

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

Held on 13th June 2008 in the Committee Room at George Heriot's School

1. Present

Jl Anderson (Chairman), Lynne Dunsmore (Secretary), Christine Ayton (Treasurer), Robert Anderson (Cubs Scout Leader)

Joanna Paine, Tim Wallace, Sue Galloway (all Executive Members) ,
Laura Dunlop, Ron McLeod, Andrew Williams, Kate Mavor - (Group Council members -parents of Cubs).

2. Apologies

Mr Hector (Headteacher), Mr Adams (Junior School Head teacher), Michael Herriot (District Commissioner), Alison M Thomson (District Chairman), Debbie & Mr Walker (Council Members), Scott Douglas (ACSL), Amy Caton (ACSL), Lucy Pilkington (ACSL), and Catherine Paton (Pack Section Assistant, Council Member).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

AGM, 15th June 2007, accepted.

4. Presentation of the Annual Report 2007 -2008

Including reports from the Treasurer, Cub Scout Leader and Chairman. (This report is available on the Cub page of the School Web site).

5. Council Business

- The Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statement were approved and accepted by the Group Council.
- The Chairman and Secretary signed off the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statement.
- The current committee then resigned having completed their term of office

The next part of the meeting was then presided over by the Cub Scout leader, acting in lieu of the Group Scout leader, which is vacant

- Joe Anderson explained that he was not willing to stand again as Group Chairman
- Robert Anderson gave a short speech. He thanked Joe for his 14 12 years of leading the Group Council as Chairman, and for the time he served as the Group's representative on the District Executive Committee. Joe saw the Group Executive Committee as a servant to the Group Council, which is the appropriate relationship. During his chairmanship, Joe had stabilised the committee, difficult with such a high turn around of office bearers as they often only served for the time their Son was in the Pack, and ensured the executive performed it duties with care and respect for the formalities and protocols demanded of it by Scouting and the Charity Regulator. Joe had also built a good relationship with the heads of the school, which helped strength the links and communication between the Group and the School. Robert also went to highlight other successes and memorable moments during Joe's chairmanship.

In 2007, Joe was recognised for his serves to Scouting as a Group Chairman when he received his long service award from The Scout Association, which is unusual in Blackford District for a individual who has always served in a 'non -uniformed' capacity.

There was presentation of Whiskey and Scout Association Tumblers to Joe in recognition of his services to the Group.

- Robert as acting Group Scout Leader nominated and received the Council's approval for Tim Wallace to hold the office of Group Chairman for the following year. Tim has 23 years association with the School Scout Group. We have an important year ahead as it is the Groups 100 year anniversary

The next part of the meeting was presided over by the Group Chairman

- The Group Council voted to re-elect Lynne Dunsmore as Group Secretary and Christine Ayton as Group Treasurer. No other candidates presented themselves for election to either office
- The Group Council voted to elect Ron McLeod as a Cub Parent Representative onto the Group Executive Committee. Mr McLeod is a Cub Parent
- The Chair sought and received the Council's approval for the Nomination of Joanna Paine as a member of the Group Executive Committee. Mrs Paine is a Cub Parent
- The Chair advised the Council that the Nominee of the Sponsoring Authority, the Head teacher of George Heriot's School, to the Group Executive Committee was Sue Galloway.
- The Council approved the recommendation of the appointment of Fraser Simm (Treasurer of George Heriot's School), as the Groups scrutineer for the accounting period 1/4/08 to 31/3/09

6. AOCB

None

7. Next meeting

No date set – but likely to be mid June 2009, and within 6 months of the financial year end – 31st March 2009