

Scout AGM Notes 8 pm 6/7/17

1. Welcome Tea & Coffee served by 1st Marwood Cubs
2. Minutes of last AGM
 - 2.1. Signed off
3. Executive:
 - 3.1. I have been searching for a new Chairman as Laurence has indicated he wanted to step down, but no success so far.
 - 3.2. Election of officers – all to remain, plus I have a request from me, should we add a Cub Scout & Scout to the Executive team to ensure we stay “YouShaped”, and if Yes should we hold an election from peers or seek volunteers?
4. Moving on strategy:
 - 4.1. Jan 2018 new Scout Group gains 5 (4 if Nya moves to Barnstaple Group) Cubs who have moved on and 5 Beavers move into Cubs.
 - 4.2. To do that we have to add a Scout Troop to our existing Cub Scout Pack in January. These 2 groups will then meet together as an Integrated Section, allowed under Scout rules and agreed with the District Commissioner earlier this year. At that DC meeting it was also agreed to grow organically Scout numbers for all 3 sections & parents supporting them.
5. Achievements & Activities:
 - 5.1. Beavers attended Remembrance Service at Marwood Church and laid a wreath on behalf of RMB Chivenor, (seek agreement to buy a 1st Marwood Scouts Wreath). VOTE
 - 5.2. 10 x Beavers went to their Christmas Party in January they all had a brilliant time.
 - 5.3. 14 x Beavers had a very successful sleepover at the hall, after which I was signed off with a Nights Away Certificate for Indoor Sleepovers.
 - 5.4. St George’s Day Parade, 2 Beavers and 2 Cubs & I attended
 - 5.5. I attended Collards Bridge Campsite @ Snapper for a work day.
 - 5.6. 5 x Beavers attended the Sandcastle Competition and we won, we need to get the plaque engraved, volunteer please!
 - 5.7. I was also awarded my Wood Beads at the completion of my initial Scout training and agreed to act as Scout Training Advisor to 1st Marwood Scouts, this means I can sign off modules 1 & 3 for the Executive team and all of the new section assistants.
 - 5.8. Numbers continue to grow slowly and we now have 19 x Beavers & 5 Cubs – to reiterate the maximum number of Beavers we can take is 24 with a minimum of 4 parent helpers or section assistants not including the Beaver Scout Leader. To take more we would need a completely new BSL and adult helpers.
 - 5.9. 5 Beavers are only the “World” badge away from receiving their Chief Scout Bronze Award the highest they can get as a Beaver and usually awarded by the DC at one of the upcoming District events.
6. Finance:
 - 6.1. Fullabrook CIC has provided a start-up grant of £250 last year, followed by a further development grant of £1000 to support our current activities, equipment needs and growth plans.
 - 6.2. County has provided a rebate of ?
 - 6.3. Rent at Marwood is £7.50 per night, the Scout levy paid in January 2017 was £39.00 per Scout likely to be in this area in 2018, this means the £2.50 per week x 36 weeks generates enough revenue to cover our fixed costs.

- 6.4. Current balance is £x, my recommendation is to leave Scout subs at £2.50 per week, paid for per term by either BACS or OSM payment, as long as nothing changes. VOTE
- 6.5. Fundraising – Scouts did a Smartie Challenge in June and raised £x
- 6.6. Liz – report?
7. Scout Support:
 - 7.1. North Devon Scouts donated 3 tents when they upgraded to new equipment, one of these were loaned to the Cubs for the residential in June this year, we also used one for the Cub Camp, it leaked but didn't cause too much of a problem.
 - 7.2. Scout UK has provided a resource pack, but sadly no new money for the additional groups we are forming as we fall outside the catchment of "deprived area status" however we will receive a county grant of £250 once we have been established/signed off by the District Commissioner.
8. Adult / Parent Support:
 - 8.1. I would like to thank all of the parents on the rota for supporting the YP and welcome Shannon Beer and Eli Philips who have both decided they want to take up a role in Scouting, it's a great time to join and I'm 100% behind them. Also we now have 2 Section Assistants in Cubs and 6 Section Assistants for Beavers. A section assistant can attend all activities including sleepovers and as many weekly sessions as necessary, they are registered with Scout UK and therefore insured when attending any Scout activity but they do not wear uniform.
 - 8.2. Scout UK has asked that all Executive Committee Members need to complete module 1E Essential Information on Scout e-learning, Section Assistants need to complete Module 1 Essential Information & 3 Tools of the Role. Hopefully we can get this done by Christmas to comply with Scout UK request. I can then sign those modules off as TA for 1st Marwood.
9. Future:
 - 9.1. New 13 week term starts 7/9/17 I have already had interest from 3 new Beavers to start.
 - 9.2. Going to hold a "Cub Bring A Friend" night to show peers what we do.
 - 9.3. 2nd Beaver Sleepover is set for 7/10/17 9am to 9am with a Zero terrain walk from Vellator to Flow Point BBQ and return, then back to the hall for making camp, campfire, songs, games, outside for a water fight and in the hall for pizzas & movie to finish. We'll need transport helpers and registered adults to sleepover in the hall.
 - 9.4. District Challenge, District Fireworks, Remembrance Day and Carol Service all to come, this year with a full programme of events for all sections already planned by Scout District for 2018.
10. AOB
 - 10.1. Next meeting 7/1/18 Muddiford Inn at 8pm