



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st July 2025

Present

Scout Group:	Louise Banks	Group Chair
	Michael Banks	Group Lead Volunteer
	Peter Lewis	Trustee Member
	Gill Lewis	Outgoing Treasurer
	Casey Hughes	Treasurer
	Clare Hambleton	Secretary
	Jennifer Abel	Swanley District Beavers and County Programme Team
	Helen Richardson	Scout Team Lead - Wilderness
	Paul Richardson	Scout Team Lead - Timber, Excelsior Explorers Team
	Clare Peto	
	Mark Jennings	Quartermaster and Scout Team
	Tanya Williams	Cubs Team Member - Jungle Pack
	Tracy Wood	Beaver Team - Little Foresters
	Mollie Burr	Youth Lead Trustee Member
	Penny O'Reilly	Beaver Team - Little Foresters
	Sarah Jacobs	Cubs Team Member - Jungle Pack
	Lindsay Ketcher	Cubs Team Lead – Jungle Pack, Cubs Team – Forest Pack
	Laura King	Beaver Team Lead - Little Dambusters

<u>Parents/Carers:</u>	Mabel and Dad
	S Lovell + 4
	Jane Hardy + 3
	Natalie Edwards + 3
	Paul Crooks + 1
	Zara Lilleycrop + 4
	Kate Murphy + 1
	Jay McCarthy + 2
	Emma Dehaney + 3
	Lisa Stewart + 2
	Marianna James + 1
	Sammy Haines + 3
	Natalie Ford + 4
	Sharon Hickton + 3
	Alison Harding + 1
	Michael Boniface + 3
	Gina Rogers + 1
	Emma Jane Jones (Special Guest)



1. Introduction and Welcome

Louise Banks welcomed those present; Jennfier Abel from Swanley District and County Scouts and Emma Jane Jones who would be presenting her award later. She thanked the Section teams and the Volunteer group and welcomed the new Trustee members.

2. Apologies for absence:

Julie Bass CSL Forest Cub Pack
Steve Bass
Sam Hickman
The Greenwood family (S.R.)

Governance

After the groups adoption of the Scout Association model constitution set out in Chapter 5c of The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules in 2024. We continue to follow the guidelines.

- a. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14 June 2024 were agreed.
- b. The Group's financial accounts from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 had been scrutinised. Gillian Lewis gave a brief summary of the accounts and confirmed that the Group were in a good position financially and would not be increasing subs at this stage unless significant equipment was needed to be purchased.
- c. Trustee Group – Louise introduced the Trustee Board to the room which included the Chair, GLV, Secretary, Youth Lead Trustee, Quartermaster and Badge Secretary. New Treasurer Casey Hughes was appointed for a term of 3 years to replace Gill.
- d. It was agreed that the number of the quorum for the Group Scout Council would be a minimum of six people.

3. Review of the previous year

a. Michael Banks, GLV

Michael confirmed that he had taken over from Peter Lewis as GLV although Peter would remain on the Trustee committee. He explained that Peter had been in scouting for over 40 years and gave a huge thank you to Peter for all his work over the years. He also thanked Gill for all her hard work as Treasurer and volunteer over a number of years. A presentation was made to Peter and Gill. Mike stated that the Group remains the biggest Scout group in Swanley and the fourth biggest in Kent. It will also be a busy summer with Kent International Jamboree (KIJ) for Scouts and Explorers.

b. Annual report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual statement of accounts



These have been verified and scrutinised and were agreed at the meeting.

4. Appointments

- a. Casey Hughes was appointed as Treasurer, no objections were raised. Michael was introduced as an ex-officio member due to his role as GLV. Peter Lewis would remain as a Trustee after stepping down as GLV.
- b. Mrs Eileen Searle as Scrutineer will be standing down and Louise asked if anyone was able to undertake this role for the 2025-2026 financial year to let her know.

5. Chair's closing remarks

Louise thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She also thanked the leaders for all their hard work and parents for supporting the Group.

6. Presentation of Awards – by Jennifer Abel

Jennifer handed awards for Chief Scout Bronze awards to:

Joshua Crooks
Mabel Williams
Jabob Barton
Evie Mills
Nancy Edwards
Freya Reeves
Harley Hoyle
Lewis Gotta
Harlyn Vinall
Xavier Boniface
Grayson Burdett

Chief Scout Silver awards to:

Lyla Ford
Jacob Naylor
Imogen McCarthy
Ewan Dehaney
Harper Haines



Mike Banks awarded the following as GLV:

Beaver of the year:

Freya Reeves and Luna Haines

Cub of the Year:

Harper Haines and Archie Lilleycrop

Scout of the Year:

Amelia Dehaney and Lily Pebbles-James

Explorer of the Year:

James Banks

Emma Jane Jones Award:

Harry Hickton

Mike Banks also thanked and give a presentation with gift vouchers to Oscar Rogers and Amy Frazier for supporting the Group as Young Leaders.

Meeting closed