



**21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams)
Scout Group**



Annual General Meeting
Held on Tuesday 15 June 2022
at the Peter Digby Scout HQ

The meeting started at 18.05

Full versions of all the reports and documents were distributed electronically in advance of the meeting. The Group reports are also available on the website.

Present

Jason Phelps	Outgoing GSL	Mary Nash	ABSL
Cameron Beale	GSL	Joe Ray	Squirrel Leader
Rebecca Fouch	Chair	Rhonda Thomas	ACSL
Gillian McKay	Secretary	David Shill	DC
Andy Pickles	Treasurer	Claire Sutton	District Chair
Sharon Archer	Exec	Tony Moles	LTM District
Leanne Cooper	Exec	Xenia Bennett	Parent
Terry Hamer	Exec	Rachel Biondani	Parent
Claire McCann	Exec	Alex Earle	Parent
Stephen McCann	Exec	Danielle Gradidge	Parent
Randell McKay	Exec	Jo Johnston	Parent
Julie Nash	Exec	Kevin Knight	Parent
Hazel Orriss	Exec / Hall hire	Lizzie Knight	Parent
Graeme Harris-Scott	ASL and QM	Isla Lipscomb	Parent
Steve Batchelor	ASL & Rifle Club	Ross Lipscomb	Parent
Tina Elliott	SL	Katherine Minns	Parent
Louise Harris-Scott	SL	Naomi Pickett	Parent
Ian Biondani	ASL / Exec	Matt Pickett	Parent
Isobel Cooper	ASL	Ivan Proctor	Parent
Edward Elliott	Young Leader	Rachael Proctor	Parent
Kim Smith	ACSL	Wendy Rees	Parent
Craig Wilkins	CSL	Ian Shatwell	Parent
Kerrie Bowers	BSL	Edyta Tarasiuk	Parent

Apologies

Apologies were received from Terry Elliott, Steve Wallis

1. Chair's welcome

Bex welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave a particular welcome to Claire Sutton (District Chair) and Tony Moles (LTM District). David Shill (DC) arrived later in the meeting.

Bex thanked the Leaders and Exec for all they have done during the past year to support the Group and invited anyone interested to join the team of Leaders or the Exec. She said that even taking on a small role is really helpful to the running of the group and maintenance of the HQ and grounds. Bex encouraged parents to give feedback to Leaders or Exec members to help us ensure that the young people are enjoying their Scouting.

2. Minutes of the last AGM (Wednesday 23 June 2021)

The minutes of the last AGM were approved as a true record - motion proposed by Claire Sutton and seconded by Claire McCann. There were no matters arising.

3. GSL's and Chair's report (including adoption of Trustees' report))

Jason began by stating that he is standing down as GSL and will continue on the Exec as Treasurer. Cam will be taking over as GSL and Jason said he was confident the Group would be in good hands. Cam then presented a summary of the written report which had been distributed electronically prior to the meeting and is available on the Group website.

The formal Trustees' report and approved accounts for 2021- 2022 are available to view in the Members' Area of the Group's website.

Cam thanked all the Leaders, Exec members and parents for the support they continue to give the Group. He also thanked Jason for all his hard work as GSL over the past year.

Key changes:

- The number of young people has grown from the previous year's census (119) to this year (154), a 29.4% increase.
- A second Scout Troop (Atlantis Troop) was opened in February, running on Wednesday evenings under the leadership of Louise Harris-Scott
- Taurus Cubs – Steve Wallis has stepped down as CSL and moved to a role as ASL with Endeavour Troop. Tony Moles has agreed to fill in until we appoint and train a new section leader.
- Wood Beavers – Kelly Parker and Sam Collins are stepping down as Section Leaders and moving to a Group closer to home. We wish them well in their new roles.

Activity outside our own Group:

- Young people from 21st regularly participate in District and County-run events.
- Cam (GSL) is also ADC Cubs
- Tina (SL Endeavour Troop) is also ADC Scouts
- Our Rifle Club is a resource for the District and further afield.
- Our Tomahawk and Archery instructors have done an amazing job this year offering sessions across the District.

Looking forward:

- We plan to open a Squirrel Drey for ages 4 to 6 in September 2022 run by Joe Ray who has many years of experience working with this age group and in Scouting.

The Trustees' report, which is sent to the Charity Commission, was formally adopted by the meeting.

4. Treasurer's report (presentation and adoption)

The accounts were approved by the Executive committee and ratified by the Independent Examiner, Linda Purkess, prior to the AGM. The accounts were signed on 3 June 2022.

