

2nd Southwick Scout Group

Annual General Meeting

secondsouthwick.org.uk

#SkillsForLife

2nd Southwick GROUP SCOUT COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

19.30pm September 13th 2023

Scout HQ Quayside

AGENDA

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 06th July 2022
4. **Governance topics**
 - a. Adopt the model constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules
 - b. Note the Group's financial year
 - c. Agree the number of members that may be elected to the Trustee Board
 - d. Agree the quorum for each of the Group Scout Council (including this AGM), meetings of the Group Trustee Board, meetings of any sub-committees
5. **Review of the previous year**
 - a. The Group Scout Leader's review of Scouting in 2nd Southwick Scout Group
 - b. To receive and consider the Annual Report of the Group Trustee Board including the annual Statement of the Accounts
6. **Making appointments**
 - a. [If required] To (re-) appoint Group President and/or Vice-Presidents
 - b. To note any other supporters who may be admitted to membership of the Group Scout Council, including former Scouts and parents, by the Group Scout Leader, the Group Trustee Board or the Group Scout Council.
 - c. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chair
 - d. Election of the Group Secretary
 - e. Election of the Group Treasurer
 - f. Elections of members to the Group Trustee Board
 - g. To approve the Group Scout Leader's nominations to the Group Trustee Board
 - h. To appoint the Scrutineer / Independent Examiner / Auditor *[delete as appropriate]*
7. Close

Minutes of Group AGM Meeting

Wednesday 6th July 2022 7PM

Attendee	Role	Attended	Apologies
Mark Dooley	Chairman	Y	
Andrew Spring	Group Scout Leader	Y	
Steve Pover	Scout Leader	Y	
Nick Reeve	Assistant Scout Leader	Y	
Susan Westgate	Group Treasurer	Y	
Gayle Simons	Departing Treasurer	Y	
Sarah Blundell	Secretary	Y	
Mark Beadle	Scout/Cub parent rep	Y	
Jane Hames	Scout parent rep	Y	
Paul Hosker	Scout parent rep	Y	
Ben Bradford	Scouts		Y
David Spring	Past leader/Supporter	Y	
Lynda Spring	Past leader/Supporter		Y
Kerry Winter	Scout group helper		Y
Cameron Baldock	District Commissioner		Y
Mike Cranfield	District Representative	Y	
Hannah Wells	New parent rep for Beavers	Y	
14+ attendees	Beaver, Cubs, & Scout parents	Y	

Mark welcomed everybody and opened the meeting opened at 7.05pm

1. Apologies for absence: Noted above
2. Approval of Minutes 2021 AGM
(Approved) – David Spring (Second) – Jane Hames
3. (Andrew) Nominations for Group Chairman – Mark Dooley (Approved) - Andrew Spring (Second) – Sarah Blundell
4. Election of new Group Secretary – Sarah Blundell (Approved) - Mark Dooley (Second) – Susan Westgate
5. Election of New Group Treasurer – Susan Westgate (Gayle Simons to stand down) (Approved) – Steve Pover (Second) – Sarah Blundell
6. Approval of Group Accounts
(Approved) – Steve Pover (Second) – Sarah Blundell
 - Account balance is still healthy due to Government funding, and without any significant fundraising events. The group will look to restart fundraising efforts; could do with ideas and volunteers to support this effort. Significant increase in capitation fees/subs could impact the group

7. Group Chairman Report:

- Thanks to Andrew for running the Beavers and Cubs (while Beaver leader Jo is taking some time off)
- Do still need leader support and hopefully a new cubs leader will be joining.
- Thanks to Gayle for supporting in the Treasurer role for the past 7 years and welcome to Susan for stepping into the role. This year we have renewed the lease on the hut for 21 years.
- Thank you to Nick and Stan for their continual work on maintaining the hut including new amazing climbing wall and decorating.
- Panto last Christmas was a great success and we hope to repeat it again this year.
- Thank you to the whole team for your continued support.

