

29th Odiham District (Pondtail) Scout Group
Registered Charity: 276768

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 11th May 2007 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 19:07. He handed over the role to Brian O' Donovan, who was duly elected.

Apologies: Frank Heritage (DC), Nick Walton, Ray Oldham, Sheila Ashton, and Peter Street
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.

Chairman's Report

- i. Has been another successful year for the Odiham 29th and we now have three thriving groups Beavers, Clubs and Scouts numbers are climbing and we are only constraint by our capacity to find and train more Leaders
- ii. Fund Raising - There have been a number of successful fund raising events (bag packing at Morrisons in particular) and more are planned for later in the year along, hopefully with a Barn Dance toward Autumn time.
- iii. The Den - The council have now renewed the Lease on the den for a further 14 years taking it to 2020. There are ongoing discussions concerning the refurbishment and extension of the den currently several committee members are talking with various parties (builders, council etc) on the feasibility, cost and timescale for works. More recently there have been discussions about a complete rebuild (to a modular style building) early days on this one but it might prove to be more cost effective in the long run
- iv. Thanked Steve Nash who recently gave up his free time and painted the Den
- v. Finances - Over the fiscal year the group continues to run sound finances
- vi. Volunteers - As ever we are always looking for parents to join the executive or to go into uniform
- vii. The Chairman thanked the leaders for all their hard work and commitment in making the whole thing work and making scouting fun for all also to thank all committee members and volunteers for their participation and work over the past 12 months

Treasurers report Elizabeth Wragg introduced herself as the new treasurer.

- i. 2006 had been a good year with a closing balance of £23,777.
- ii. The lease has been extended for 14 years enabling us to move forward on rebuilding the Den. The Christmas Fayre in Fleet was fun, but the Bag packing at Morrisons was the most lucrative fund raising activity.
- iii. The Treasurer thanked John Whitehorn, who audited the accounts.
- iv. The importance of signing the Gift Aid forms when renewing subscriptions was stressed
- v. The treasurer outlined the annual accounts, which were published and displayed on the walls of the Den.
- vi. Copies of the treasurer's report were on display around the hut.
- vii. There were no questions and these were approved and seconded.

Scouter in Charge report

- i. Beavers has successfully restarted
- ii. Cubs undertook their 90 challenges
- iii. Cubs won the County Shield, a first for Odiham District
- iv. Scout Troop grew, but needs more leaders
- v. Scout Camp planned for Sherwood Forest
- vi. Congratulations to Graham Sutherland for 25 years long service as SL and Kathy Summersell for 15 years as ACSL
- vii. More leaders needed for 2007 – centenary year

Election of officers

- i. Jannette McElarney proposed Brian O'Donovan as chairman, which was seconded and carried
- ii. Joy Redfern and Jane Deedman were both proposed and elected onto the committee
- iii. Previous committee members were all proposed, seconded and returned
- iv. John Whitehorn was proposed and seconded as the auditor

ADC's Report

- i. Good to see so many people attending the AGM
- ii. The DC apologized for not attending but was very busy planning the Scouting Centenary
- iii. The Annual Census shows that the movement is growing with the 29th adding 29 new members
- iv. The ADC thanked the leaders and the executive members
- v. 100 years before Baden Powell had taken 20 boys to Brownsea Island and this year more than 40,000 from around the world would be attending the Jamboree in Essex.
- vi. 6 members from the District would be among the 150 on Brownsea for the anniversary on the 1st of August 2007.
- vii. Odiham District would be hosting the contingency of scouts from Japan
- viii. A celebration of 100 years of scouting would be held in the O2 arena (formerly the Millennium Dome) on the 24th November
- ix. The ADC presented a 10 year service award to Kevin Morris (Chairman and Cub helper) and a 5 year award to Jonathan Ives (Secretary)

AOB Thanks were expressed to Steve Nash for painting the inside of the den

The meeting closed at 19:27