



27th Plymouth Scout Group

**Annual General Meeting
17th September 2021**

AGENDA

Welcome

Apologies for Absence

Approval of the minutes of the 2020 AGM

Chairperson's Address

Treasurer's Report

Adoption of Accounts

Nominations for Committee

Group Leader's Report

Adjournment of Annual General Meeting

Date of Next Committee Meeting:
7:00pm on the 5th of October 2021



**Minutes
of the
27th Plymouth Scout Group
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18th September 2020**

1. WELCOME
The Chairperson welcomed everyone present and thanked John Davies DC and Paul Roberts ADC for coming.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Minister Brenton Prigge
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2019 AGM
Approval of the previous year's minutes was proposed by Clive Deacon, seconded by Jenny Dibben and agreed by the meeting.
4. CHAIR PERSON'S ADDRESS
Brian Boucher began by thanking the Group Leaders and Executive Committee for their continuing hard work. The parents were also thanked for their support of the Group over the last year and he made an appeal for more people to join the Executive Committee. He congratulated all concerned on what a great year the 27th had just had and wished everyone a fantastic year to come.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT
Rosauro Aala first gave a brief overview of the year's financial affairs. He asked for any parents who had not yet signed gift aid forms to do so. Overall he described the Group as being in a reasonable financial position. Rosauro confirmed that the accounts for last year had been reconciled, agreed by the Executive Committee and also independently examined by Graham Young, accountant.
6. ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS
Adoption of the 2019-20 accounts was proposed by Brian Boucher, seconded by Rosie Prout and agreed by the meeting. The meeting also reaffirmed our Independent Examiner as Graham Young.
7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, TREASURER AND SECRETARY
The current committee then stood down and Nigel Norris called for nominations for the vacant posts. Brian Boucher was nominated as Chair by Nigel Norris and seconded by Alison Newman. Ros Aala was nominated as Treasurer by Nigel Norris and seconded by Brian Boucher. Rosie Prout was nominated as secretary by Nigel Norris and seconded by Brian Boucher. The Group Section Leaders agreed to remain on the Executive Committee and the remaining members also agreed to stay on the committee. The new committee was confirmed as: Brian Boucher, Rosia Prout, Rosauro Aala, Sue Burns, Steve Taylor, Jenny Dibben, Clive Deacon, Nigel Norris, Rhi Ward and Lisa Woodman.
8. GROUP LEADER'S REPORT
Nigel Norris gave a brief report on group activities during the year as well as a look to the future. His report, as well as the section leaders' reports and the 2019-20 accounts are contained in the pack presented at the 2020 AGM meeting (available on our website).
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
None.
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
8:00pm, Tuesday 6th October 2020 .

The meeting was then adjourned

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS REPORT 2020/21

I would like to thank all the Leaders and helpers for keeping things going over the last eighteen months during this lock down, first on zoom and then in the open air at our camp site at Shaugh bridge, I have been able to dodge from section to section seeing the young people taking part in a lot of different activities and enjoying themselves. We thank Mrs Shirley Strickland for letting us use her camp site opposite our site which was used throughout the Summer term by the Cub Scouts.

We congratulate our Beaver Leader on being awarded the Silver Acorn, Steve Taylor our Cub Scout leader being awarded a commendation for good service to scouting and Lisa Stewart her Wood badge for completing her training. We held our Christingle via zoom from the church raising funds for the children's society. A sleep over again raising funds for the second year for Shikina mission for the homeless. The Explorers section did a wonderful job in clearing dead trees and cutting ferns at the campsite, Clive arranged with a group of volunteers of parents to remove unwanted items and waste from the hut and took to the re cycling centre. Ongoing maintenance of the hut and grounds are important for the safety of the people who use it. We have be very fortunate to have a lot of young people who are willing to give their time and skills to help each section of the group. Well done to all of you and we look forward to another year of Scouting,

Nigel Norris MBE
Group Scout Leader

BEAVER SCOUT SECTION REPORT 2020/21

During the year the majority of our meetings were held on Zoom with the Beavers taking part in a wide variety of activities from the security of their homes. These activities included a session with visiting experts such as Liz Million – an illustrator and Steve, a clay art expert who surprised everyone by helping us produce a Beaver Scout figure. The children also took part in the gardener award and some of the baby spider plants they were given are now producing babies of their own! Other Zoom activities included a wide variety of Christmas craft activities and a surprise visit from Father Christmas. The Beavers joined the rest of the Group for Peregrine White's 400th birthday celebrations, the annual Christingle Service and the Big Sleep Out where they helped raise money for Shekinah by sleeping in an unusual place. A few snatched activities were held at the church hall and grounds during the Autumn term which were enjoyed by all before Covid cases sent us back to Zoom meetings.

Throughout the year numerous badges were awarded. Jessica Dibben, Joseph Dibben, Archie Corner, Sonny Quirk and Joshua Luker all gained the top award, the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. A total of 37 Challenge Awards were earned as well as 93 Activity Awards. Some of the latter were earned by carrying out activities at home which then recorded by the parents on OSM.

