



Whitehall Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

Date: 11/10/21 at 19:30

Attendance John Legg (JL), Dave Webb (DW), Charron Plumstead (CP), Simon Plumstead (SP), Lyn Blackmore (LB), Alison Heyes (AH), Steve Foster (SF), Charissa De Zeeuw (CDZ), Billy Perkins (BP)

Apologies: Clive Mason (CM), Daniel Thame (DT), Josh Keyte (JK)

Minutes

1. Chairperson's Remarks from Charron Plumstead

The Chair (CP) thanked and welcomed everyone to the second AGM.

CP thanked the Group Scout Leader, the Section Leaders, Lyn who has celebrated 40 years in scouting this year and all the young leaders.

CP acknowledged the group has faced many challenges this year and there have been few opportunities to meet up as a group. However, it was noted that sections have returned to full numbers, keeping to the covid guidelines in place. We are unfortunately not able to give everyone a place and we are keeping the waiting lists up to date.

CP acknowledged that the group had received a grant from Bristol City Council, which was spent on refurbishing the scout hut on Whitehall Road. This has been valuable as the group have not yet been able to return to Whitehall school.

CP thanked the leaders for doing the repairs to the hut ready for re-opening after lockdown

CP stated that Whitehall scouts continues to thrive even during a pandemic.

2. Treasurer's Report from Steve Foster

The Treasurer (SF) reported on the accounts. The balance as of 31 August 2021 is £18,640.89.

SF noted that the scouts expenses are high as there were some maintenance

<p>related expenses included. SF to review the accounts and move the maintenance costs to the 'repairs and renewals' line.</p> <p>It was noted that income for the year is slightly down on last year as a result of reduced subs during the pandemic but the finances are healthy.</p> <p>SF was pleased to note that the Easter camp deposit has been paid signalling a return to trips away after the pandemic.</p>	SF
<p>3. Report from Group Scout Leader, John Legg</p> <p>JL thanked everyone for coming to the AGM. JL expressed his thanks to all the section leaders and other volunteer leaders.</p> <p>He noted the numbers in each section; Scouts section - currently 29 Cubs section – currently 28 Beavers section - currently 24</p> <p>JL acknowledged the fantastic results the young people have achieved in the last year, including: 5 Chief Scout Bronze awards 9 Chief Scout Silver awards 3 Chief Scout Gold awards.</p> <p>JL also updated the AGM that 3 scouts have gone on to become young leaders.</p> <p>JL also thanked the Exec Committee for their support.</p>	
<p>4. Section Leader Reports</p> <p>Beavers Report – Charissa De Zeeuw</p> <p>CDZ noted that it has been a great year. During the pandemic, the Beavers were enthusiastic in online sessions and the majority engaged. Since the return, they have had face to face sessions both in the hut and outside.</p> <p>CDZ there weren't any drop outs over lockdown, a number of Beavers have moved onto Cubs in the last year.</p> <p>It was acknowledged there is a long waiting list with around 40 children on the list.</p> <p>There are two parents on the helper list every week and there is good parental/carer engagement. It was noted that a new Beaver Assistant leader has recently started.</p> <p>Cubs report – Dave Webb</p> <p>DW updated on numbers. There are currently 27 cubs - 3 girls and 24</p>	

boys.

15 cubs have moved to scouts over last year, many of whom have gained their chief scout silver awards. Zoom has played a large part in the program over the last year and during those sessions we have made mug cakes, Lego models, stop go animation, bird feeders – amongst other things.

It was acknowledged that the section struggles to take in new members as the majority of Beavers move up to Cubs and there is a long waiting list.

DW also thanked the volunteers – Lyn, Dan and Elliot.

Scouts report – Simon Plumstead

The scout section returned to face to face meetings in September and SP has been impressed with resilience.

Some of the older scouts have moved to Explorers or become young leaders.

The numbers have gone up from 27 to 29 over the last year.

Over the last year, 3 Gold Badges were awarded, which is the highest the group have given out in many years.

The leadership team has grown. Josh has returned and Freddy is a young leader. With Billy and Lyn, that makes 5 strong.

5. Election of Officers

- Chairman – Charron Plumstead nominated.
- Secretary – Alison Heyes nominated.
- Treasurer - Steve Foster nominated

It was noted that Simon Plumstead will continue as Quartermaster.

6. Exec Meeting Dates

The following meetings dates have been agreed:

January 17 at 19:30

April 25 at 19:30

July 4 at 19:30

7. AOB

No AOB.

The meeting was closed at 20:10.