



Scouts

1st Ince and Elton

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Annual General Meeting

10th May 2019

The Minutes for the Annual General Meeting 2019

Present

Linda McKay,	The Group leaders.
Lynda Canham	Callum Linger
Lynne Williams	Ollie Chambers

Apologies

Mike Rhodes	Betty
Nat Tudor	

Welcome to all – Members, Guests and Visitors.

Callum Linger welcomed everybody to the meeting

Slideshow of last 12 months.

A slideshow presentation was shown the meeting covering the events of the last 12 months.

The Reports of the Group were read out

Chairpersons Report

Welcome to 1st Ince and Elton Scout Groups Annual AGM.

My name is Lynda Canham, I am currently the acting Chair of the Executive Committee and want to take this occasion to thank all the Leaders for their work, activities, involvement, commitment and patience with our children. We have a fantastic, dedicated and skilled group of Leaders who will always go that extra mile if needed.

Thank you also to all the other volunteers who do a smashing job including the Fundraising Sub-Committee members, Executive Committee members and the HQ Sub-Committee.

We will hear the reports from the different Section Leaders shortly and watch a slideshow of the various things that the Group has been up to.

Toilets are by the entrance doorway and fire doors are at either end of the building. If there is a fire, please listen to Leaders and exit building as calmly and safely as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents and guests that we are always happy for anyone to volunteer in whatever way you can. Please see one of the Leaders or any Committee member if you want to help.

There are many roles available for parents from formal leadership and trustees, to fundraising helpers and occasional support for our HQ Sub-Committee and Fundraising Sub-Committee. Having parents on these Sub-Committees who meet occasionally is vital to ensure our leaders are able to concentrate on the delivery of the Scouting Programme. Please think about what you are able or willing to do to support us.

We have also been beavering away behind the scenes to provide the Group with the correct paperwork, insurance and policies to support what has been a rapidly growing and successful Group. These policies have been agreed at the Executive meetings and will be available to the Scout Council on the Website for you to read. Everyone in this Scout Council has a right to question these policies.

The Group has done amazing work on its fundraisers this year, alongside the very successful Bonfire/Firework display, Plant Sale, the Quiz and Curry Night for the parents went down very well and will be added to our list of events and fundraisers going forwards.

I am very excited about hearing of future plans and activities for 1st Ince and Elton Scout Group

Here's to another exciting year in Scouting!

Group Scout Leader's Report

We have had another industrious year thanks to all our Leaders, helpers and Committee members.

We have had our usual church services for Harvest Festival, Remembrance Parade and St Georges Day. All of which were very well attended. I often meet with other church goers who say 'how well behaved' the young people are and have enjoyed seeing them and the flags paraded. This year at the St. George's Day service - one Beaver was invested, and one swam up to Cubs before we all renewed our promise.

A great number of activities have been enjoyed by the sections. These include a Sixer Camp, a Swimming Gala, a Craft event, Sports evenings and Cheshire Hike to name a few.

Fundraising is ongoing as always including our Plant Sale and our Bonfire event. These events are very much appreciated as we always need new equipment and the renovations to the hut are looking good.

All Leaders and Committee Members are required to do appropriate training for their responsibilities. We as a group are well up to date now.

I have a few announcements to make that I think most of you may already know. The first is that Alex Weale is away for 6 months training with his work. The next is that Callum is well into his training to take over from me as Group Scout Leader (GSL) and when this is completed, I will step down to Assistant GSL and Callum will take over as GSL. You're not getting rid of me that easily.

To add, last year we went to Halloween Camp at Forest and we have had all sections camping inside and out since.

The Fun Committee have managed to put on some fantastic events including the Quiz and Curry night and more, along with raising our biggest funds through our Plant Sale and our prestigious Bonfire Night which are now yearly events.

We have had a Christmas Party with Elton's very first Christmas Light "Switch-On" in the village which was enjoyed by all.

All sections also attended the Gang Show – Thanks to Steve for organising.

It's great to see all sections working towards the top awards, bronze, silver and gold awards.

We continue to push fundraising for extra work on the hut along with extra equipment which helps us deliver different activities for all sections.

