

# 12<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks 1<sup>st</sup> Edenbridge Scout Group ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008

## MINUTES

	<p><b>Present</b> Chris Barrow , Liz &amp; Andy King, Tina &amp; Ian Kilner, Jenni Fox, Julie Madden, Peter Johnson, Helen Rogers, Jeanette Schwarz (District Commissioner) Mike Schwartz (District Secretary) and parents as attached list</p>
1	<p><b>Apologies</b> Received from Paul Johnson (GSL) Carole Feakes (Secretary), Steve Smith (Treasurer)</p>
2	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes</b> The Minutes of the AGM of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2007 were presented to the meeting, then proposed by Julie Madden and seconded by Tina Kilner</p>
3	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising from last year's minutes.</p>
4	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>a) <b>Chairman's Report</b> Presented by Chris Barrow who thanked all the section leaders and helpers. All Sections have grown in number this year. There is a new Explorers Unit in Edenbridge, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30 for the 14-18 years age group run by Liz &amp; Andy King who have 28 years Scouting experience between them.</p> <p>It has been a busy year, marking the centenary year of Scouting in Edenbridge. The Group has been involved in International activities, to Sweden with the District Scouts and will be hosting a return visit for approximately 20 Swedish Scouts next year. All will need home hospitality.</p> <p>Thanks given to Peter Johnson who organised a working party for the HQ and the unit at the rear has now got a roof.</p> <p>2 main areas to be addressed in the coming year are to build the Leadership teams in all Sections. There are now 3 young Leaders, could do with more Leaders.</p> <p>Second area is to build a fundraising team, currently just Andy Ramsey. Chris asked for volunteers to join the team. Joe Harrison volunteered and was welcomed by the Chairman. The group needs to raise a minimum of £2,500 to keep going.</p> <p>(Chairman's report also available as word document - see Chris)</p>

### **b) Treasurer's report and accounts for 2007/2008**

In Treasurer's absence, Chris Barrow said that a grant had been given for the new flooring for HQ and that a fundraising group was urgently needed. Joe Harrison volunteered.

### **c) Group Scout Leader**

In GSL's absence, Chris Barrow thanked the Leaders as it was their effort that made the Group successful.

Ryan Parker was then invested as a Cub.

### **d) Section Reports**

#### **Beavers**

PowerPoint Presentation by Jenni Fox. Reported and exciting year, now a 4 strong Leadership team - Squirrel (Katy Rainer) and Leopard (Penny Smith) had joined her and Hedgehog (Tina Kilner). Some of the activities the Beavers had done recently were a visit to a fire station, a nature walk, family camp and had a talk from a visiting police officer. This term the focus is religion and the Group had visited St Peter & Pauls, Edenbridge and also the Mormon Temple.

#### **Cubs**

Printed report presented by Julie Madden (Akela). 28 Cubs on role, all those on waiting list should be able to join by half term. 3 young Leaders on Duke of Edinburgh service help. Varied activity programme this year.

Cheeky Monkey Marathon challenge raised in excess of £250 raised for Leukemia, also took part in the BT Giant Sleepover at Centenary camp, raising money for Save the Children. Main event was the Centenary family camp, over 90 campers., who had a share in the Centenary cake (made the cover of District News)

District camp not as well supported - only 2 boys attended on a daily basis to camp in Downe. Would be good to get more support for District events.

Collecting Sainsburys vouchers has given the Group some more sports equipment.

Thanks given to Ian, Bernie, Alison and Sarah who help run Cubs as it could not happen without them.

(For complete word document - see Julie)

#### **Scouts**

Presentation by Ian Kilner.

21 scouts on register, also had Andy King helping .

	<p>5 Scouts doing new Hike Away badge, so walking around Tunbridge Wells, days hike of 37 miles. Also doing the Communicator badge - BSL signer visited the Group. Main camp was at Broadstone Warren with opportunities for pot holing, raft building, rifle shooting, archery and human football. Also visited the Observatory at Herstmonceaux.</p> <p>2 Scouts (Shane and Rebekka) then presented a report on the camp held in Sweden.</p> <p>Planning a Halloween camp and also a D-I-Y badge.</p> <p><b>Explorers</b> Presentation by Andy King. Edenbridge now has own Explorers Unit - The Beaufighters, named after the Bristol Beaufighter aeroplane that crashed in Edenbridge during the Second World War. Group currently has 6 members, current project is working on a float for the Edenbridge Bonfire Procession.</p>
5	<p><b>Election of Executive Committee members</b></p> <p>In absence of GSL Paul Johnson, Jeanette Schwartz asked Chris to run the rest of the meeting and to continue as Chair of the Group</p> <p>Chris Barrow, Steve Smith, Peter Johnson, Helen Rogers, Karen Deans &amp; Carole Feakes .</p> <p>Proposed by Mick Burton, seconded by Sue Barrow. All above committee members were re-elected.</p>
6	<p><b>Any other business appropriate for an Annual General Meeting.</b></p> <p>a) Fund-raising committee One method of boosting Group funds is to pay subs online - £25 per term gives £8 through gift aid.</p>
	<p>All business concluded, meeting ended 18.15</p>