



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th June 2024

Present

Scout Group:	Louise Banks	Trustee Chair
	Peter Lewis	Group Leader Volunteer
	Gill Lewis	Treasurer
	Clare Hambleton	Secretary
	Richard Abel	District Leadership Team
	Michael Banks	AGVL/CSL Jungle Cub Pack
	Helen Richardson	SL Wilderness
	Paul Richardson	SL Timber, Explorer Leadership team member
	Julie Bass	CSL Forest Cub Pack
	Clare Peto	Scout team member
	Mark Jennings	Quartermaster and Explorer Scout Section lead
	Tanya Williams	Cubs team member
	Tracy Wood	Beaver team member
	Penny O'Reilly	BSL
	Sarah Jacobs	Cubs team member
	Lindsay Ketcher	ACL, Jungle and Section lead
	Laura King	Beaver Section Leader
	Jasper Holliday	Cubs team member

Parents/Carers: Caroline and Frankie Gougerty
Emily, Ben, Maisie and Ella Wright
Lula, Beatrix, Natalie and Chris Ford
Claire and Harrison Rolls
Alfie, Jodie and Liam Milner
Elsa, Darryl and Charlie Patrick
Wendy and Kevin Bass + 2
Gina Rogers + 2
Elliott Chantry + 3
Susan Banks
Simon Bennett + 3
Alexa Williams
Dan Essery + 2
Sammy Haines = 3
Oscar Meloy + 1

1. Introduction and Welcome



Louise Banks welcomed those present and Richard Abel from Swanley District Scouts.

2. Apologies for absence:

Harding family

Pat Roberts ex ADC Swanley

The Greenwood family (S.R.)

Governance

- a. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 June 2023 were agreed.
- b. There was a discussion about the constitution, policy, organisation and rules (ROR) which needed to be implemented due to changes by the Scout Association. These were available on the Group website. These were agreed.
- c. The Group's financial accounts from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 had been scrutinised. These were agreed.
- d. It was agreed that the number of the members appointed to the Trustee Group would be nine including the Chair, GLV, AGLV, Treasurer, Secretary and Quartermaster. There would also be other posts including a Young Person volunteer and a Community Volunteer.
- e. 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 year – Peter Lewis, GLV

Peter highlighted a number of key points from his report. Bronze, Silver and Gold awards have been given out throughout the year. Ash Green Scouts remains the largest group in Swanley District with 115 young people invested as at January 2024. The memberships fees remains the biggest outgoing from the group at £6,350. On the waiting list there were 51 young people. There were currently 22 leaders, 2 young leaders and 1 non uniformed leader. Several leaders had left Little Dambusters - Sarah Jacobs moved to Cubs, Kelly Calow and Mike Hazlewood had given up their role but remain as 'ad hoc' uniformed members. The new leaders of Holly, Adam, Simon, Alexa and Lauren were doing well in their Sections.

4. Appointments

- a. Louise Banks was reappointed as Group Scout Leader
- b. Gillian Lewis was reappointed as Treasurer
- c. The following were appointed as members of the Trustee Board: Louise Banks, Gillian Lewis, Michael Banks, Clare Hambleton, Mark Jennings and Mollie Burr (young person member). The Group will be advertising for two other vacancies. No objections were raised. Peter Lewis remains as the ex-officio member due to his role as GLV.
- d. Mrs Eileen Searle was re-appointed as the Scrutineer for the 2024-2025 financial year.



5. Chair's closing remarks

Louise thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and supporting the Group. She also thanked the leaders for all their hard work providing life skills for the young people. She also explained that the Group will be running Archery and Tomahawks at Village Day on 29 June and archery at Milestone Fete on 22 June. Any help would be gratefully received.

6. Presentation of Awards – by Richard Abel

Chief Scout Silver awards:

Alfie Milner
Ben Wright
Elsa St Patrick
Ivy Bennett
Harry Dix

County Growth Initiative

The Group was awarded the bronze badge for overall growth in 2023/24. The badges given out to those present and the remainder will be presented at Section Meetings.

Beaver of the year:

Xavier Boniface – Little Foresters
Max Bennett – Dambusters

Cub of the Year:

Ivy Bennett – Jungle Pack
Noah Foreman – Forest Pack

Scout of the Year:

Oscar Meloy – Wilderness Troop
Emma Bass – Timber Troop

Explorers of the Year:

Oscar Rogers



Long Service awards

Jasper Holliday
Tracy Wood

Mike Banks then handed out the badges to those who took part in the Family Hike.

Meeting closed