I personally would also like to thank all of the group as a few members have gone through some difficult times as of late and they have all managed to pull together seamlessly.

We are also always looking for new volunteers as part of our leader team, as part of our exec or hut/fun committee, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please come and speak to us after. We are a nice bunch we will welcome you with open arms and we will look after you.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work and support this year. Let's make the next just as exciting.

Scouts Section Report

As you will have seen in the slideshow, we've once again had a busy 12 months. When putting the slideshow together, it took us by surprise the amount of activities that we have done recently (*there are some things that we have done, that didn't make it into the slideshow*)!

Shortly after last year's AGM, it was revealed that Callum Linger would be leaving us to become the new GSL for our group – this took our Section Leadership down to just Steve and I; despite being challenging, I think we've managed!

Looking at Trips and Activities over the last 12 months, we've done some exciting things including:

- Trip to Liverpool (including Ferry and Bus Tour)
- Cosford Airshow
- Ice Skating
- Trips to the local Fire Station and Go Outdoors
- Mersey Tunnel Tour
- Freedom

We've also done a number of camps including a couple of overnights and full weekend camps at Forest Camp for Halloween (which was bitterly cold) and more recently the Winter Camp.

Our focus for our weekly meetings continues to be completing elements of the Challenge Badges that make up the Chief Scout Gold Award. Unfortunately, since the last AGM, we've had no Scouts complete the work required to achieve their 'Chief Scouts Gold Award' for the first time ever, however this will change very shortly in the upcoming presentations!

This year we entered four Scouts into the Cheshire Hike. Between the four of them, they made up 3 teams - 1 full Junior team; a joint Junior team with 14th Widnes; and a joint Intermediate team with 1st Moore.

They all did amazingly well with one of the junior teams placing 3rd in the district and 5th overall. The other junior team placed 8th in the district and 48th overall. Meanwhile our joint intermediate team placed 2nd in the district and 8th overall!

Sadly, our numbers are down quite considerably since last year – with 10 Scouts currently on the books. Of those, four are due to leave before the summer and another leaving shortly after. Hopefully this is just a blip and we will see growth once again.

Cubs Section Report

We currently have 19 Attending Cubs and Charlie moving up to Scouts. We have a strong leader team and have been working hard on getting the programming right.

This year has been very busy for the Cub Section. Badges we have completed or are almost there with are; Environment, Animal Care, Artist, Entertainer, DIY, Communicator, Swimming stages, Digital citizen stages and of course more Hikes and Nights Away badges, there are probably a few more as we have been encouraging Cubs to do their own badges for example the Hobby and Reading badges.

We have moved 4 Cubs up to Scouts with their Silver Award and have a few more who should easily have this by September.

The Cubs have entered the District Quiz in two teams as they all wanted to go. We entered a Team in the District Craft Trophy and we won again! Whoop! Also, eight of the Cubs took part in the District Swimming Gala which is a whole lot of fun.

Numbers are restricted on this so we planned the Group Swimming activity yesterday to make up for it.

The Cubs have been away on a district Water Weekend last May, a Halloween Camp in October which was very cold, a Spring Night away at QCW and also are ready to go on our Spring Camp to Tatton with 3rd Frodsham Cubs.

Other activities that have gone well have been our participation in the Xmas Party and the Xmas Light "Switch-On" where lots turned up in uniform. We loved the trip to the Gang Show as a group organised by Steve Spencer, can we do that again please? We enjoyed the 'Bring a Mum to Cubs,' night which was amazing as ALL the mums turned up...pat on the back Mums! We have also walked the walls for an Easter Egg Challenge and last weekend most were involved in the Group Hike.

We are proud of all that our Cubs do – they are 'The Best.' And look forward to helping them to achieve more next year.

Beavers Section Report

In May we had our own Royal Wedding 'tea party' with Union Flags and where all parents helped by bringing in food. Good old-fashioned fun.

We attended the bag pack in Asda in May and December, where the children were brilliant chatting too and showing respect to all customers. This developed skills for Beavers to help pack their bags for their parents!

