

Repton Scout Group AGM – MINUTES

The Den, Wednesday 22 APRIL 2015 from 6.15pm

Present:

Malcolm Cardill (Acting Group Scout Leader), Julie Flowerdew (Chair), Rebecca Auterson (Secretary), David Moore (District Explorer Scout Commissioner), Richard Nevin (District Chairman), Jez Brooks (Cubs Leader), Mike Knowles (Scout Leader), Rob Jacobs (Scout Leader), Roz Cheeseman, Ewan Thompson, Caroline Thompson, Mary Knowles, Lisa Osborne.

Activities for Cubs: Morgause Lomas, Julie Bailey

Apologies: Liz Massey-Beeston, Martina Williamson, Max Wilson

Minutes

Malcolm Cardill welcomed everyone and introduced the meeting. In particular, Martina Williamson was thanked for her work during 2 years as Treasurer. Malcolm also welcomed the two District representatives, Richard Nevin (District Chairman) & David Moore (District Explorer Scout Commissioner).

The various positions on the Executive Committee were then voted on and the following were elected:

- Chair – Julie Flowerdew
- Secretary – Rebecca Auterson
- Treasurer – Aimee Brooks
- Scout Parent Representative – Julie Flowerdew
- Cubs Parent Representative – Michelle Hinks
- Beavers Parent Representative – Jez Brooks
- Scouting Groups Representative for JOGS – Ewan Thompson

Malcolm confirmed we are still in need of a Group Scout Leader as he is acting on a temporary basis. Quick options are to put a note to this effect into the Parish Magazine (Rebecca to organise this) and to talk to people at the forthcoming Village Party to see if anyone would be able to assist in this role. Richard Nevin commented that some Scout Groups find Family Camps work well in recruiting people to such roles.

The previous year's AGM minutes were signed off.

The reports from each group were briefly discussed, along with a summary of the accounts which are in good shape (everything is reprinted below for those who were unable to attend the AGM.)

Richard Nevin, District Chairman, spoke briefly to thank everyone for their hard work in creating a successful group with growing numbers in all sections.

The meeting concluded with performances and badge presentations.

Performances: were given by Sam Auterson.

Badge Presentations: A large number of badges were given out to the Cubs, including the First Aid Stage 1 badge which they had all earned – many congratulations!

Acting Group Scout Leaders Report

My involvement with the Group over the last year has been minimal mainly making sure that any information that the leaders should know about was passed on. Also any questions that they had were answered. Despite this I am pleased to say that the group numbers grew.

Each section Adults, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all increased.
They jumped from a total of 50 in 2014 to over 60 for 2015.

It shows that the excellent programmes and activities that the Leaders provide are working.

A well-earned Thank you and Congratulations to each of the leaders Mike, Rob, Jez, Mary, Liz, Andy, Max, the two Young Leaders Morgause and Dan are in order. The executive members also deserve a BIG Thank You as well, for backing up the leaders in the group. I would especially like to thank Rebecca and Martina. Rebecca because she always made sure that all the leaders and other executive members were kept informed and tried to arrange meetings that would please everyone. Martina for looking after the Group accounts, which is no mean task.

The Repton Group will flourish over the next year and if it is possible to recruit some new leaders it will grow. Remember Scouting is Fun for everyone.

Scouts Section Report for 2014/15

Membership

April 2015 19 Scouts 2 Leaders 1 Young Leader 8 on waiting list

April 2014 20 Scouts 3 Leaders 1 Young Leader 13 on waiting list

Scout numbers are steady at 19, there have been 7 leave, 4 up from Cubs and 2 from waiting list. Over next 18 months only 1 Scout is due to leave and 8 more Cubs are due to come up.

Highlights of 2014/15

May 2014 – 11 Scouts attended Survival hike and camp at Drum Hill. They all hiked 9 miles carrying their own kit, they built shelters to sleep in and cooked on fires without any utensils.

We have had several cycling activities, the Troop cycled from Calke Abbey one evening in May along the new cycle trail. We have also had two 25 mile rides around Derby on the old Etwall railway trail and coming out on the Cloud trail.

For the second year several Scouts attended the multi-activity day at Carsington Water and in June 25 Cubs & Scouts went to the Commonwealth themed District Camp at Drum Hill Summer camp was 3 days at Gradbach Scout Camp near Buxton. It was attended by 9 Scouts and highlight was abseiling off a railway bridge on the Monsal Trail, lowlight was the midges but copious midge repellent kept them at bay.

The autumn saw Scout Boot Camp at the Den, we were working towards the Fitness Challenge Badge and over 6 weeks Scouts had to show an improvement in fitness levels completing a timed circuit. We also had a team enter the County Peak Challenge for the first time, this is a tough 11 mile walk across the Peak District.

Winter camping may seem like a chilling experience but we had a camp in November which was a taster for Wintercamp at Gilwell Park, London in January. This was an activity weekend attended by over 3000 Scouts, 20 Repton Scouts attended and were able to try challenging activities ranging from fairground rides and flight simulators to climbing wall, 4x4 driving, quad bikes, 3G swings and many more. The most challenging aspect of the weekend was the weather and the effect it had on the ground. The campsite was very muddy but all Scouts survived this challenge, we've just got a few muddy tents to deal with.

