

7th Jan 2021

MINUTES OF THE 1st ELGIN SCOUT GROUP AGM 07 JAN 2021 VIA ZOOM.

Present	<p>Nick Hagen (NH) Ruth Gosling (RG) Sheena Fallow (SF) Andre Govier (AG) Dougie Mcphee Alan Fallow (AF) Paul Gray (PG) Debbie Rigby (DR) Kenneth Mckenna (KM) Steven Thomson (ST) Daniel Goddard (DG) Ross Jagger (RJ) Stuan Ross (SR) Emma Vaccaro (EV)</p> <p>No parents, even after numerous reminders on Facebook and email</p>	<p>CHAIR Secretary Treasurer GSL DC AGSL/ASL TA/ASL BSL CSL SL Q'master/Fundraising ASL ABSL ACSL</p>
Apologies	Ewan Charmers	Parent

Discussion	Action
<p><u>Welcome and introductions.</u></p> <p>NH opened by thanking/welcoming everyone</p>	
<p><u>Minutes of last AGM</u></p> <p>NH asked for the minutes of previous AGM. AG apologised and informed the AGM that he was unable to locate.</p>	AG to find minutes of previous AGM
<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>NH moved the meeting along as there was no known urgent matters from the last meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Executive reports:</u></p> <p>a) Chairman</p> <p>NH gave a summary and congratulations to all the leaders for their commitment and success during this turbulent year.</p>	
<p>b) Treasurer – Sheena</p> <p>i) Current balances – Circa £40k with the following expenditure expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Van Costs – expected £6k plus insurance/tax/rac. £5k funding still due from Robertson trust - Capitation – expected bill circa £5k in March. - Fencing & path. £10k bill expect – this is already in the account from the National lottery. - Due £1k from the Council for common good cause fund - Due to pay £2500 this year and first £1250 has 	

<p>been paid (6 months)</p> <p>ii) Payment of membership subscriptions to the District – as mentioned above £5k is due. AG raised the issue that the £25 charged per term and the cost of the rent, running costs and capitation no longer match. Potentially raise term costs to £30. Reassess in the coming year.</p> <p>iii) Renewal of equipment insurance – in hand</p> <p>iv) Audit of accounts – independently checked by an accountant. Thanks to Gillian Goldie</p>	<p>AG to look at running costs mid-year.</p> <p>SF to buy out of Scouts funds flowers as a thank you.</p>
<p>c) GSL</p> <p>An intro & overview of the year was given by AG including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. We are supporting a number of family's children financially for activities. ii. Gift aid – have applied for £1100 this year. iii. COVID-19 procedures -adhered to – and thank you parents following. iv. Subs suspended – was going to restart in Jan but suspended to face to face. <p>Ground works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Installed electricity into the porta cabins. - Installed 2 x lamp posts with 3 x 155 led lights (Grant from the National Lottery) - Installed sails for providing cover in the wooded area (thanks to Kay at Baxter's for funding) - Installed temporary fencing at the wooded area (thanks Linda for sourcing) - Planted fruit trees by the hut – Thanks to Barney and Dorothy REAP - Installed a water tap in wooded area (Grant from The National Lottery) - Added a gate from Cedarwoods to the woods (Grant from the National Lottery) - Started a disabled path in the wooded area (Grant from the National Lottery) - Added raised beds for the Nursery (thanks to REAP) and more to come. - Levelling of the mounds on the field and filling the ruts so an easier area to use and cut. - Install a new base for a 20 ft container next to the Porta cabin. - Tidy up the uneven grassed area at the rear of the hall. <p>In the Spring we will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchasing a 20ft container for outdoor storage - Making a covered area between porta cabins and the new container - Installing 420 trees in edible hedge (Grant from woodland trust and REAP helping plant) - Install new fencing for the wooded area – Applications are in to 2 x funding organizations, so fingers crossed. - Adding more raised beds for the Beavers and Cubs 	<p>AG to action on return</p>

