

**82nd Inverleith (Cramond) Scout Group
Annual General Meeting and review of the Year
Lochearnhead**

19th June 2010

Present James Hancock (stand-in Chairman)
 Alan Cramond (Treasurer)
 Jacqueline Mackay (Secretary)
 Russell Shoulder (Group Scout Leader)
 Troop Leaders
 Executive Members
 Parents & Guests

1. Introduction and Welcome

James welcomed all the parents. He introduced the members of the Parent Executive as well as Russell and the Leaders present.

There were no official apologies.

James explained that the meeting would follow the same format as last year. The review was a good opportunity to find out what the boys have actually been doing.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes presented were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting held at Cramond Kirk Hall on 5th June 2009. Proposed – Sally Hancock, seconded – Vivien McNiven.

3. Matters arising - None

4. Review of the Year - Part 1

Russell had taken over as Group Scout Leader at the beginning of 2010. Thanks was given to Scott Goddard who was GSL for 2 years.

Russell had prepared a presentation showing some of the activities enjoyed by the boys over the past year using a mix of photo stills & video clips.

In particular he noted that, 65 Scouts are on the books and on average, 55 attend per night.

Thanks were given to Rhoda in particular with regard to fund raising. Rhoda has generated a huge amount of fund raising over the last year which has helped to revive the Sea Scouts.

Also, in particular 10 Scouts have achieved the Gold Scouts Award and Ross McNaughton had achieved the Silver cub award.

Russell invited Alan to deliver the Treasurer's report.

5 Treasurers Report

Alan presented the Group accounts. He noted that there was an ongoing challenge to continue to raise funds.

Fundraising over the last year had generated significant funds. A grant of £10k had been received from the Postcode Lottery. This grant had been spent on capital equipment for Sea Scouts.

Fundraising via bag-packing had been very successful, but it required parent volunteers.

Further fundraising occurred through the Christmas Fair (£250), Plant sale (£600) and Santa Sleigh (£1,000).

It was agreed that the AGM would address the level of subscriptions. It was proposed that subs increase by £10, with an early payment discount of £10. The proposal was unanimously agreed by the attendees.

Alan noted that fixed costs are substantial at approximately £8,000. Over £4,000 was paid to the regional group and £1,000 paid to the Kirk 09/10. In addition, the Kirk are proposing to increase by 30 to 40%. Insurance and boat store rent is also covered under fixed costs, but not the running of the sections.

There is currently £1,370 outstanding in subscriptions. Murray Mackay asked about the policy for not payment. Alan stated that the only policy for non-payment would be in cases of hardship. Currently no one is claiming hardship.

Alan is to step down as Treasurer and James thanked him for all his hard work.

GSL – Plan for the Year Ahead

James delivered a power point presentation which included an analysis of the numbers of boys / Leaders / helpers in each Section, the need for more Leaders, how parents can get involved with the Group and an update of the job vacancies still available at Cramond Scout Group.

It was noted that the Group has grown significantly with 30 now in the Sea Scouts. As such the Group needs to increase its volunteer based.

James asked the AGM to split into groups to discuss where support can come from and how this can be prioritised.

Vivien McNiven presented the ideas from her group.

Volunteers

- Posters don't work. Postcards work better.
- The Group needs to develop a volunteer policy. It should describe what the volunteers would get out of supporting the Scouts.
- The policy needs to state what they can put on their CV and how this can help them.

Volunteer Centres

- The centres cover all areas of voluntary work
- Disclosures are free

Pledge

- A pledge should be ensured from parents of new boys

Murray Mackay presents the ideas from his group.

Volunteers

- Volunteers should be broken down into categories
- All families with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts should be invited to attend a volunteer evening at which they could also pay subs (with the £10 discount).

Communication

- The Group should identify clearly when help is required.

7. Election of Executive Committee

Graham Cullen: to return as Chairman JH proposed and JM seconded.

Jacqueline Mackay is to remain as secretary.

Alan Cramond stepped down as Treasurer and subsequently James Hancock has offered to take on this role. Russell Shoulder and Grant Whitton have approved.

Grant Whitton has offered to help with subscriptions and to remain on the Executive. Mike Treanor is also to continue on the Executive.

Gary Biggar offered to join the Executive and this was met with unanimous agreement.

James thanked the Executive Committee and the Leaders for their hard work and all the time and effort spent preparing and organising the programme of activities throughout the year.

James thanked the departing Treasurer for his efforts over the years.

8. AOCB

Graham took this opportunity to thank James for his role as acting chairman and doing such a good job.