Andy presented and commented on a summary of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022. He noted that the increased income and expenditure on activities over last year reflects the return to normal Scouting following the pandemic.

Summary of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 March 2021:

	Unrestricted funds 2021 - 22	Restricted Funds 2021 - 22	Total 2021 - 22	Total 2020 - 21
Receipts	£18,947	£11,209	£30,156	£38,754
Payments	£17,767	£14,828	£32,595	£19,701
Net receipts / (payments)	£1,180	(£3,619)	(£2,439)	£19,053
Net transfers between funds	(£5,790)	£5,790		
Cash funds at 31 March	£47,727	£5,796	£53,523	£55,962

- Receipts from membership income, £16,870 (£11,449 last year) demonstrate how the Group has rebuilt after lockdowns of the previous years
- The Membership fees paid to National/County/District totalling £8,392 (£6,484) represent the increase in children year on year, rather than a substantial increase in the level of fees being incurred.
- Rental income £2,510 (£594) has increased, as the HQ is open again to hirers
- Gift Aid's apparent decrease £1,474 (£3,956) is due to the lower membership income in the previous year.
- Paulton's Park Group event costing £3,238 was a one-off event that the Group decided to host to celebrate the return of face-to-face Scouting after two difficult years of lockdown.
- Premises running costs totalled £6,573 which compares favourably with recent years of over £10k, reflecting careful management of the costs.

Finally, Andy said he is standing down as Treasurer, however, he will remain on the Exec and will be available to support Jason as he takes on the new role.

A copy of the full accounts is available on request to the Group Chair. The Treasurer's report and the accounts were unanimously adopted by the meeting.

5. Appointment of Chairperson

Rebecca (Bex) Fouch was appointed by the GSL to continue as Chairperson. There were no objections to the appointment.

6. Election of Secretary

Gill McKay was re-elected as Exec secretary, proposed by Terry Hamer, seconded by Ian Biondani.

7. Election of Treasurer

Jason Phelps was elected as Treasurer, proposed by Stephen McCann, seconded by Randell McKay.

8. Nomination and election of Executive Committee

The Chair confirmed that all the section leaders have agreed to be Trustees.

The following were elected or re-elected to the Exec Committee, nominated by Claire Sutton, seconded by Kerrie Bowers:

Sharon Archer, Steve Batchelor, Ian Biondani, Leanne Cooper, Terry Hamer, Graeme Harris-Scott, Claire McCann, Stephen McCann, Randell McKay, Julie Nash, Hazel Orriss, Andy Pickles, Steve Wallis

The committee is as follows:

Elected/ appointed members		Ex officio members by virtue of their roles in the Group	
Rebecca Fouch	Chair (appointed)	Cameron Beale	GSL
Jason Phelps	Treasurer	Tina Elliott	SL Endeavour
Gillian McKay	Secretary	Louise Harris-Scott	SL Atlantis
Graeme Harris-Scott	Quarter Master	Craig Wilkins	Cub Leader Taurus
Hazel Orriss	General member	<i>vacancy</i>	Cub Leader Phoenix
Sharon Archer	General member	Kerrie Bowers	Beaver Leader River
Steve Batchelor	General member	Kelly Parker	Beaver Leader Wood
Ian Biondani	General member	Terry Elliott	Explorer leader
Leanne Cooper	General member		
Terry Hamer	General member		
Claire McCann	General member		
Stephen McCann	General member		
Randell McKay	General member		
Julie Nash	General member		
Andy Pickles	General member		
Steve Wallis	General member		

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Bex confirmed that Linda Purkess has agreed to continue as Independent Examiner of the accounts for the next financial year. This was approved, proposed by Randell McKay, seconded by Ian Biondani.

10. Other business and awards

Leaders nominated the following Scouts of the year from each section and gave a short citation:

River Beavers	Eliza Knight
Wood Beavers	Freya Dixon
Phoenix Cubs	Toby Pickett
Taurus Cubs	Will Edwards
Atlantis Scouts	Ewan Poole
Endeavour Scouts	Joe Biondani

Medals were presented to those present.

Cam then presented Chief Scout bronze awards to four of our Beavers.

On behalf of the District, Claire Sutton thanked everyone involved in supporting 21st Romsey and commended 21st on being a well-run Scout Group. She was encouraged to see how everyone in the Group seemed to enjoy their Scouting so much.

There was no further business. The meeting closed at 18:45