8. Group reports for Cubs, Beavers, Scouts were circulated and will be posted to Facebook.

9. Election / Nomination of Group Executive members:

- Beaver Parent Representative – Hannah Wells volunteered to be a new rep (email: h_wells@outlook.com) **Action:-** to be added to distribution list
- Cub Parent Representative – Mark Beadle
- Scout Parent Representative - Jane Hames, Paul Hosker

All Leaders agreed to be nominated to the Group Exec.

10. District Commissioner's Report. Cameron sent his apologies and Mike Cranfield made a short statement. He represented 11 groups and said a big thank you to all the leaders and helper volunteers.

11. AOB: Gayle was presented with flowers and a gift to say Thank You for her support over the last 7 years.

12. Close. Tea and coffee, biscuits. Climbing and monkey bridge was a real success and parents and leaders took the opportunity to enjoy the outdoor space.

13. Meeting closed at 7.25PM

Group Chair's Report 2022-23

The group celebrated its 50 years at the HQ this year and 70 years from when the group was first formed. A number of leaders have been here for more than half of that time, what dedication and achievement to Scouting and the group. THANK YOU TO ALL THE LEADERS.

Again, it's been a very tough year for Andrew running Beavers and Cubs, he has great support from a number of helpers, but we still need more to sustain the beavers and cubs future. We are still in desperate for Beaver leaders and Cub Leaders either one or two for each section, will someone consider taking on one of these roles?

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the Group Exec that put in extra time to aid the running of this successful Group. Without them the group would not be able to function.

If you haven't already you must admire Nick and Stan's handy work in lavatory area there have made a sterling work, what a transformation, thank you guys.

Looking forward, last year's Panto was a great success, thanks to Sarah. We have discussed visiting another show this year, however due to the reduction of available funds we are looking to charge £15 a ticket. This could be cheaper if we able to have a fund raising team to improve our long term finances.

Last year we had bag packing at the CO OP in Shoreham. We raised £476 from 10 young helpers. With a Scout Group of more than 50 we could have two bag packing days and raise twice the amount.

We have kept a good relationship with the local Lions Group, helping with their Christmas Sleigh collection and also with the Fund day at Buckingham Park. With this the Lions donated us £250 for our efforts. GSK Worthing are also proving a donation.

Mark has kept on top of the Garden area out the back, thank you. We are having a Garden and Hut Clearance on 8th October 10am, please support us.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has helped the 2nd Southwick Group over the pasted year. THANK YOU!

Mark Dooley
Chair

Beaver Report 2022-23

We have been providing some great content and it's great to see the updates recorded on Facebook, and consequent array of photos and comments on Facebook.

In the Autumn/Winter Term, we burnt some sausages, attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Southwick Green, learnt about food, diets and planned a meal. Did our Photographer badge, and went to Panto...

In the Spring Term, we learnt about money, celebrated the Chinese New Year, and we talked about our collections. Did some emergency response plus created a Mother's Day card, learnt about other faiths and created (and ate) some Easter treats 😊

In the Summer term, we renewed our promises, used maps and used our skills on a walk up the Downs. We were crafty with our Father's Day cards, and did some bike maintenance, including cycling around Quayside, finishing off the term with the traditional water fight.

During the Summer term we also went to the Group's Birthday Camp at Hillside Campsite in July. It was great fun and the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed themselves, sleeping in one of the big Bell Tents along with the Cubs, lots of activities and exploring to do, even at 4:30AM on the Sunday Morning!

Thank you everyone who's helped over the last year, especially Hannah and the other parent helpers for their support. Here's to the next year!

Andrew Spring
Acting Beaver Leader

Cubs Report 2021-22

Time to reflect on a busy year at 2nd Southwick Cubs.

In the Autumn Term we learnt about Global issues, Team work, and remembered our Digital Skills. We found the Golden Chip, and practiced our fire-lighting skills. We took part in the act of Remembrance at Southwick Green, and learnt about the Great War. Did some Christmas craft and went to the Panto...

