

# 30<sup>th</sup> Lincoln and 1<sup>st</sup> Bassingham Scout Group

## Minutes of AGM 19th June 2012

### **Present:**

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Members of the public **See Appendix A**

### **1 Apologies for absence**

None

### **2 Minutes of last meeting**

2.1 These were received, approved and duly signed by the Chair.

### **3 Matters Arising**

3.1 None

### **4 Chairman's Report**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Lincoln and 1<sup>st</sup> Bassingham Scout Group has had a successful year and each of the leaders from the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will give you a detailed report on their activities during the past year and talk about plans for the future.

The year started with the news of a successful application to the Co-op funds for a bid of £2500 for new camping equipment.

This leads me onto a subject that has taken up quite a bit of time for the group-- that is storage. We hope that is soon to be resolved.

The Group Leaders have put a great deal of effort into planning for activities to celebrate the Lincoln District Centenary and the DC's Centenary Challenge.

In addition, this year has seen the Group's website is now up and running and our thanks go to Stuart.

This has been my first year as Chair and I have spent the year listening and learning about the enormous amount of work undertaken by the group.

I must confess to having little knowledge or experience about the Scout movement when I was nominated for the role of Chair and would like to thank the committee for their help and patience during the last year.

The leaders and their assistants put in so much of their time and without their dedication and enthusiasm the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts would not be so successful, and I would like to thank them all on behalf of all the parents and carers.

I would also like to thank the committee for the support they give and making it a team effort, which is why the group works so successfully.

## **5.00 Treasurer's Report**

### **5.1 Receipts and Payments 20010/11**

**See Appendix B**

Included in the current account balance is the Co-Op grant of £2,500 which is now spent but shows in the accounts at the end of year.

Fundraising for the year has come from the Xmas Post, coffee morning and bag packing.

Subscriptions are up from last year.

Major expense this year was the purchase of centenary neckers for the children £400.

District camp was cancelled but deposits will be reimbursed and some parental contributions will be held over.

Rental costs have decreased slightly this year but we will need to be mindful of costs when Chance to Share ceases in 2012-2013.

## **6.0 Beaver's Report**

**6.1** The Beaver colony has had another successful year.

What we plan as leaders is based around the colony programme. This gives the Beavers a wide range of activities and badges to achieve, while learning about Scouting. All these challenges and activities are achieved each week through craft activities, games, discussions, visits from groups and organisations and getting out and about.

In the last 12 months Challenges have included the Global, Friendship and Creative Challenge badges.

Alongside the challenge badges, individual Beavers have also had the opportunity to work on personal activity badges- these have included their Animal, Healthy Eating, Hobbies, Safety, Creative, Imagination and IT badges.

Beavers have completed the challenges and activities set and been awarded their badges accordingly throughout the year by undertaking the planned activities, these have included looking at:-

- The Country Code
- International Cuisine
- Greetings in other languages
- Fair Trade products and reasons behind them
- Green Cross Code and safety when out
- 999 emergency
- National Costume from around the world

Beavers have written and acted out some short plays and sung songs around the camp fire; we have also visited the local Parks, the Church and Brant Broughton Fire Station; had visits from the Vicar and a Musician; we've hiked around the perimeter of Bassingham and recently along the new path to Carlton; we are also in the middle of a link with another Beaver colony in Canada.

Beavers have made:-

- Model boats out of recycled material and sailed them
- Boomerangs and thrown them
- Bats
- A Guy for bonfire night
- Bird feeds
- Gifts for both Mothers and Fathers Day
- Scarecrows for the local Scarecrow Festival.
- Cards for Christmas and Valentines Day
- Photo frames
- & Cakes for coffee morning and Easter

They have experimented with colours doing tie-dye t-shirts, grown runner beans from seed and planted hyacinth bulbs in their own decorated pot.

A small group of Beavers visited Cub camp for the day last July which gives them the opportunity to experience camp and the surroundings, as well as joining in with the themed activities. A great day out for all!

We had a good turn out for both Remembrance Day service at St Michael's Church in November and St Georges Day Parade at the Cathedral in April.

2011 was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beaver Scouts and by the end of the year a large percentage of Beavers had completed the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary challenge which we had worked on throughout 2011. These Beavers were awarded their commemorative badges. We have gone straight into 2012 celebrating 100 years of Lincoln District with a District Commissioners Centenary Challenge which we are working through along side the Cubs and Scouts.

The last 12 months we have had 9 Beavers progress to Cubs and 2 decide Scouting wasn't for them. We have had 14 new starters in this time and colony numbers currently stand at 19. Steve and James continuing to support as colony assistants; Chloe and Charlotte as young leaders and in September Ian responded to our plea and has taken up a leaders roll and is currently undergoing his training programme.

All 9 Beavers that progressed to Cubs were awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

The Colony overall are well behaved; eager to learn; share their experiences and help other as they start out in scouting and most importantly enjoy coming. As Colony Leader I am confident that we can continue to run a fun and enjoyable colony learning all about Scouting through all that we do.

A big thank you to everyone concerned with the Group for their continued help and support.

## **8.0 Cub Leader's Report**

**8.1** We have 29 Cubs at the moment. 5 received their Chief Scout Award this year and 4 are nearly finished theirs. 9 have gone to Scouts and 3 intend to join by September.

