

11th High Wycombe (Hazlemere) Scout Group
AGM 18 September 2022, 13.00, Paccar Group Camp

MINUTES

Present:

Malcolm Walters, Anne Greenhill, John Summers, Clare Francis, Ross Summers, Duncan Greenwood, Martin Cariven, Allan Hill & parents

Apologies for absence:

Some received from parents – Malcolm apologised as he didn't bring the list of names along.

Malcolm welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He commented on how amazing the camp had been over the weekend and thanked the leaders.

1. **Appointments:** John Summers has been nominated and agreed to continue his role as chairman for now. He was thanked by Malcolm for all his hard work over the past year. John then took over as chair of the meeting.
2. **Executive Committee Members:** The executive committee currently only has 4 members. Anne Greenhill (Treasurer) Clare Francis (Secretary) and Kevin Francis. John proposed these members remain and this was seconded by a consensus of parents. Clare expressed her intention to step down by the AGM next year. A plea was made by the committee for new members.
3. **Minutes of Previous AGM:** Agreed.
4. **Treasurers Report:** The accounts have been prepared and if agreed will be submitted to the Charity Commission. There is a new format for the accounts to meet with the requirements of the Charity Commission. The units have separate accounts and there is a group account and these will all be accounted together.

Anne provided a statement of income and expenditure which includes activities up to 31/3/22. The losses from Covid and the rebuild has affected the accounts.

The Santa Fun Run in December 2021 raised £2400. The £18,000 loss shown relates to the rebuild and is covered by insurance. Building costs have gone up and we will now be relying on grants and donations. Anne encouraged all parents to sign a gift aid form so that more monies can be raised.

The accounts were approved for submission.

Anne is happy to answer questions at any time should they arise. Agreement was given to approve the accounts.

5. **Report from Malcolm, Group Scout Leader:** Malcolm introduced Allan Hill as the new Deputy GSL and explained that since coming on board Alan has been a great help with the rebuild and has helped to get important work

completed with the roof, doors and windows. He thanked him for his enthusiasm and contributions so far.

Malcolm also thanked the various leaders and helpers for their work organising and running camp.

Malcolm explained that Cubs has lost 2 leaders. Malcolm is currently leading Cubs but needs at least one more helper over 18. Beavers currently has enough leaders and helpers. Scouts need more regular help and have struggled to find a regular meeting time.

6. **Update Deputy GSL, Allan Hill:** Allan commented that there has been good progress at the hut and hopes that meetings could take place there possibly from January 2023. He explained that he has been looking at group expansion with the possibility of an Explorers group which is for young people after Scouts. Also looking to establish a Squirrel dray which is for young people from 4 and half to 6 – i.e. before Beavers. Leaders will be needed to make this expansion possible.
7. **Update Chairman, John Summers:** John reported that group numbers have recovered well in the past 12 months. He thanked all the leaders for their hard work, thanked Malcolm for stepping in to run Cubs and Allan for his work to date. He commented that the hall is making progress with the roof, doors and windows and next steps will be the electrics, plumbing and flooring. Following lots of applications we have been successful in securing grants/funding from Hazlemere Parish Council, Wycombe District Scouts and Covid recovery grant from Scout HQ. The executive committee would welcome more members if anyone is able to spare some time. Will need a new secretary when Clare steps down, this is a legal requirement.
8. **Matters Arising:** It was noted that in terms of completing the hut the group is approximately £15k short – this will look to be covered by grant funding. Help with this is always welcome. It was suggested a parent rota could help. Malcolm can add any volunteers to a WhatsApp group.

Meeting closed at 13.35