In the Spring Term we completed our World Challenge Badge, eat some noodles, did some crafty stuff for Mother's Day, as well as made some Easter nests for the Easter Break.

In the Summer Term we decorated jubilee cakes with the Beavers, had a go on the Go Karts, and experimented. Went for a walk using compasses and maps, did some bike maintenance and some cycling around Quayside. The Cubs also attended the Group Birthday Camp in July. All the Cubs had a wonderful time, enjoying the various activities laid on, as well as just exploring the Campsite.

A fun packed year indeed!

I'd like to say a special thank you for the parental help I've had over the weeks, especially Mark and Yupa 😊.

Andrew Spring
Acting Cub Scout Leader

Troop Report 2022-23

13th September 2023

It's been another busy year for the troop, and things have certainly now returned to normal after the weird COVID years! Our numbers have risen to where they were pre-pandemic, around twenty, and we have a good split of boys and girls again.

As the last AGM was in July, and this one is September, there have been two summer camps in between! Both were at our favourite site, Warren Farm, and everyone who went to this year's was also at last year's, and so that made it easy to run as everyone knew what they were doing! We all had a great camp, which was run by Nick, spoilt only slightly this year by quite a lot of rain. And Kerry bravely spent her first-ever week in a tent and managed to survive! Well done!

Here are a few other things we have been up to since the last AGM...

In the autumn term, night hikes up the downs, wide games up the downs, internet safety, quiz (run by Holly and Apollo), pumpkin carving, camp fire with sausages and sparklers, remembrance day parade on Southwick Green, Adur Lions Xmas Sleigh Collection, pantomime at Ropetackle.

In the spring term, Fitness Challenge Award, climbing wall, hobbies badge, up the downs twice, home skills, problem solving, swimming at Splashpoint, PL and APL camp at Hillside.

And in the summer term, a coronation party in honour of our new king, a joint night with Henfield troop at Hillside, soap-box cart racing, Lions Fun Day at Buckingham Park, Spin the Wheel gameshow, knots and lashings, a visit to the lifeboat station, group camp at Hillside, and a remote-controlled night.

All great fun!

I'd like to thank my fellow leaders, **Nick Reeve, Ben Bradford, Stan Furlong and Kerry Winter**, for their constant help and support.



Steve Pover (Skip)

Group Scout Leaders Report 2022-23

Another challenging year for me as Group Scout Leader, what with no permanent Beaver nor Cub Leaders, I've been having to run both sections, as well as "manage" the Group.

Despite the lack of leaders in Beavers and Cubs, ALL sections have had another great year of scouting at 2nd Southwick.

With regards to Beavers, I have some mums and dads that help me, and together we've been able to give the Beavers a full and interesting Programme. Thank you to the parents that come along to help, which is much appreciated, especially Hannah, Claire and Katie.

Talking about Cubs, this year I've had some much-appreciated help from Erin, as well as a few Parents, and together we've managed to deliver a good and varied programme, so thank you all. Also, a special shout-out to Mark and Yupa for your help at Cubs.

Sadly, Erin's work has changed, and she can no longer help at Cubs, so the need for a Parent Rota is more important than ever. I CAN NOT RUN CUBS ON MY OWN, IT'S NOT SAFE, NOR ALLOWED. Any help would be welcome.

The Scout Section has been busy as well this year, that's due to the Scout Leaders providing a great and varied programme. This year, the Scouts have taken part in various activities during the Wednesday evenings, as well as taken part in District activities, and having a great (but soggy) Summer Camp. THANK YOU, ALL!

Thanks to Mark (the Chair) and the Group Executive for helping keep the leaders and I on the straight and narrow, looking after the hut and the monies 😊

...and finally, as you can tell, we are desperately short of leaders.

If you can spare some time (a couple of hours a week) then please consider helping at any of the sections. There is loads of support available, and you can do as much or as little as you can. Please visit the Scout web site for more information

LINK: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-with-scouts/>

Thank you.

Andrew Spring

Group Scout Leader