Since the start of this year Scouts have been focused on the Global Challenge badges, looking at various global issues such as Water Aid, health issues and global warming. We had an interesting evening of astronomy hosted by Derby Astronomical Society, we had an evening of Circus Skills which is a taster for a 4 week course in the autumn and we finished with a great evening of squeezing through small gaps and getting very muddy down a cave near Matlock.

Looking forward to 2015/16

Peak Camp at Chatsworth in July is an International Camp attended by 3000 Scouts, we have 12 Repton Scouts attending. It promises to be a great week scrambled with lots of activities.

More camping of different kinds is planned with a hike camp this month and to conclude the Global Issues camp the Scouts want to experience sleeping rough and having to walk miles to collect water.

As mentioned above we have a 4 week Circus Skills course planned for the summer and I am hopeful that by this time next year we should be seeing a number of Scouts close to achieving their Chief Scouts Gold Award.

Thanks

During the year Andy Jones had to step down as ASL due to work and family commitments. Thanks to Rob for continued support and all parents who have helped out at various camps and activities, particular mention to Michelle Hinks who has regularly been helping us on Wednesday evenings. Without your support it would be difficult to support all the activities and programme. It is very encouraging that one of our older Scouts, Dan has wanted to stop on as a Young Leader and he has provided valuable support on Wednesday evenings.

Cubs Report

We are currently running with 22 cubs (inc 2 girls) with the last 2 spaces for potential Beavers moving up. We have one leader, who is very grateful for the continued support from our young leader Morgause and pack assistants Mary and Julie. This year we have been working towards the Global and Creative challenge badges but have also seen four cubs move up to Scouts having attained their Silver Chief Scout Award. We've worked hard at emergency first aid, survived matchstick boat building and had a great time bouldering. We have also started the cubs forum this year which got a good level of response from the members voted in. We are also introducing a new set of rules around discipline & expected behaviour which will give the Cubs a clearer definition and, if successful, reduce the interruptions and time wasting that can be generated from over enthusiastic youngsters.

Beavers Report

Back in April last year we had eleven Beavers, but there are now 14 including 7 girls. Through the year the Beavers have been busy playing team games, visiting the new Science block at Repton School, bell-boating, and learning how to put up tents. We also had a walk down by the canal and made and decorated Christmas cakes.

Five Beavers gained the top award in Beavers, the Bronze Award: Alexander Cheeseman, George Inwood, Haydn Simpkins, Owen Bray and Samuel Jackson. Well Done.

We now have three leaders in the Beaver section - Max Wilson, Andy Jones and myself Liz Massey-Beeston. For the rest of the term we will be doing badge work, and hopefully going bell-boating again.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of accounts provided. Gift Aid is currently being processed, expected to receive just short of £700. Gift Aid forms still not completed for every Beaver, Cub and Scout. A donation of £300 was received from The Rotary Club. Largest expenses still continue to be rent and insurance, as well as, for this year, the purchase of Pioneering poles, Scout Gangshow tickets. Cheque also received in last few days (so not on spreadsheet) from Stamp and Deliver – to be banked shortly (£327.42)

Balance Sheet - Year to 31 December 2014

Income	year to 31.12.13		Income	year to 31.12.14	
Beavers Subs	£1,824.50		Beavers Subs	£937.00	
Cubs Subs	£1,812.00		Cubs Subs	£1,533.50	
Scouts Subs	£1,389.50		Scouts Subs	£1,816.50	
Activities income	£585.36		Activities income	£1,709.30	
Gift Aid	£787.97		Gift Aid	£0.00	
Stamp & Deliver	£389.20		Stamp & Deliver	£9.81	
Bank Interest	£0.68		Bank Interest	£0.57	
Excess income	£24.69		Excess income		
Miscellaneous income	£346.20		Miscellaneous income	£560.00	
Total Income		£7,160.10	Total Income	£6,566.68	
Expenses			Expenses		
Beavers	£196.12		Beavers	£55.00	

Cubs	£906.59		Cubs	£1,152.78	
Scouts	£640.87		Scouts	£2,345.59	
Joint Activities	£400.23		Joint Activities	£30.00	
Stamp & Deliver	£50.48		Stamp & Deliver	£0.00	
Rent - joint	£946.00		Rent - joint	£1,092.50	
Capitation - joint	£1,113.45		Capitation - joint	£1,427.50	
Activities expenses	£106.00				
Total expenditure		£4,359.74	Total expenditure	£6,103.37	
Income over expenditure		£2,800.36	Income over expenditure	£463.31	
Opening balance		£4,429.34	Opening balance		£7,721.84
Beavers float	£0.00		Beavers float	£0.00	
Cubs float	£0.00		Cubs float	£0.00	
Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	£2.43		Cash in Hand (Treasurer)	£2.43	
Lloyds TSB 396	£6,486.39		Lloyds TSB 396	£6,194.57	
Lloyds TSB 672	£1,367.45	£7,853.84	Lloyds TSB 672	£1,368.14	£7,562.71
deduct cheques not cashed (or 2014 subs paid early) at 31.12.13	£132.00	£7,721.84	deduct cheques not cashed (or 2015 subs paid early) at 31.12.14	£301.44	£7,261.27
add cheque not banked at 31.12.13:	£0.00	£7,721.84	add cheque not banked at 31.12.14:	£1,150.00	£8,411.27
Closing balance		£7,721.84	Closing balance		£8,411.27
Profit		£2,800.36	Profit		£689.43

diff £226.12