At the moment we have 3 leaders, 3 pack assistants, 5 young leaders and a Duke of Edinburgh candidate helping us, although we had a blip in the last 2 months due to 1 pack assistant being sent to New Zealand for work, another to Saudi Arabia and one having to cut down due to work commitments. The other leaders of the group have rallied round to support us

## **8.2 Meetings**

- In the 2011 summer term we completed our Outdoor badge and our Naturalist badge and finished with parents invited to a Barbecue and old fashioned races.
- The main theme of the autumn term was Badge work and the Cubs choose between IT (2), Home Help, Artist, Personal Safety, and Cyclist Badge. All of the Cubs also began the Astronomers Badge. We had an American visitor teach us how to make exotic Halloween Pumpkin Lanterns and we made a Poppy poster for the Remembrance Service. We made boxes for the Xmas Post and decorated wooden spoons/spatulas for Xmas presents.
- We concentrated on the Global and Community Challenges Badges for the spring term which involved visits to the Church (including a Bell ringing session) and Brant Broughton Fire station, and some recycling exercises. We also completed 3 sponsored badges, IT, Home Safety and Chefs Badge; finally we worked on the Map readers and finished with one of our parents running a series of Martial Arts sessions.
- This term the number of meetings has been rather disrupted by Bank Holidays and the weather, but we have begun our Athletes Badge and made 3 Scarecrows (one 2 metres high) for the DC challenge and the Scarecrow Trail of Open Gardens weekend. We have also begun our project around Geocaching (something new).

## **8.3 Local Activities**

- Our outdoor activities this year started with our successful Wild West Camp despite the rain, and continued with canoeing sessions in September. We took part in the Group Winter Walk at Clumber on a perfect bright frosty day. We had our Night Hike at the beginning of April and joined Thorpe at Hill Holt for the Groups joint Camp Fire.  
Other local activities, the Cubs helped the Scouts with the Church Coffee Morning, had an excellent turn out for the Remembrance Service and ran the Christmas Post again. A team of 5 cubs took part in the Village Table Tennis Marathon (2.5 hours) and earned enough money for Geocaches. Last week the cubs produced Scarecrows for the Village Open Gardens.

## **8.4 District events**

- The football team Entered the Wolf Cub Trophy but due to injuries were not able to take part in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place play- offs.
- We joined the Winter District Trip to the Midland Railway Centre, some Cubs went to the pantomime and 2 thirds of the Pack went to Play Zone.
- We had another good turn out for St George's day.
- 16 Cubs were intending to go to the cancelled District Camp.

## **8.5 Future events**

Our Summer Camp will be our First Group outing during which we hope to attend the District event at the Brayford.

I must thank all the Leaders and Young Leaders for their help through the year.

## **9.0 Scout Leaders report**

### **9.1 Numbers**

We have had an average of 20 children over the course of the year, finishing at 22 currently. Numbers of girls have decreased slightly, as the numbers of boys have conversely risen.

### **9.2 Meetings**

We have had some very enjoyable weekly meetings. In particular a very informative talk raising drugs awareness.

We have taken part in the church coffee morning raising valuable funds for the Group. We have also bag packed for Sainsburys at Christmas.

The children have earned badges in Fire safety, Navigation, Craft and DIY.

We have made great use of the woods where the weather permits.

We are proud of three Scouts who have successfully completed their Chief Scout Awards; Sam Smart, Callum Smart and Andrew Evans.

### **9.3 Activities**

We have had a great variety of activities for the Scouts this year. These include:-

- A visit to the fire station; hill walking in July 2011; walking in Smartdales Country Park; Night hikes and Initiative hikes.
- We have a canoeing weekend in Ross On Wye planned.

### **9.4 Future meetings**

We will be attending the Group camp in July.

## **10.00 Group report**

**10.1** Allison informed the floor of the progress made under the Group Development Plan which had seen some notable achievements, namely the new leaders Helen and Ian who had strengthened the group considerably. Increased numbers of leaders had allowed more nights away for the children across the group. In addition, the website allowed us to better communicate across the group. We have a few areas still to work on:- numbers of girls would always be a struggle as we had such active girl units in the village; links with the Explorers were difficult; storage was also an issue to be resolved.

### **10.2 District Commissioners Challenge**

This was a challenge to achieve 30 items from a list to mark the Centenary. We realise that we will not be successful in this due to the adverse weather conditions and the subsequent cancellation of our night's away.

District Camp had been set for the 7/8<sup>th</sup> September but after canvassing parents in the room it was felt that the dates of this were difficult.

### **Chance to Share**

A meeting had been held with the other unformed leaders and it viewed as a positive, in view of the head's flexibility. He was not planning an increase in hiring costs but would give 6 month's notice if this was to occur.

## **11.0 Election of officers**

Current committee members all expressed a willingness to remain. No one came forward from the floor.

Thanks were given to Sarah for her four year's service as treasurer. She was asked to remain on the committee in view of her experience and she agreed to this.

Parent reps	Beavers	Rachael Ward Dianne Atkin
	Cubs	Jane Bartle Jason Collins
	Scouts	Tina Braithwaite Julia Brooks

It was felt that a specialist function should concentrate on fundraising and this would be discussed at our next meeting.

## **12.0 Any Other Business**

### **12.1 Storage**

This is our main priority moving forward:-

The garages belonging to the leaders are full; we will have to vacate the brick storage building in the future; we have asked the Parish Council to obtain planning permission for an ISO and we need to ensure we have the means to obtain this.

### **11.1 Fundraising**

Various ideas were muted:- £100 Club; parents to pay capitation fees?

## **12.0 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 8pm at Tony's house, Mere House, High Street, Bassingham