

29th Odiham District (Pondtail) Scout Group

Registered Charity: 276768

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 12th May 2006 at 7:00 pm

The Annual General meeting of the 29th Odiham (Pondtail) Scout Group was held at the Headquarters, Farnham Rd, Fleet. Kevin Morris, Group Committee Chairman, presided and welcomed everyone to the meeting, which commenced at 7:19 pm.

Apologies: Stephen Caine, Peter De Lacey, Elizabeth Brightwell, Heather Williams, David & Julie Kelham, Sheila Ashton, Steve Lavender

Minutes Copies of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were on display. There being no objections, it was proposed that the minutes be accepted which was seconded; the Chairman then signed them.

Treasurers report The Treasurer outlined the annual accounts, which were published and displayed on the walls of the Den. Copies of the treasurer's report were on display around the hut. There were no questions and these were approved and seconded.

Appointment of Chairman No volunteers were forthcoming from the floor. The District Commissioner appointed Kevin Morris. Elizabeth was appointed Treasurer and Jonathan Ives secretary. Debbie Miles, Lorna Nicholls, Keith Bryant, Colin Eastham were all proposed and seconded to remain on the executive committee. The Chairman appealed for more volunteers to join the committee

District Commissioner. The DC thanked the leaders for running the group, and thanked the helpers and executive committee members. He outlined the increase in resources available to leaders from the Scout Association and the wealth of supporting material available. Scouting is increasing in Hampshire and the numbers across the county are growing. The DC reminded the meeting that it was 100 years since the first scout camp on Brownsea Island. Finally he invested the two new beaver Scout leaders Clare Mitchell and Louise Braybrook

Chairman's Report The Chairman thanked Steve Lavender for his work in the group, and was pleased he was back in scouting. The year had its ups & downs, but now the Beaver colony was back and stronger than ever with two new leaders. Cubs were as good as ever and Scouts had a new assistant with Chris Price. Nick Biffin, a former member of the group will be attending the Jamboree in 2007, and the 29th will be sending more boys to Centenary celebrations in 2007. The group had successfully renegotiated a new lease for 14 years, enabling the den expansion to go ahead. The Chairman reminded everyone of the fund raising Barn dance scheduled for June 3rd – one of the most successful in the district, but in need of as much support as possible.

The Chairman was, however, frustrated at the lack of progress on the lease from the Council. This was essential before any new building or extension to the existing building could be undertaken. Initial estimates had indicated that an extension might be possible for approximately £15,000.

AOB Ray Oldham GSL for the 22nd Thanked the group for the use of the Den while there's was being refitted

The meeting closed at 7:34