

1st Carryduff Scout Group's Annual General Meeting held on 17th May 2018

Mitchell Hall, St. Ignatius Parish Halls

Present

Brian Crothers

Bruce Moss

Ida Hamill

Simon Black

Phil Maxwell

Ingrid Wilson

Joan Clayton

Geraldine Reid

Sandra Thomas

Scott McFarland

Apologises

Gordon Crothers

Welcome

Chairman Bruce Moss welcomes all in attendance. Geraldine wished to thank all the helpers for their support during the year.

Business arising from last AGM: None.

Reports

Squirrel Report – unavailable

Beaver Activity Report, by Geraldine Reid

We had 16 Beavers in September 2016, 4 moved to Cubs in and 4 came from Squirrels January 2017.

We met over 30 weeks of the year and had 7.2% attendance

Beavers attended Remembrance Day service, took part in our annual Carol service and Holy week service.

We celebrated Chinese New Year in February. It was the year of the “Rooster”, we looked at cultures around their New Year and finished the evening off with Prawn crackers and Lychees.

We had our annual Mums night, our programme was based around a fitness badge. We played Fruit salad, had an egg and spoon race, played hoola hoops and skipping. We ended our evening with a healthy eating fruit salad and a drink.

Our annual “Dads” night was based around a Camping badge. Dads and their Sons made tents, learned how to make Reef knots, made “smores” (melted marshmallows between Biscuits) on a disposable barbeque.

Other activities included making Mother’s Day cards, Valentine’s Day cards, we had a nature trail in the Church grounds and conducted a Traffic survey. We made Rice crispy buns and made Spider hand prints for Halloween and mince pies for Christmas.

Badges awarded throughout the year included:

Collectors badge 5

Faith Badge 8

Health and Fitness 6

Hobbies 9

Camp Craft 7

The badge work is embedded in our programme each week therefore if boys do not attend for each of the required activity for each badge it is not given.

Cubs Report by Simon Black

The group consists of 19 members, with a large catchment from outside Carryduff. The group is continuing to support county events. Fourteen boys attended the cub camp in Newcastle in June 2017. Simon wished to thank Richard Meekin, David Edgar and Gordon Crothers for their hard work and continued support.

Scouts Report by Phil Maxwell

The group consists of 23 members (a Beetle Drive fundraiser brought in 2 more boys).

Started a tuck shop. Limited to 50p per person, per night.

Phil selected for the Jamboree.

Appealing to the parents committee for more fundraising suggestions.

Explorers Report by Ingrid Wilson

The group consists of 14 members. Finn has been selected to represent the Jamboree.

The group have completed a wide range of activities throughout the year:

Photography training, baking, expedition training, Burns night, trip to Switzerland, Zipline Park, Gilwell and 24 hour challenge.

Ingrid wanted to thank all the leaders.

Treasurer Report by Sandra Thomas

Balance of Current account as 31 August 2016 amounted to £8172.03 with cheques totalling £1095.76 from previous year not cashed which gives a true figure of 7076.27 at start of New Year.

Balance of Deposit account £28.73 31.8.2016

Income through the account for year totalled £19518.34– volume through account higher due to Explorer Scout Kandersteg trip.

Expenditure amounted to £18971.71 (higher due to Explorer Scout trip).

£199.02 was collected at the Christmas Carol Service and this was sent to Wateraid as the agreed charity.

£1000.00 donation was received by the Scout Troop from a previous member of the Scouts.

The closing balance of the current account at 31 August 2017 amounted to £7642.90 with one uncashed cheque totalling £20.

Therefore true figure for year 17/18 amounted to £7622.90

Group Scout Leader Report by Brian Crothers

No issues or actions. Changed from South East Belfast > Lagan District. Brian is enthusiastic and positive about the larger district, believing it will provide more opportunities for activities.

AOB

Phil mentioned the rebranding of the Scouts Association.

Geraldine, Joan and Brian attended GDPR training. Personal email addresses not recommended for transfer of Scouts data.

Feedback from parents is that they would rather pay an extra amount to fees rather than participate in fundraising events. Agreed to raise fees to £45.00.

The group were allocated the winter allowance.

Election of Office Bearers

Chairman: Bruce Moss

Secretary: Ida Hamill

Treasurer: Sandra Thomas

Committee Members: Dave Molloy

Meeting adjourned at 9.25pm.