



FARNHAM DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL AGM 18th July 2013

Minutes

The Farnham District Scout Council AGM was held at Garners Field, Tilford, Farnham: 8pm, on the 18 h July 2013

Minutes of the meeting are given below.

1. **Welcome.**

Chairman Manda Bragg opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

2. **Apologies.**

Ian Wilkins, Denise Iverson, Graham Leach

3. **Annual Report of Farnham District Executive.**

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending March 31st 2013

Report read out by Chair, Transcript below:

The Annual Report basically states that Scouting continues to prosper through all levels and both the Scout Shop and Campsite continue to prosper.

At the end of the year our income reserve amounted to £45,385 with a reserve of £5,000 to cover general expenditure for a year.

As a unit of the Scout Association we continue to promote the development of young people by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by the adult leadership.

District and groups follow the principle that no one should be excluded because of their inability to pay membership subscription and therefore the subscription is at a level that we believe does not unduly restrict membership.

I would like to talk a little about the role of the District Committee. Our role is to ensure that the District is managed well and that we have the funds to do so and too support the District Commissioner.

Those of us on the committee bring a varied spectrum of knowledge and experience coming from different walks of life. Several of our members have been involved in Scouting for many years.

Would YOU consider being a member, it is a responsible role but it is enjoyable and rewarding. Maybe you can think of a person in your Group who would be willing to give it a go? We really would appreciate new blood! So please give this some thought.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Philip, who continues to do a wonderful job and remains enthusiastic! To the Committee Members for their continued support and all they do for the District.



Lastly I would like to thank you all for all that you give to Scouting.

4. Financial Report.

Copies of the unaudited accounts were distributed and the Treasurer pointed out that worthy of particular note were the following:

- The site at Garners Field has been revalued and is up on last year to a value of £357,000 as a result appropriate insurance has been taken out to reflect this.
- There are £200 of cheques which have been waiting to be cashed by K2 and it has been advised that these will not now be. The Treasurer has requested that these cheques be destroyed as a result.

5. District Commissioner's Report.

DC Address to AGM, Transcript below:

Hello, its lovely to have Roxanna and Pauline here representing County and great to see all my Farnham colleagues.

Its been a great year and I have enjoyed being DC supported by a hard working team thank you all.

So what have we done this year?

- Our Family camp and St Georges day is probably the highlight of our year and this year was no exception with sunny days and chilly nights. We had over 600 people here on Garners Field.
- Bazazz,
- Remembrance
- cub camp
- wimming badge
- beavers swimming gala

Scouting is strong in Farnham and we are growing. We are reopening the 12th in Wrecclesham in September and have a full cub pack, we hope to follow on with Beavers and perhaps Scouts. Adam Chambers is the new Akela and it's his enthusiasm that has got it going, he has a full committee chaired by Graham Leach who was GSL when the group last shut in the 90's and is also badge secretary

The thirds and the 5ths are planning new beaver colonies to cope with the demand.

Beavers are great and Janet, Marion and all the leaders put so much in, thank you

My ADC cubs Wilf has done a great job over the last 3 years but is planning to move to the west country and I have asked someone to take over, she hasn't said yes yet but I'm hopeful.

I'm really please that Denise Iverson has taken on ADC Scouts, I have felt scouts have missed out on County activities in the past and I know Denise will sort them out.

Explorers are multiplying and form a very active noisy part of our District. They were a great help at Family Camp and provide young leaders for the other sections. They are off to Portugal for summer camp with another camp in the uk for those who can't make Portugal.

Thanks to Ian and his leaders.

We have at last a strong network with a group of young people 18-25 led by Niel Peerman. At a long weekend camp last week I was introduced to the manwhich which is a hollowed out loaf filled with bacon eggs sausages ketchup and anything else you can find, probably best eaten within reach of a defibrillator.

All in all a District to be proud of supported by an active executive thank you.

Then we have the jewel in our crown Garners Field a great focal point. Camping, Achery, Climbing, Orienteering, canoeing, rafting, splashing about and mucking about.



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All this doesn't just happen and our Monday crew work really hard. There are lots of muted projects that we would like to do but cleaning toilets, sorting out the woodpile, cutting grass, etc take up most of the time and we are getting on a bit. So we are looking for more Monday

recruits and planning some work evenings/weekends in the autumn.

I am pleased to be able to report we now have 12 current climbing activity permits in the District and I would like to thank BW and his team for this.