<p>- Adding some more fruit trees</p> <p>We are not charging for any use of the land – lots of work to maintain – look at a maintenance charge/donation to users? – nursery £100 a month – we could then employ someone to cut grass clean cabins etc – 4 hrs summer 1 hr winter?</p> <p>Numbers massively up Waiting list closed beavers and substantial on other sections Scouts 38 Cubs 23 Beavers 22</p> <p>Leaders Need more ask for parent support even as section assistant</p> <p>Badges Beavers 119 badges awarded. Cubs 4 Chief Scouts silver and total of 212 badges Scouts 2 Chief scouts gold and total of 455 badges.</p> <p>Hut</p> <p>Rental agreement with the freemasons – now good relationship £2500 a year. We have paid so far and continue to even though not using. Hall shape changed and reduced usable area size We need to use the hall to see the impact – pre COVID-19 was tight but workable?</p> <p>AG finished with a big thank you to all the leaders, the exec for making this year a safe and productive one.</p>	<p>AG/NH to look at options.</p> <p>AF and DM running recruiting for the district. AF to keep group informed.</p> <p>All section leads to report back to AG with how reduced size of hall is affecting activities.</p>
<p>d) Beavers - Debbie</p> <p>Thanks to Judy and Daniel. 27 on waiting list for Beavers. 9 moving up after Easter. 1 under 4 waiting. Giving out activity packs (marble maze) was a great success. Parents have said siblings joined in, making life a little easier.</p> <p>Thanks to Daniel fir fireball experiment. Parents did not enjoy online badges; parents had no time or resources.</p> <p>Concern in Parents collecting children: Leader releasing one child at a time; however, they are not paying attention and are on their phones, therefore missing when a name is called.</p> <p>Query for Weir Black Belt t-shirts?</p>	<p>AG to inform parents on restart of activities.</p> <p>AG to chase.</p>
<p>e) Cubs - Kenny</p> <p>Cubs really enjoying being outdoors more. Positive impact on behaviour. Thanks to Stu and Daniel. Waiting list for cubs,</p>	

<p>majority are under 6. Activities have included wide game, team building, backward cooking &, American founders' day.</p>	
<p>f) Scouts - Stevie</p> <p>Currently 38 scouts. Scouts are finding doing badges at home easier than with restrictions of social distancing. Activities include, zoom meetings, quizzes and hunts, home camps, hill walk at Lochindorb. Paul to be a new leader, his son is currently in Beavers. Scout's behaviour has been challenging, more incidents than usual.</p>	
<p>g) Fundraising</p> <p>DG gave a summary of grants we have received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Intel – £8k thank you Kieren ii. £10k National lottery for the path iii. Asda £300 iv. Springfields £300 v. Baxters £300 sails vi. £5k Robertson trust for the van <p>AG stated for the record he would like to thank Kieran Ross for the Intel grant.</p>	
<p>h) Training</p> <p>PG gave an update on training – basically the Group is almost complete and up to date.</p>	
<p>i) Elections to the executive</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Treasurer (presently Sheena) No other nominations were received, and AG proposed SF continued, she agreed. Proposed AG, Seconded NH and majority on ZOOM ii. Secretary (presently Ruth) No other nominations were received, and AG proposed RG continued, she agreed. Proposed AG, Seconded NH and majority on ZOOM iii. Dep chairman (presently Calum and not present) No other nominations were received, and AG proposed CG continued. Proposed AG, Seconded NH and majority on ZOOM iv. Parent representatives. No parents present and none elected to Executive. v. Youth representative. Presently none. AG proposed Joe Boddie (not present). He was asked via messenger and agreed. Proposed AG, Seconded NH and majority on ZOOM 	
<p>j) Approval of GSL nominations to the Exec</p> <p>AG took the chair and proposed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chairman – no other nominations received. AG put NH forward for re-election. AG proposed AF seconded and majority on ZOOM. <p>NH resumed the chair of the meeting.</p>	

<p>ii. AG proposed DG is elected to Exec in his Quartermaster & fundraising (Danny). AG proposed NH seconded and majority on ZOOM</p> <p>iii. AG proposed PG is elected to Exec in his Training capacity and experience within Scouting. AG proposed NH seconded and majority on ZOOM</p>	
<p>k) . Appointment of independent auditor/scrutineer</p> <p>Gillian Goldie is the present auditor NH asked SF is she is happy to continue.</p>	<p>SH to confirm Gillian Goldie is happy to continue</p>
<p>AOB</p> <p>NH asked for AOB. None was raised, the date of the next AGM was not set.</p>	