Our Frodsham Caves hike all the way to QCW in May, was a great success and all Beavers received a hike badge for their efforts. Fabulous Beaver District Camp in June where the weather was kind and the children undertook lots of backwoods cooking, arts and crafts activities and target skills.

All Beavers attended the Summer BBQ with the climbing wall and zorbing.

We visited the Hayrack Church Farm in September which allowed the Beavers to attain their pets badge. We got to feed the animals and learnt a lot about the rabbits and the Leaders got very attracted to the skunk!

We also had our annual Macmillan Coffee Evening which once again was supported so well by parents and children which was brilliant.

We attended the County Halloween camp which was a great success and many badges were earned.

Remembrance Parade was a wonderful way to remember all those lost and again the support was wonderful from the local community as well as parents. And the unveiling of the monument was touching.

The Santa's Grotto visit is going to be an annual event where the children can meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and all the Elves were amazing.

The Family Christmas Party which was held in the Church Hall was great fun with the Beaver Leaders doing Baby Shark ... Hilarious.

February, we had a fun little sleepover which we held here in our HQ with burgers and a film perfect!

The Quiz and Curry Night was another wonderful fundraiser and we hope to run these regularly throughout the year. Thank you to Jason who is a great quiz master.

St George's Day was a wonderful celebration and included the presentation of the Bronze Award to Harry.

Finally, we attended the May Day Picnic, Beavers walked 2.5 miles and finished with a picnic in the park.

The Beavers have been awarded 14 different badges over the past 12 months. These are on top of the challenge badges they have achieved.

Chloe has achieved her 10 plus nights away badge and 5 plus hikes.

Five Beavers have achieved their Chief Scouts Bronze Award.

Thank you to Beavers for being amazing and committed.

Thank you also to my ace team.

Treasurer's Report

2018 (All figures rounded to nearest £100)

2018 has remained a difficult year financially for the Group. Significant funding has been required to finalise the refurbishment of the Hut.

Therefore we have seen a significant increase in terms of both income and expenditure in 2018 compared to previous years.

However thanks to the hard work of our various Committees, Sub-Committees, Leaders, parents and donors we have been able to complete this refurbishment, whilst generating a small net income of £600 for the year.

Income

Total income for 2018 was £38,500, with a breakdown of income as below:

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Total Income	38.5	21.7
Of which:		
Donations	18.6	7.8

Fundraising	8.9	7.3
Member subscriptions	5.5	5.3
Camps	2.6	1.1
Outing and hikes	1.0	0.0
Other	1.9	0.2

Fundraising

A magnificent £8,900 income (£4,200 net) was raised through fundraising, and £18,600 through donations (compared to £3,300 net fundraising and £7,800 donations in 2017).

The most successful fundraisers were (all net figures):

- Bonfire £1,200 (excluding donations of £1.3k)
- Bag pack £1,200
- Plant Sale £1,000
- Quiz and Curry £400

The great thing is to see new events organised by the Fundraising (or Fun) Committee, including both the Bag Packs and Quiz and Curry events plus others such as the 100 club.

Donations

It has also been an excellent year in terms of donations received.

Although there are too many to list individually, I would also like to thank all of those who have provided donations to the Group. In particular these donations have allowed the Group to:

- Finish the Hut renovation; particularly the kitchen
- Provide the annual community firework event
- Provide hi-vis vests for events at the bonfire, and hoodies for leaders to make our volunteers more visible at events

Additional income has been received for camps, outings and hikes through better budgeting and working towards making such events self funding. As you can see in the expenditure summary below, the cost of these activities has increased, and I'd hope you can see from the section reports delivered that the wide range of activities offered illustrates the benefit of this.

Expenditure

However, as I mentioned expenditure has also increased, to £37,900.

	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
Total Expenditure	37.9	25.2
Of which:		
Hut Renovation	21.7	12.5
Fundraising	4.7	4.0
Camps	3.2	1.6
Census	2.1	2.5
Outings and hikes	2.1	0.4
Equipment	1.4	0.5
Badges and Uniform	1.1	0.2
Utilities (heat, light, water, maintenance)	1.1	1.6
Other	0.5	1.9

By far the highest cost was the £21,700 for refurbishment of the Hut to pay for the remaining building works and refurbishment of the kitchen.

