

1st Ince and Elton Scout Group

Minutes of the 2022 AGM meeting held on 23rd June 2023 at 1st Ince and Elton Scout HQ

Present: See list in folder “AGM 2023”

Apologies: See list in folder “AGM 2023”

The formal Annual General Meeting was held within the framework of an Annual Review Meeting showcasing the activities of Group members, celebrating the successes of our young people and adult volunteers. The agenda, detailed presentations, Trustee Annual Report and Statutory Accounts shared at the meeting can be found on our website and within SharePoint folder “AGM 2023”.

The meeting was attended by over 20 people mainly tracked by signing in on the night. 1 member gave their apologies in advance of the meeting. As noted above, a separate detailed record of attendee names and apologies is available at “AGM 2023”.

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Ashley Proctor, Group Scout Leader, warmly welcomed those present and went through HQ housekeeping.</p>	Info
2.	<p>Address by Group Scout Leader and Section Leaders</p> <p>Ashley started proceedings with a slideshow set to music highlighting the activities the group had been up to in the last 12 months.</p> <p>Following the slideshow, Ashley read out the Group Scout Leader report which emphasised the groups importance of working with other local community groups to help deliver some exciting events that had recently taken place.</p> <p>These events included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our own fireworks display. • The Elton Christmas Light Switch-On • Spring Fayre • Kings Coronation Street Party • Elton Village Fete. <p>Alex Foulds then took over to deliver the Chairperson’s report, which expressed a huge thank you to our current volunteers and opened the door to anyone interested in getting stuck in to fill vacant roles.</p> <p>Sarah Price delivered the Beavers Section Report which detailed what the Beavers had been up to over the last 12 months. Particular</p>	Info

	<p>highlights included the District 35 Years Beavers Bash, visiting Chester Gang Show and the Group Camp in the summer.</p> <p>Ashley took centre stage again to deliver the Cubs section report on behalf of Graham Proctor. Key highlights for the Cubs last 12 months included the visit to the Fire Station, a visit from Cheshire Police, a sleepover at Chester Cathedral while it was exhibiting the GIAI and of course the Group Camp in the summer.</p> <p>Finally in this part of the meeting, Stephen Spencer delivered the Scouts section report. Highlights of the Scouts last year included visiting Cosford Airshow, Kayaking on the River Dee, Ice Skating, Aqua Chimp and also the Group Camp in the summer.</p>	
3.	Formal AGM Business	
3.1	Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts:	
3.1 (a)	<p>Trustee Annual Report</p> <p>The Trustee Annual Report is an essential document to meet the needs of POR and the Charity Commission, and includes key financial documents, which have been prepared and reviewed by the Group Executive Committee and approved for presentation at the AGM.</p> <p>The documents had been made available prior to the meeting via the group website.</p>	Info
3.1 (b)	<p>Annual Accounts</p> <p>Nicole McNally, Group Treasurer, summarised the outcome from the closing of the financial books and the successful independent examination by Judith Dodd with no findings.</p> <p>Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our continuing successes with our largest fundraiser, the Elton Firework Spectacular. • Completion of our HQ refurbishment. • Explanation of why our funds exceeded our reserves policy. 	Info
3.2	<p>Group Scout Leader's Nomination for Chair</p> <p>The Group Scout Leader, Ashley Proctor, nominated Alex Foulds to continue in the role as Group Chair for the coming year. This nomination was approved.</p>	Info
3.3	Election of Group Officers	

	<p>Group Treasurer – Nicole McNally has indicated her willingness to stand again, there were no other nominations. This nomination was approved.</p> <p>Group Secretary – Lynda Canham has indicated her willingness to stand again, there was no other nominations. This nomination was approved.</p>	
3.4	<p>Election of Trustees</p> <p>The following Trustees have agreed to be nominated for a further year. All three candidates were individually approved. Sharon Lennon, Linda McKay, and Jack Whibberley.</p>	Info
3.5	<p>Ex Officio Members</p> <p>The following are members of the board by virtue of their role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Scout Leader – Ashley Proctor • Section Leader (Beavers) – Sarah Price • Section Leader (Cubs) – Graham Proctor • Section Leader (Scouts) - Vacant 	
3.6	<p>Appointment of Independent Examiner</p> <p>Judith Dodd was nominated and approved as the Independent Examiner for the following financial year.</p>	
3.7	<p>Readoption of Constitution</p> <p>Ashley (with help from Derek Hillbeck) explained that the current 1st Ince and Elton Constitution was similar to what is required by POR, but recent changes to POR required several minor alterations to the constitution. Ashley sought authority from the meeting to make these minor amendments and this was granted.</p>	
3.7	<p>End of Formal AGM Business</p>	
4	<p>Address by District Representative</p> <p>Derek Hillbeck (District Scout Team) thanked all present and challenged all to bring a friend next year to a tremendous Scout Group, who do good work especially with local community and the firework events.</p> <p>He also thanked Ashley for stepping up to take the GSL role for the last year.</p> <p>Scouts newest section, Squirrels was discussed and the great success of launching the section within the District. He went on to</p>	Info

	<p>say that it would be great to have a Squirrel Drey here at 1st Ince and Elton Scout Group.</p> <p>Derek finished by stating that volunteering has been proved scientifically to be good for you and it is great to see all the community activities on social media.</p>	
5	<p>Awards</p> <p>Tilly (Scout) was awarded her Chief Scout Gold Award by Derek.</p>	
6	<p>Thanks & Close</p> <p>Ashley asked if there were any questions, but none were found. He thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM meeting. He advised the Scout slideshow will be social media following the AGM meeting.</p>	