

AGM Celebration Evening

Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 18th September 2017

Serpentine Road Family Church

1. The evening opened with refreshments and table activities
2. Members stood for the receiving of the colours, received by Andy, the GSL. Members were invited to remain standing for a minute silence to remember all those who had gone home - in particular this year John Davies, honorary Group President who passed away in August.
3. Opening Prayers – read by **Revd. Dr Steve Langford**, Group Chaplain
4. Mike, the Group Chair opened the AGM part of the evening
 - Apologies for absence were received from Richie Branch, Gail & Danny Byrne, Rachel & Neil Abrahamson, Clare Hulme, Ian & Jo Robinson, Marie Dacosta, Mat & Claire Halewood, Richard Evans, Rachel Rogers, Andrew Mace, Jane & Andrew Funcks, Allison Cook
 - The minutes of the EGM held in October 2016 were approved by District and were not read out at this meeting.
 - Financial Report for End of Year Accounts presented by Steve, the Assistant Treasurer who outlined some of the minor amendments to the published accounts.
 - The financial report was agreed by the Group Executive committee and following the success of online voting on resolutions at last year's AGM, 36 votes were cast online by the Scout Council unanimously agreeing the report.
 - Annual Report for 2017 presented by GSL
 - Andy presented the annual report and highlighted some of the achievements made by the group over the last 12 months. He said that the report had been published too late to be included in the online voting this year so asked for a show of hands to agree the report. This was carried unanimously.
 - Confirmation of Appointments presented by the GSL
 - Again, this was done prior to the meeting by online vote. 36 votes were cast and all appointments were agreed unanimously:
 - Group Chairman nominated by GSL's and elected as Mike Noyce
 - Group Treasurer elected as being Barbara Poole
 - Group Secretary – vacant. Andy again asked for any interest from the meeting.
 - Elected members of the Group Executive Committee: Debbie Craven; Diane Devlin; Kevin Furlong; Clare Hulme; Anthony Upton; Janine Young.
5. **Presentations**

Mike introduced Matt Fitzpatrick, (Fitzy), Deputy District Commissioner who was asked to present Chief Scout awards. Fitzy gave a short introduction to the awards and, assisted by Andy, presented awards to:

 - **Chief Scout Silver Award: Jake, Will, Danny and Tom**
 - **Chief Scout Bronze Award: Ashton, Beth, Finlay, Harry, Harvey, Lewis & Nathan**

He then went on to present long service awards to **Katherine Huggett** (Keeo) and **Debbie Stevens** (Tic Tac) for 5 years' service, **Andy Pickersgill** (Hawkeye) for 10 years' service and **Annette Winter** (Akela) for 30 years' service.

6. Group Scout Leader Presentations

Andy gave a short introduction to the cups to be awarded and then went on to award the following members:

- Mark Cooley Shield - **Isabella Manley**
- Stan Edwards Cup - **Thomas Wilkinson**
- Joshua Upton Scout Promise Memorial Award

Andy asked Joshua's parents to come up and join him to present this award which had been a very difficult award to decide. In the end the award presented by Tony and Paula Upton was awarded to **Leah Sherlock**

- Other Awards
 - All the names put forward for the Joshua Upton Scout Promise Memorial Award were presented with a gold Josh peg by Tony and Paula in honour of their hard work and dedication to the group. Those receiving the gold Josh peg this year were:
 - **David Noyce, Emily Young, Finlay Connor, Charlotte Craven, Charlotte Harwood, Isabella Manley, Thomas Wilkinson**
- Paula went on to make a special presentation to Andy and Pol, Steve and Annette, to thank them for the help, support and advice they had given over the last year.
- Andy went on to explain that one of the Young Leaders has been shadowing his role for the last few months as part of You Shaped Scouting. **Emily Young** has worn the GSL neckerchief since February. She has attended the meetings of the group executive committee and voiced her opinions on a range of topics affecting young members of the group. Andy asked if she was happy to carry on wearing his neckerchief and presented her with the "wear my necker" award.

7. Raffle Draw Results & Table Quiz Reveals

The raffle was drawn with a number of prizes being won. Andy invited all the leaders out to show the answers to the photo quiz.

8. Return of the Colours

All present were asked to be upstanding for the return of the colours.

9. Group Celebration Video

The formal part of the evening over, Andy introduced the video which has become a traditional part of the AGM and gives everyone chance to look back at the many adventures undertaken over the last year. The video concluded with a photographic world tour of the many places Josh pegs had been spotted at and a short tribute to our Group President, John Davies.

10. Close

Mike brought the meeting to a close by thanking the Deputy District Commissioner, Matt for attending, the Church members who had given up their time to prepare the refreshments, the group executive committee for their hard work behind the scenes, the leaders for their dedication and commitment every week and the young members for making the group what it is.