

82nd Craigmmond Annual Review and AGM
Minutes by Secretary T Ramsay
Thursday 26 November 2020 by Zoom

1. Chair's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Welcome to all and special welcome to Mark Hesketh, District Commissioner.

No apologies from the Executive.

Video montage from all sections of the year's fun - a fantastic watch! Well done all Leaders on this compilation!

2. Section Annual Review

Video presentations of the top awards by the District Commissioner to over 30 children Chief Scouts Service Awards given John Kenworthy, Alan Mackenzie, Phil Young and Lisa Rolland

James Kistruck, Scout Leader, is stepping back from his Friday night Scouting role and a gift was presented to him from 82nd Craigmmond and our sincere thanks extended to him.

3. Minutes of last AGM held 9 June 2019 - approval

Approved by Graham Cullen, seconded by James Kistruck

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

5. Group Chairs Report (Sarah)

The 82nd have had another brilliant year or should I say year and a bit!, we are extremely fortunate to be in a very healthy position, both financially and with the number of committed leaders and young leaders that we have. The group has gone from strength to strength with the number of youngsters increasing year on year and we are lucky that so many parents are happy to get involved with weekly meetings and fundraising

Since the last AGM on the 7th June 2019 we have raised funds by holding a Duck race, being involved with the Race to the Sun , many thanks to the executive members who came along to help make over 700 bacon rolls, it was a long night starting at 9pm and finally clocking off at about 6 the following morning but it was great fun and well worth the effort.

In October we held our 75th Anniversary dinner at the Marriot hotel, very well attended by many, old and new 82nd members. It was a wonderful evening, I certainly enjoyed it

The Scouts raised funds for their camp that was to be held in Kandersteg by holding a Race night, back packing, hotdogs at the Christmas fayre as well as receiving funds from the Duck race, although planned camps had to be cancelled this year due to Covid, all the sections are looking forward to next year and many more adventures.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank ALL the executive committee members for their continuing support and help.... and here's where the plea comes.... We really do need some more parents to join us. Especially those with children in Beavers and Cubs, we meet usually 4 times a year and help with the fundraising activities, it doesn't take up a lot of your time but as the old saying goes "many hands make light work". If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or graham or indeed the leader of your child's section. I'm now going to hand you over to Graham our Group Scout leader.

6. Group Scout Leader's Report (Graham)

- Undoubtedly been a challenging year but despite this the Group continues to thrive
- All our sections are at full capacity and we are fortunate to have so many adult and young leaders, and parent volunteers supporting us throughout the year
- There were many highlights as you've seen from the videos, particularly the camps which the sections held in the summer of 2019.
- Covid meant the cancellation of all our camps this summer, including the Scouts trip to Kanderstaig in Switzerland and the Explorers trip to Finland
- Fingers crossed that we will be able to go camping in 2021
- Another highlight was our 75th anniversary – over the weekend we enjoyed a great dinner attended by many past and present members of the Group spanning 5 decades
- Dr Barr then hosted a memorable Kirk Service.
- I want to take this opportunity to wish Dr Barr all the very best in his well-earned retirement
- To thank him for all his support towards the Scout Group during his many years at Cramond
- I also want to thank all the Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer leaders for their tremendous efforts during these difficult past months
- They have shown amazing adaptability and imagination in keeping scouting going throughout Lockdown, and in the reintroduction of face-2-face meetings now that restrictions have been reduced
- I also want to thank all our fantastic youngsters and their parents for their commitment and support throughout the year
- I know that many scout groups across Edinburgh have struggled to maintain their programmes

· I am therefore truly indebted to everyone for their commitment and support which has ensured that all our youngsters have been able to continue their scouting experience in Cramond

· Finally, I would like to thank Mike Traenor, our Scout Leader for his unstinting help and support over the last year. He put in a phenomenal effort organising the Scout camp to Switzerland, only to then have an even greater battle to recover the monies already paid out – which he had great success in achieving, whilst also keeping everyone up to date on progress!

· He has also been a remarkable support to me and all the leaders as we have navigated through the Covid restrictions with the associated Risk Assessments and guidance to youngsters and parents. Thank you Mike!

7. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts

1. Bank balance brought forward from previous financial year £7805
2. Receipts for financial year 2019/2020 £42529
3. Payments for same period £42609
4. This equates to a deficit of £80
5. Bank closing balance for financial year is thus £7725
6. The numbers quoted relate only to the group account and does not include any of the section accounts.
7. All section leaders and requested to include Treasurer on their bank account so that we can have a consolidated position going forward.

8. GSL Nominations for:

A: Group Chair - Sarah remaining Chair

B: Members of the Group Executive Committee:

Lisa Rolland relinquishing role as Treasurer, Sandra Smit offered and accepted role as Treasurer.

Diane Bruff relinquished role as Secretary, Tanya Ramsay offered and accepted role as Secretary.

9. Election of:

A: Members of the Group Executive Committee

B: Group Secretary

C: Treasurer

Both Secretary and Treasurer roles offered to AGM, no offers, proposed by Graham and Paul and both elected.

Members of the Group Executive Committee are nominated and elected and co-opted throughout the year. There were no volunteers tonight.

10. District Representative - Mark Hesketh

Thanked Graham Cullen for his kind words.

Mark gave a really heartwarming speech to the Group expressing how impressed he was with the leadership throughout the pandemic and the way the young people had adapted to join in in new ways. He really praised the Group for all they have done to keep our youngsters involved throughout the year.

11. AOB

No AOB - one final big thanks from Sarah:

Many thanks to you all joining us this evening, and a special thanks to Mark. Congratulations to all the youngsters who have won awards, all that hard work really pays off.

I would like to reiterate what Graham has said regarding the leaders and young leaders, your time, effort and commitment to providing scouting to all really is second to none and we are proud to have you all in the 82nd.

That brings this REVIEW and AGM to a close, just a reminder regarding the Group Exec, please think about joining us, it's really quite enjoyable! We might even get a CHRISTMAS party next year!!

Best wishes to you all and HAPPY CHRISTMAS.