made a 3 course meal for our judges and also an evening in the town splash pad with the Wednesday Beavers.

Since September we have watched the local Panto, visited Santa at East Somerset Railway, made a Christmas tree from donated tins for the Minster tree festival and delivered them to the food bank afterwards. Enjoyed tree climbing at Heavens Gate, visited Warminster Community Radio and had 2 sleepovers. Tic-tac has now earned her sleepover permit too so many more to follow, a huge thank-you to Jake for being permit holder for us.

We have enjoyed dressing up for our Young leaders Halloween party, Mad hatters World book day tea party and our magical visit to Diagon Alley, where we purchased many wizarding wonders.

Many, many badges have been earned including Felix and Indi's Chief Scout Bronze awards. Both worked hard for them and we are very proud of them.

During our evenings we have investigated bugs (Thanks to Roman's Mum, Debbie), played board games, visited outer space and made paper aeroplanes. Our young leaders Bubbles and Rainbow have organised a lego challenge and Minecraft themed evening and have a joint walk with the Scouts and an experiment evening up their sleeves too with Hawkeye helping now.

We have said goodbye to Beavers and welcomed new ones and have more goodbyes at the end of the Summer with a big group of Beavers moving up, by December we will have half our colony as new starters since Easter. We shall be back up to a full 24 Beavers come September too.

If anyone has any programme ideas or skills they would like to share with the Beavers please let us know ready for our Autumn programme.

Thanks again

Tic-tac (Stef) and the rest of the Beaver leadership team

Cubs AGM Report

Scouting Year Jun 2022 to Jun 2023

Both packs of cubs have had a great year so far, we have had a fun packed year: From Backwards cooking and fire lighting to many of our cubs attending their first camp at the District Harry Potter Camp and later in the year with our June with our space themed camp!

We have achieved so much at cubs over the year but to name a few highlights learned about disability, went on a night hike from Warminster to shearwater, and celebrated St Patrick's day and Chinese New Year. The Cubs have demonstrated their road safety skills and learnt about fire safety topped off with a visit to Warminster's very own fire station!

We continue to have 2 full packs with a long waiting list.

The cubs have continued to gain a total of 386 badges including 2 silver awards, with more still in the pipeline. (Thank you to all the parents who have supported their child work from home to achieve some of these)

Two teams of cubs took part in the district scrapheap challenge one of whom then went forward to represent our district in the county event, congratulations all for taking part.

A few of the cubs took part in both the district chess competition with one of our Cubs coming back with the 1st place a huge congratulations. The district swimming event went very well and we even sent a team to the district flag challenge.

February saw a change of leadership to myself; I would like to say a huge thank you to Pam for all she has done and continues to do for the cub packs.

I would like to welcome our two new young leaders Hannah and Anna and say a huge thank you to all the cub leadership team for everything you have done this year!

YIS

Emily (Akela)

Scouts (Wed) AGM Report

Scouting Year Jun 2022 to Jun 2023

Wednesday Scout Troop will be presenting a slide show of their year in Scouting.

The presentation will be by members of the troop and the Leadership team.

Alan Meadow & Adam Turvey
SL's (Wednesday Scouts)

Scouts (Thur) AGM Report

Scouting Year Jun 2022 to Jun 2023

Thursday Scout Troop will be presenting a slide show of their year in Scouting.

The presentation will be by members of the troop and the Leadership team.

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Denise White
SL (Thursday Scouts)

Explorer Unit AGM Report

Scouting Year Jun 2022 to Jun 2023

Warminster Explorers Unit will be presenting a slide show of their year in Scouting.

The presentation will be by members of the Unit.

