

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting of the Group Council of the 7th Blackford George Heriot's School) Scout Group.

Held on 17th June 2005 in the Committee Room at George Heriot's School.

1. Present

Jl Anderson (Chairman), Lynne Dunsmore (secretary), Christine Ayton (Treasurer), Joanna Paine, Michael Herriott (District Commissioner), Norah MacFarlane (District Secretary), Neil Short (nominee of Sponsoring Authority), plus 8 parents of the Cubs (the Group Council)

2. Apologies

Mr. Hector (Headmaster), Mr. Adams (Junior School Headmaster), Robert Anderson (Cub Scout Leader)

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted.

4. AGM Business

After a resume of the previous year's activities, the current committee laid down their offices. The current executive committee offered themselves for re-election or nomination. Michael Herriott nominated Joe Anderson as Chair; this was approved by the Group Council. The Group Council elected Lynne Dunsmore as Group Secretary and Christine Ayton as Group Treasurer to the Executive Committee.

Michael Herriott nominated Joanna Paine as a parent member and this was approved by the Group Council.

The Council noted that the following are also ex-officio members of the Executive committee –

- Robert Anderson, Cub Scout Leader,
- Neil Short - nominee of the Sponsoring Authority.

Problems facing the pack

- No warranted leader
- Small pack although very active
 - winners in swimming competition Feb 05
 - Runners up of Super Skills Challenge
 - Runners up sports competition May 05
- As Cubs are members for only three years at maximum, there is a constant turnover, some leaving and new ones arriving. As the parents cannot be expected to continue serving after their boy has left, therefore we always need new parent members of the committee. JA particularly asked for male members to come forward. (At a later part of the meeting Mr. Steve Cranston volunteered as a parent member and was accepted as such by the Chairman on behalf of the Group Council.)

5. Report by Cub Scout Leader

See separate sheet produced by Robert Anderson

6. Treasurer's Report:

See separate sheet produced by Christine Ayton

Concerns that funds are low because of size of the pack. Need to engage with more fundraising opportunities this year.

Some sources of income closed to us such as Scout post as very labour intensive.

The Group Council accepted the Annual report and accounts of the Group Executive Committee.

The Council appointed Mr. Fraser Simm, Auditor of the George Heriot's Trustees, as the Group's scrutineer for the financial year.

7. Contributions from Council

Michael Herriott acknowledged difficulty of leaders but said that students often come forward to help out. Need more cubs and more leaders. 1 to 6 is ideal number

Robert Anderson was congratulated in his absence on keeping the Cub Pack going.

LD pointed out that at an approach for parent helper support earlier in the year there had been great enthusiasm.

A parent raised an issue about a lack of Scout leader.

- JA said no leader as yet. School approached for 'interested teachers' no one as yet has come forward.
- Michael Herriott suggested parents coming forward to train and be warranted.

9. AOCB

No other business was brought before the Council.

10. Next meeting

No date set