

## **AGM Meeting Minutes March 2005**

Present: Keith Ramsey, June Steed, Kay Booth, Alan Booth, Karen Woolliscroft, Mark Steele, Kevin Hodgkinson, Clare Banks, four parents and three scouts.

District Officials: Lynne Garner (District Commissioner - Three Towns), Norma Hancox (Deputy District Commissioner - Three Towns), Philip Gurnery (District Chairman - Three Towns), Chris Steed (Outgoing District Commissioner - Stoke Central)

Apologies: Miles Matile (County Chairman), Caroline Carter, Scott Ramsey, Mr & Mrs Barrie (Cub Parents)

June Steed (Chairperson) welcomed all present including the District Officials and opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting were circulated and approved as a true record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **G.S.L. Report**

Keith apologised for not putting the time on the Agenda for the meeting.

There is now no age limit of 65 for retirement and Keith assumes that the District Commissioner would like him to continue as GSL for a further year.

Trentham is not alone in that it has a problem with recruitment. Replacements at Trentham are desperately needed during the next twelve months as Alan and Kay Booth have said that they will "retire" in March 2006. Therefore at least two cub pack leaders required and a Secretary for the Group Executive committee. Anyone wishing to take on these roles would be made welcome to "shadow" Alan and Kay. Scout leaders are also required as Kevin is still running the Troop single handed. If no volunteers come forward it could lead to the closure of the Group next year.

The past year had been dominated with form filling regarding grants for the new extension. Traditionally the Scout House has been used for Scouting activities. The Guides then started using the building after the Parish Hall burnt down. IMPS After School Club are now using the building on a regular basis. If the Scout House is to be used for more community activities the extension containing new toilet facilities is to be built. The Group had been refused a Big Lottery Grant as Scouting is not a Training Organisation but a Training Provider. A new roof is new required in the Main Hall as the current roof is rotten.

Keith mentioned that the marquee had "disappeared" and it was thought this was an "inside job" as there were no signs of forced entry. An insurance claim has been submitted and a new marquee will be purchased if the claim is successful.

Keith thanked all parents for completing CRB Forms so they may help all sections on a rota basis. He also thanked them for completing the Child Protection/Data Protection Act forms which had been sent out.

The only event of the past year that was not recorded in any of the section reports was that Sam Wisinski (Beaver Assistant Leader) had married.

Keith mentioned that Caroline Carter (Assistant Cub Leader) was unlikely to return following the birth of the twins and hoped that she would carry on her Scouting career

nearer to home in Stafford. Keith thanked all the leaders for their hard work over the last twelve months and hoped that more leaders would be recruited and therefore more boys could join the sections.

### **Election of Officers**

Chairperson June Steed nominated by Keith Ramsey. Proposed by Mark Steele. Seconded by Karen Woolliscroft.  
Secretary Kay Booth. Proposed by Karen Woolliscroft. Seconded by Mark Steele.  
Treasurer Sue Durber. Proposed by Gill Pears. Seconded by Carolyn Zacs.  
Scrutineer "Dusty" Miller. Proposed by Alan Booth. Seconded by Keith Ramsey.  
Covenant Secretary Clare Banks. Proposed by Gill Pears. Seconded by Karen Woolliscroft

All present at the meeting were in favour of all the above.  
More parents from all sections are needed to serve on the Executive Committee.  
Meetings held approximately four times a year. Mr Brown (Beaver parent) put his name forward. June Steed proposed this and Mark Steele seconded the same.  
Treasurer's Report. Summary contained the AGM booklet. No questions regarding the same.  
Philip Gurney asked if the accounts were ready and Sue said that they would be ready by 22nd March.

### **Awards**

Clare Banks Thanks Badge for her hard work over the last five years as Covenant Secretary.  
Sue Durber - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. Sue has been treasurer since 1992.  
Kay Booth - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. Kay has been secretary since 1990 and has helped with Gold Pack Cubs for approximately 18 years.  
Chris Steed said it was a pity that there were not many parents attending the meeting.

As the out going District Commissioner he thanked all Scouters for their good work over the past years and hoped that Trentham would continue in the future.  
Lynne Garner thanked the Group for inviting her to Trentham. She said that there were "exciting times ahead" in the new District as more facilities would be available for all to enjoy. She congratulated Trentham on what they had achieved so far. Philip Gurney said it was always a pleasure to come to Trentham. He said that last year's Open Day was first class and hoped that more leaders would come forward this year. Open Day 25th June 2005.

To be minuted that the Chairperson is nominated by the GSL not elected. Kevin then presented the following two awards: Best attendance to Callum and Scout of the Year to George.

The meeting was followed by refreshments and a talk by the local police.