

**Bridestowe Scout Group
Annual General Meeting
15th May 2019, Bridestowe Village Hall, Bridestowe.**

This year's AGM was opened at 18:00hrs by Adrian Bell, Chairman.

Present: Simon Miles (SM), Adrian Bell (AB), Stephanie Hockridge (SH), Nicola Miles (NM), David Goodwin-Hughes (DGH), Sophie Goodwin-Hughes (SGH), Paul Ford (PF), Simon Moss (SMo), Caroline Mott (CM), Abigail Pahdi (AP), Bernard McNelis (BN), Julie Platt (JP).

Apologies: None given

Welcome: Simon Miles, Group Leader, welcomed everyone to this year's AGM and introduced Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to those assembled, he then handed over the meeting to the Chair, Adrian Bell. Adrian welcomed everyone to this year's AGM.

Minutes of the previous AGM held May 2018: The Chair asked the meeting to accept the minutes of the previous AGM held in May 2018. Spelling correction requested and amended on printed copy, minutes proposed as a true record by AB, and agreed by all those present.

Group Scout Leader's Report (Simon Miles):

Simon Miles (GSL) summarised the groups progress over the last year, it has been one of consolidation and growth in the Cub and Scout groups with new members coming up from Beavers and, also from outside of the group, joining after talking with friends at school. The Scout group has attracted a lot of new members and we are currently operating at near capacity.

Yet again a wide range of activities have been run over the last year, including camps. With more camps planned, together with more adventurous outdoor activities.

The Beaver group has unfortunately found it difficult to recruit new volunteers to help lead this section, and it has taken over a year to recruit just 1 new leader. But very pleased to welcome Sarah Hallett as a new Beaver leader, it is now the priority to recruit new beavers and a third leader so that the Beaver section can carry on running.

Simon noted the need for new volunteers to secure the future of the Group, as existing leaders move through the sections with their own children it is vital that new leaders and volunteers to come on board.

He thanked all the Leaders and helpers, without their enthusiasm and commitment there would be no Scout Group.

AB thanked SM for his report.

Treasurer's Report (Nicola Miles):

Nicola Miles (Treasurer) presented the group's financial report for the year ending 31 March 2019. Income was £9,846 and expenditure was £6,850. Gift Aid over 2yrs added approx. £2,000, we must however continue to Fundraise to be able to provide Scouting for our young people, the easyfundraising website also makes a big difference to our income.

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These accounts were forwarded to the meeting.

Proposed SM, Seconded CM

Election of officers:

Chairperson: Adrian Bell agreed to stand again and as there were no other nominations this was accepted by SM and carried by those present.

Treasurer: Nicky Miles agreed to stand again and as there were no other nominations this was proposed by CM, seconded by BM and carried by those present.

Secretary: Stephanie Hockridge agreed to stand again and as there were no other nominations this was proposed by AP, seconded by NM and carried by those present.

Beaver Parent Representative: Alex Mallinson agreed to stand again and as there were no other nominations this was proposed by CM, seconded by AP and carried by those present.

Cub Parent representative: Caroline Mott expressed interest for this role and, as there were no other nominations this was proposed by AP, seconded by NM and carried by those present.

Scout Parent Representative: Bernard McNelis, had agreed to stand again and, as there were no other nominations this was proposed by AP, seconded by CM and carried by those present.

Ex-Officio officers: Simon Miles has agreed to stand, all in favour and carried by all those present.

District Representative report: Julie Platt (acting Deputy County Commissioner), thanked leaders for their work and congratulated the group on a successful year. As one of Devon's newest Scout group, it is doing very well especially when compared to older established groups which have been struggling this is ultimately thanks to the leaders and the parents of the children who support this group.

Awards or Presentations: Julie Platt (acting Deputy County Commissioner), presented a five-year service award to Nicola Miles (Treasurer). Awards for young people to be given after AGM.

AOB: None

Date for next AGM: May 13th 2020.

AB Thanked SM and asked those assembled to support SM and the Scout Group with Fundraising and volunteering.

SM thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

Meeting closed at 18:16