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# 1<sup>st</sup> Clifton (York) Sea Scout Group

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## 1<sup>st</sup> CLIFTON (YORK) SEA SCOUT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – 7.30 pm

### **Present:**

Antony Hale, Deborah Watson, Claire Hutchinson, Jon Chiplin, Catherine Clarke, Tim Clarke, Pete Dowling, Simon Errington, Peter Ingham, Elyce Lamb, Jennifer Lawn, Andrew Flint, Brian Flint, Matthew Holmes-Potter, James Maule, Jen Moore, **Heidi** Moore, Tom Moore, Richard Rowson, Susan Sharman, Phil Stead, Tracey Steele, Peter Swann, Andy Thirlwell, Callum Thirlwell, Paul Thwaites, Joy Turner, Mark Turner, Sarah Norville

**Apologies:** Jacqueline Chiplin, Barry Byatt, David McDowell

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

The Group Scout Leader welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all those attending. The Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive were introduced to the meeting.

### 2. Acceptance of minutes of Annual General Meeting held June 2021

The minutes of the previous meeting were received without further questions.

### 3. Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

The accounts were received, considered and accepted.

### 4. Group Scout Leaders Remarks

The Group Scout Leader welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting the increase in attendance by members other than those on the Committee. It was noted that the Group was facing challenges with a shortage of leaders and volunteers with waiting lists for all sections. The leaders were doing an exceptional job in difficult times and were grasping the nettle and getting on with it, however required additional support to help with each section.

The annual accounts showed a healthy financial position for the Group against a number of fixed expenses such as the building and vehicles. The Executive were able to agree to the majority of requests for funding from the Group and support their activities.

The Group Scout Leader thanked the Executive for all their work over the year and in particular noted the contribution of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary who put in a lot of time behind the scenes. In particular he wanted to sincerely thank the Chair for her work in the background. She had worked exceptionally hard to keep the group going and move forward over the last two years.

## 5. Section Reports

### Beavers

The section had entered lockdown with 45 children in two colonies and had now resumed with one colony and 25/26 children. They had recruited a new leader and young leader to support the colony.

The Beavers had been first to return to actively meeting utilising the open air space of the recreation ground. Activities had proved so popular that other children using the rec had approached asking to join in. The colony had also participated in the district sleepover and 186 badges had been awarded since resuming activities.

### Cubs

The two cub sections had amalgamated into one and during the last year had awarded 423 badges including 16 Silver Chief Scout Badges. The section had also actively participated in the badges at home scheme during lockdown. Subjects covered included woods cookery, cookery, art, world cuisine, local knowledge, money, cycling, road safety and stop animation.

The section had invested 32 new members and attended County camp with 18 cubs, some of whom had never been away. These activities had been supported by the leaders, young leaders and parents. It was noted that Jon and Jacqueline Chiplin would be standing down as leaders and they were thanked for their contribution.

### Scouts

The scout section currently had 29 members with 7 on the waiting list and assisted by 3 young leaders and 5 leaders and 5 activity instructors. There were additional instructors who assisted with water and shooting activities.

10 Gold Chief Scout Badges had been awarded, a significant achievement as the scouts only had 8 months of the year to work on their badges. 177 activity and challenge badges had been awarded for activities such cooking, bicycle and car maintenance and sewing. The scouts were the last group to return to active meetings commencing with boating activities.

Three scouts and a leader had participated in the canoe orienteering and one scout from the group had been awarded a place at the next jamboree in South Korea.

The section had been able to renew boating and safety equipment with the assistance of an award from the Royal Navy which the group had match funded. This had included new buoyancy aids, 3 new kayaks, 3 kayaks gifted to the group to refresh the fleet and the sale of 4 of the existing fleet.

The section had recruited one new leader and one new instructor for the kayaks and the addition of paddleboard and pulling permits to support new activities when funding permits.

The section will be participating in the Water Ellerton camp in September and the activity day on 18 September for cubs and beavers

Abigail Clarke thanked the Group for their support and funding towards her participation in the Jamboree.

### Explorers

The Explorer unit drew members from across the City and membership stood at 30 young people. It was noted that more people wanted to join the group. Activities during the year had included Junior Warrior at Bramham Park, agility night at Allerthorpe, climbing at clip and climb, Race to the Sun in Cumbria. The participants had to navigate point to point over 20 miles in extreme weather.

The Group were grateful for the partnership agreement and the use of the Headquarters building for their activities.

### 6. Approve the GSL's nomination for Group Chair

The Group Scout Leader's nomination of Deborah Watson was agreed.

### 7. Elect Group Secretary

The nomination of Sarah Norville was agreed.

### 8. Elect Group Treasurer

The nomination of Claire Hutchinson was agreed.

### 9. Elect members to the Group Executive

The following members were recommended for membership of the Group Executive:

Jen Moore  
Tom Moore

The following members were re-appointed as members of the Group Executive:

Pete Dowling  
Ian Lee  
Jennifer Lawn  
Susan Sharman

Peter Swann

Joy Turner

10. Appoint the Groups Independent Examiner

The Groups Independent Examiner was not appointed and the Treasurer would be actioned to nominate a candidate.

11. Presentation of Donation

The Group Scout Leader was delighted to accept a donation of £500 from the Francis Drake of York Masonic Lodge.

12. Any Other Business

Presentations

The Group Scout Leader presented long service awards to:

Jennifer Lawn

Matthew Sharman

Matthew Dowling

Peter Dowling

13. Date of next Group Executive meeting

To be advised

Closure of meeting. Everybody was thanked for attending and the date and time of the next committee meeting would be advised.