YIS
Jake
ESL

Warminster Scout Group - Accounts for 2022-23

Start of Year - 1st April 2022					
HSBC Community Account					£17,527.82
HSBC Money Manager					£21,263.73
Opening Balance					£ 38,791.55
Income			Expenditure		
Budget		Actual	Budget		Actual
Subscriptions	£11,876.50	£13,159.00	Maintenance	£3,000.00	£4,524.96
Donations	£500.00	£250.00	Rent / Storage		£68.00
Fundraising- Event 1	£500.00	£1,607.60	Scout Levy (2019-20)	£5,500.00	£6,319.00
Fundraising- Event 2	£500.00	£104.00	Heat / Light	£1,500.00	£1,854.24
Fundraising- Event 3	£500.00	£0.00	Water	£250.00	£98.84
Bank Interest	£5.00	£26.30	Insurances	£795.00	£978.29
Rental Income	£0.00	£0.00	Training	£100.00	£100.00
Activities & Events	£6,000.00	£18,764.25	Uniform	£650.00	£582.56
Gift Aid	£1,000.00	£0.00	Hut Lease		£0.00
Other	£0.00	£1,454.61	Equipment	£2,300.00	£3,004.26
			Fire / Safety Inspect	£400.00	£0.00
			Section Activities	£5,938.25	£11,137.66
			Camp costs	£1,000.00	£5,478.64
			Donations		£0.00
			AGM + Trustee exp	£250.00	£66.26
			Travel / Mileage	£500.00	£88.50
			Other	£700.00	£3,512.81
			Support Fund	£1,500.00	£0.00
			Subs bad debt 15%		£0.00
Sub-Total	£20,881.50	£35,365.76	Sub-Total	£24,383.25	£37,814.02
Income v Expenditure					-£2,658.05
End of Year - 31st March 2023					
HSBC Community Account					£17,840.19
HSBC Money Manager (Savings)					£0.32
Lloyds					£18,292.99
Closing bank balance					£36,133.50
Cheques written but not yet presented in 2022-23					
Cash at bank balance					£36,133.50
Spreadsheet checksum verification (should be zero)					£ -

Point of Interest

Scout Levy amount is for previous year payment (cheque is written end March but presented in April). Scout Levy for current year is shown on Year End District Accounts

Notes on the accounts:

Opening and closing balances on the bank accounts are taken from the bank statements

Details of Income and Expenditure are tracked via category codes - shown over

Income Categories

There are 15 categories of income in use in the accounts, covering the following areas. All income is attributed to one of the categories when it is entered into the accounts

Subscriptions		Comprises subscriptions paid for I-005 Beavers, I-006 Cubs, I-007 Scouts, I-008 Explorers, I-009 Leaders, I-010 Others
Donations		Comprises donations given I-011 for general donations, and I-012 for task specific donations (such as roof repair)
Fundraising		Comprises money raised from specific fund raising events, I-002, I-003, I-004.
Bank Interest		Comprises money received in bank account interest, I-001
Rental Income		Comprises money received from rental or lettings, I-015
Activities and Events		Comprises contributions received towards additional activities, I-016
Gift Aid		Comprises money received from reclaiming Gift Aid, I-013
Other		Comprises money received from non specific other areas, I-014

Expenditure Categories

There are 24 categories of expenditure in use in the accounts, covering the following areas. All expenditure is attributed to one of the categories when it is entered into the accounts

Maintenance		Comprises money paid for general maintenance, E-003
St Georges		Comprises money paid towards Warminster hosting St George's parade 2019 E-004
Rent / Storage		Money paid for rental or storage costs, E-012
Scout Levy		Money paid to the Scout Association, E-023 based on the number of members in the group at census time
Heat / Light		Costs for heating and lighting, E-009
Water		Cost for water and sewerage, E010
Insurances		Cost of building insurance, E-006, Contents Insurance, E-007, and Public Liability, E-008
Training		Costs for Leader training, E-014 and Other training, E-015
Uniform		Uniform and badge purchase costs, E-016
Lease		Lease cost for the scout hut, E-011
Equipment		Cost for equipment replacement, E-018
Fire Safety		Fire and Safety inspections for hut, E-005
Subs to Sections		Each section is returned a portion of the subscriptions. This is Beavers - E-019, Cubs - E-020, Scouts - E-021, Explorers - E-022
Camp Costs		Group contribution towards annual camp costs, E-001
Donations		Any outgoing donations, E-002
AGM + Trustee		Costs associated with AGM and trustee expenses, E-013
Other		Other costs - Advertising, E-017, and Miscellaneous items, E-024
Travel / Mileage		Mileage costs on Scout business - E-026
Hardship		This is a budget set-aside which can be used for subscriptions payments if a parent / carer is facing financial hardship, E-025