

250th Manchester (St Mary's) Scout Group

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

16th September 2021

1. Attendance/Presenting

Chris Sampson, Margaret Sever, Sarah Bailey, Mikaela Taylor, Danielle Ives, Nick Curtis, Ken Marks, Shell Rowlinson, Mark Rumney, Christine Withers, Ken Sever, David Coackley, Jackie Coackley, Jill Doyle

2. Welcome from GSL

Chris Sampson opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

3. Apologies

Dave Cross

4. Minutes from Last Meeting

Mags Sever proposed the minutes to be an accurate and true record. These were seconded by Nick Curtis.

5. Annual Report

Copies were available around the room for attendees. A copy will be posted on the Group Facebook page. Main points were that there are no section reports as there had been no face to face meetings since March 2020, although some online activities had taken place.

Beavers have done some badge work whilst there have not been any meetings.

Over lockdown there was an advertising campaign to recruit more children to the different sections. This generated lots of interest but nothing came of it as we were unable to hold sessions.

We used the time during lockdown to carry out some much-needed repairs to the hut. The floor and wall in the main hall and have been repaired where needed.

The toilets have been refurbished so they are now accessible.

The boiler has been checked.

We are due to carry out: Electrics (PAT Testing) and an asbestos assessment. These will be arranged.

Graham Curtis stepped down as Treasurer. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his support over the years – he has been a massive supporter of the group.

We would also like to thank Graham for the sponsorship money he raised for the group by walking the equivalent of Audenshaw to Bournemouth where he raised over £2000. This was a big help for the group in a year when we had to cancel the plant sale.

We were also fortunate to receive a Covid local restriction support grant of £10,000 which was put towards the repairs in the hut.

Accounts

Copies of the accounts were made available around the room for attendees.

Danielle Ives proposed that the accounts are a true and accurate account. These were seconded by Mags Sever.

6. Appointing Key Members

Group Chair

Chris Sampson nominated Sarah Bailey as Group Chair. There were no requests from other parties for this position. Sarah Bailey has agreed to continue in this position.

Group Secretary

There were no new nominations or requests from anybody to become Secretary. Mikaela Taylor has agreed to continue in this position.

Treasurer

Graham Curtis stepped down from this position earlier in the year and Dave Cross has agreed to be Treasurer moving forward. There were no new nominations or requests from anybody to become Treasurer. It was agreed at the meeting that Dave Cross will continue in this position.

Other Members

Jill Doyle will continue as parent representative.

Sharon Brown, Janet Higgins haven't responded to confirm that they would like to remain on the committee.

Sponsors Representative (St Mary's Church)

Christine Withers will continue as Sponsors Representative.

7. Rent Payment

The 5 pence in rent was paid to the Church. This was accepted by Christine Withers.

8. Any Other Business

Covid Restrictions

We are currently at a level green for covid restrictions so face to face meetings are due to commence next week. We will still be following guidelines for good hygiene and ventilation including regular cleaning of touchpoints, using the de-fogger etc.

Risk assessments have been carried out for the hut and shared with all hut users.

Risk assessments on activities need to be updated. These will be done over the next few weeks and we will get groups to assist with these.

Cash Payments

We are still looking to cut down on the amount of cash payments to the group.

When groups start back we will encourage parents to pay by standing order or through Scout Manager online payments.

Activities

Once groups are back we will get together to organise some activities for next year and also look to organise a group camp, hopefully around Easter time.

Mags passed on a message from Janet that she has been looking at forging more links with local community groups.

Ken Marks passed on information about a Macmillan coffee morning being held on Thursday 24th September and Richmond Street Community Centre, 10.30pm – 1.00pm – all are welcome.