The Leaders of the Beaver Section have found our Young Leaders – Jessica Floyd, Phoebe Burrige, Megan Dibben, Mac Anderson and Anunt Duhlkotia extremely helpful in running activities whether face to face or during Zoom sessions. Without them we would have had large breakout rooms and not been able to give the children the attention they deserve or have been able to tackle more difficult activities.

Our thanks go to them and everyone else in the Group who have supported us especially Clive and Chris who assisted with our technology problems.

Jenny, Al and Lisa, Geoff and Clare

Jenny
Beaver Scout Leader

CUB SECTION REPORT 2020/21

The Cubs have been using Shirley field since being back face to face and did some backwood cooking which they enjoyed, a number of games one of which was archery. Two sisal trails were completed one across the river and the other in the woods

The Cubs also completed a mini Olympics

We delivered boxes with activities in for the cubs

We had a pilot guest on zoom to talk to the cubs as part of their air activity badge Athletic and skill challenge badges.

Steve

Cub Scout Leader

SCOUT SECTION REPORT 2020/21

The troop has continued to be full with a waiting list for most of the year. This is expected to continue with Cubs due to come up in the next year and with limits on capacity in following the Scout COVID rules.

Sadly a number of events and camps were cancelled during the year but the Troop was able to adapt relatively easily to lock down restrictions and offered a mix of online Zoom sessions and face to face when able at the Campsite at Shaugh.

The Zoom programme included games, science, cooking, puzzles and challenges and working for a range of badges, whilst when allowed at Shaugh we cooked, completed hikes and even managed to fit in a one day expedition challenge and we have now completed 2 sleep outs for Shekinah to raise money and awareness about homelessness

Four scouts completed their Chief Scout Gold Award - Trystan, Katie, Ollie and Brendan - very well done to them.

But again we awarded over 250 other badges including Hike to the Moon - the Great Indoors Challenges and a number of Peregrine Awards linked to the Mayflower celebrations which is more than in any other year.

Ten Tors was again cancelled as no training was possible before April 2021 but fingers crossed we can go again soon and start training for 2022.

I am grateful as ever to Clive, Chris and Dan as assistant leaders, Sean (Explorer Leader) . Bradley has also helped us remotely on Zoom and a big shout out to Caitlin B and Caitlin D (our Young leaders who has been a huge asset to the section).

Fortunately the Summer Term in 2021 has seen restrictions lifted a bit which has seen more outdoor meetings and we did get 2 nights camping in before the weather defeated us in July. It was good but I am very aware how fragile some of our young people are and we will do what we can to build confidence, teamwork resilience and leadership into our programmes

Anyone interested in joining our happy leadership team let me know or even just helping me more regularly to set up and take down stuff or clean up the mess we make on the way.

Clive
Scout Leader

EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION REPORT 2020/21

We currently have near to 30 explorers

We have plenty of Explorers earning a range of badges using the Online Scout Manager system where parents can also check their young person's progress. Explorers have completed some of top awards in scouting since April 2020. Caitlin, Leah, Jess, Keiren and Kushla Achieved their Chief Scout Platinum and Benedict his Chief Scout Diamond.

One exciting part of our year was the Summer Camp with activities surfing, sailing and horse riding to name a few.

We are grateful as ever to all families and leaders who have continued to support us throughout the year.

Another exciting programme in 2020/21 was planned pre COVID and we have tried our best during the Summer Term with a range of challenges and activities to deliver a meaningful programme with a debate night and some experience of crisis management running a simulated emergency response. As we get back together, we will be aiming to continue with our outdoor activities including hikes and time at the Campsite but we will have to deliver some sessions online.

Since we have been the first section to meet up again within the COVID restrictions the explorers have put in an incredible effort helping us to get the campsite ready to use as much as we can in the coming term for both the Scout and Explorer Scout sections, with some brilliant results.

Anyone interested in joining our leadership team let us know or even just helping us more regularly to set up and take down stuff.

Sean and Chris

Explorer Leadership Team

Sean and Chris
Explorer Leader

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020/21

The last financial year has mirrored the oddness of the pandemic. Income fell significantly from £20,209 to just £437. The majority of this related to the restriction on face-to-face activities so we collected no money for camps or other activities. This accounted for over £15,000 of the fall in income. The other cause of the fall relates to subscriptions. We recognised that many families struggled financially during the year with parents being furloughed or losing their jobs. We therefore supported those families by reducing how much

subs they needed to pay. Scout HQ told us to charge our usual level of subs but the executive committee felt that this was inappropriate. In a normal year, after paying on subs to the district we are left with a reasonable amount to fund the week-to-week activities of the group. Last year we had to pay on to district more money than we collected from the families. We have built up decent reserves over the past few years, more than I consider necessary. And this has allowed us to absorb the difficulties of the year.

We have still spent money on the young people, investing in a better Zoom platform and paying for activities that the young people may have done at home. It is a testament to the productivity of the young people and the enthusiasm of the leaders that we spent 23% more on badges than in the previous year.

Overall, with the fall in income, offset to some extent by the fall in spending, we experienced a deficit of £4,983. This reduced our reserves from £14,059 to £9,076. This continues to be a healthy amount and we have no concern for our finances.

Rosauro Aala FCA
Treasurer