Our shooting club meets on Fridays at the 4ths and we won prizes at Scout Shoot our best shot being a young lady, and why not. Thanks to Boz

We have 13 archery instructors so as a district we are pretty strong in activity training, my next target is canoeing and water activities.

The Daniel Hall is really exciting and I will let Sue tell you all about that, just to say what a great effort has been put in and what an asset to Farnham Scouting and youth generally we hope it will become. Sue is phenomenal well done.

The publicity and activity doing the hall has really raised the 3rds who now have a great set of leaders and full sections throughout. I'm also looking forward to having a coffee with Roy in our new refurbished scout shop (painted by Roy). Please drop by in September and see what goodies are stocked.

Training is one of the most important areas district covers and we have been fortunate to have Janet as our manager. Unfortunately for us Janet has been promoted in her job as a special needs teacher so has asked to stand down at the years end. Thank you Janet for all your efforts and the great influx of wood badges you have triggered.

6. Approval of Nomination of District Chairman.

Manda Bragg was nominated to continue as Chairman but the County Commissioner advised that this was not actually necessary and to note that appreciation was shown instead.

7. Approval of Elected and Nominated Members of District Scout Council:-

The following offered to stand as Committee members:

Eric Goulding, Derek Sutherland, Steve Thames, Roy Tubbs, Denise Iverson, Amanda Coburn

Proposed by Joan Binfield and Seconded by Tony Acer

Nominations duly approved.

8. Election of District Treasurer.

Steve Bragg offered to stand as District Treasurer.

Proposed by Sue Hepburn and Seconded by Roy Tubbs

Nomination duly approved.

9. Election of Secretary.

Vicky Adams offered to stand as Secretary

Proposed by Liz Chart and Seconded by Ron Binfield

10. Appointment of District Auditor.

TBA

11. Presentation of Awards.

DC Philip German and the County Commissioner presented the following awards to those present:

Adam Chambers - made his promise and given certificate

Long Service Awards – Ted Mylam 15 years, Bernie Peters 30 years

Commendation for Good Service – Manda Bragg, Liz Chart, Andy White, Bill Weller



12. County Commissioner's Address

The CC stated it was wonderful to hear about everything we do and what a pleasure to come to a District that is so great and with great growth too. The CC advised to remember to apply for the bursary for the new section set up in Wrecclesham. The CC went on to advise of the key things that had happened in the last year:

- Bazazz attended by 2000 Beavers
- All the District Jubilee celebrations
- Lots of Sections involved in Olympic themed events
- Numbers had increased slightly in Surrey and the County has been assisting Districts to recruit adult leaders. A mobile display is now available from County to assist in recruitment drives.
- There are 2000 people on waiting lists who are of age to join now
- The Scout Association released Vision 2018 and she challenged the Farnham District to find out what it is. County will be producing material to assist with Vision 2018.
- The Promise is being changed
 - Work has been taking place on Project Compass which is replacing the old database. The CC challenged members of the District to check their own personal records in "My Backpack" to ensure they were up to date. In Oct 2014 Surrey County will go live with Project Compass which will result in the Census just being a push of a button but is important to make sure all records are up to date.

The CC then advised of the following recently held/upcoming events:

- 2500 people attended the recently held Scram event at Cranleigh and it was a great success.
- Kanderstag for Scouts. 495 scouts have expressed an interest in going and roughly over 500 people will go. Help will be needed.
- ScoutAbout will be bigger and better than ever but leaders needed to assist.
- Jamboree, a great opportunity which is being held in Japan. They are looking for candidates who will grow as a result of taking part in the Jamboree. Candidates will need to be robust as it will be high humidity. There will be 30,000 on site and the UK will be sending out 10% of the numbers. 8 leaders from County are going.

Lastly the CC expressed thanks to everyone, leaders and administrators, for everything that is being done in Farnham.

13. 3rd Farnham Rebuild of Daniel Hall by Sue Hepburn

Sue gave a short presentation on the refurb of Daniel Hall which had become unfit for purpose. A brief history of the Hall was provided along with pictures of before and after the current restoration work. Sue also detailed how they had managed to raise the funds for the necessary work. The official opening is on the 19th October and they still need help with painting, fencing and general DIY if anyone is available to volunteer. Sue expressed thanks to everyone who had supported them.

14. Close of Meeting.



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In closing those who had helped to prepare the catering were thanked and all those present moved on to an informal evening's gathering.

Signed

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Manda Bragg (Chairman)

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