The £4,700 fundraising costs enabled the Group to generate the £8,900 income mentioned above.

Equipment has included purchase of:

- Banners, and feather to better advertise the Group and its activities
- Amp (for music) and lights to use at events
- Fire extinguishers
- Clothing to make volunteers more visible at events

Subscriptions

Subscriptions were raised to £12 from 1st September 2018. Thanks to parents for their understanding of the requirement to do so, which has helped the Group to maintain subscription amounts despite slightly lower member numbers, and mitigate rising costs for the Group. Subscriptions currently remain at £12 per month (payable for all 12 months of the year).

Bank Accounts

Amounts held in Bank Accounts or cash as at 31st December 2018 were £8,400

	£'000
Cash and bank balances @ 31/12/17	7.8
Net income	0.6
Cash and bank balances @ 31/12/18	8.4

A full set of the 2018 Annual Accounts are included in the appendix below.

Appendix 1 – Full Accounts 2018

1st Ince and Elton Scout Group				
Annual Accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2018				
Opening Balance as of 01/01/2018				
			Bank	£ 7,379.19
			Cash	£ 448.92
Total				£ 7,828.11
Income		Expenditure		
Subscriptions	£ 5,489.00		Hut Renovation	£ 21,742.35
Donation	£ 18,551.60		Census	£ 2,093.50
Fundraising	£ 8,939.31		Fundraising	£ 4,716.39
Camps	£ 2,618.50		Camps	£ 3,235.48
Outings and Hike	£ 1,030.00		Uniform	£ 713.10
Rent	£ 830.00		Badges	£ 399.16
Sundry	£ 1,061.68		Equipment	£ 1,457.90
			Outings and Hikes	£ 2,056.10
			Electricity	£ 837.61
			Water	£ 23.77
			Hut Maintenance	£ 131.13
			Insurance	£ 42.00
			Sundry	£ 474.13
	£ 38,520.09			£ 37,922.62
Closing Balance as of 31/12/2018				
			Bank	£ 8,014.59
			Cash	£ 410.99
Total				£ 8,425.58
Split by Reserve		General	Hut	Total
Opening Balance as of 01/01/2018		£ 7,828.11	£ -	£ 7,828.11
Income		£ 17,521.73	£ 20,998.36	£ 38,520.09
Expenditure		£ 13,873.71	£ 24,048.91	£ 37,922.62
Transfer from General Reserve		-£ 3,050.55	£ 3,050.55	£ -
Closing Balance as of 31/12/2018		£ 8,425.58	£ -	£ 8,425.58

Elections were held:

Nat Tudor will remain as the Chair of the Executive committee, this was voted and approved.

Lynne Williams will remain as the Group Secretary. Mike Rhodes resigned his position as Treasurer and Sue Butler was nominated and elected in.

Members of the exec committee – Lynda Canham (Acting Chair), Sharon Lennon, Linda MaKay, Callum Linger, Sarah Adshead, Graham Proctor, Ashley Proctor, Alex Weale, Jack Wibberley.

Election of members to join the HQ Committee and the FR Committee.

Parent Volunteers List

Awards and Celebrations

Various awards were presented by the group leaders.

Any Speakers

Ollie Chambers, the District commissioner spoke to the audience, congratulating the group for their commitment and the last 12 months.

Vicky Astley received her Wood Badge, this was presented by Ollie Chambers.

Date of Exec meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 28th May 2019. 8.00pm

Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of the

.....1st Ince and Elton SCOUT GROUP/DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

I report on the accounts of the Group/District for the year ended2018.....

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

As the Group's/District's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that neither the audit nor independent examination requirements of the Charities Act 2011 apply. It is my responsibility without carrying out an audit or independent examination to scrutinise the accounts and to report to you.

Basis of Scrutineer's Statement

In accordance with the directions given in the Group's/District's constitution, I have scrutinised the records and the accounts set out on pages1.... to11.....

Scrutineer's Statement

In my opinion the accounts are in accordance with the records produced to me and comply with the constitution.

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Date:5th June 2019.....

