

## NOTES

## **5. GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN**

The nomination of the Group Chairman is wholly one for the GSL: I would therefore nominate Simone Stein as our Chairman, effective as soon as her recruitment paperwork is processed. Simone has been one of our Local Councillors at RBBC and has been active with youth groups and wishes to continue since she stood down at the local elections in May.

## **6. NOMINATION & ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

Position is vacant – nomination & second from the floor please

## **7. NOMINATION & ELECTION OF TREASURER**

Tanya Perry is currently the Treasurer and the GSL nominates her to continue for another year. A second from the floor please.

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR/INDEPENDENT EXAMINER/SCRUTINEER**

The GSL nominates Brian Jones as our Scrutineer, subject to appointment from District. A second from the floor please.

## **9. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

David Cooper, Reigate District Commissioner

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS & QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**



## 4.6 GROUP SCOUT LEADER

Another busy year; so busy that I have had little time to make progress on the formal Wood Badge training for Group Scout Leaders. Doubtless the District Commissioner will have something to say about that! Fortunately, the Scout Association have provided an excellent online resource for every young member, parent and leader. As a result, all of the Scouting answers are only a click away.

These answers are often generic “*how to*” responses; whilst implementing them to benefit the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reigate takes a great deal of thought – for example:

- 🔊 Refurbishing the HQ, which has taken time to establish contacts, conduct risk assessments, raise funds, obtain & check materials and then start work...
- 🔊 Ensuring that the Leaders have the correct level of support – necessitating monthly meetings, attendance at Beavers & Cubs (often at short notice), recruiting & completing the paperwork and borrowing Leaders from other Groups (thanks Sarah from the 34<sup>th</sup>).
- 🔊 Regularly meeting with representatives from St John’s to discuss & support their development plans for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- 🔊 Reviewing, advising on and implementing the new fire precaution regulations and the well publicised smoking ban.
- 🔊 and cutting the grass

I note that Adrian has made a request to the parents, and I would like to make one of my own – that your children are correctly equipped with poor weather clothing. This definitely does not necessitate a large expenditure as cagouls, sleeping bags and mats can all be bought for very little at car boot sales, but it does mean that you provide kit that will take the changeable nature of our weather; e.g. provide two sleeping bags, thermal underwear and a sun hat.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Leaders who have joined us:

- 🔊 Phyllida Dalman, Sue Heydon, Caroline Ramsay, Sarah Maynard (on loan from the 34<sup>th</sup>), Mark Davies, with Colin & Lee helping when they can.

the Leaders who have retired:

- 🔊 Duncan Hales, Sharon Pannell, Sarah Maynard & Laura van Hoof and the Leaders who have or will be reassigned to different roles at the 2<sup>nd</sup>:
- 🔊 Elizabeth Broussard, Steve Pheil & Dave Johnson

My final thanks must go to the people who have provided a huge amount of support and infinite tolerance over the years – our partners!

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**EARLSWOOD 2ND REIGATE SCOUT GROUP  
ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2007**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2005/06</b>
<b>Membership Subscriptions</b>	2635	2885
Investment Income Received		
Bank Interest	1	1
Building Society Interest		
Grant RBBC	250	
Gift Aid (Inland Revenue)	1010	1261
<b>Donations</b>		
Use of Facilities	700	166
<b>Activities</b>		
Camp	6184	3831
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Green Recycle	81	
E Nuttall	100	
CAF	100	
Sponsored Silence	17	298
	<u>11078</u>	<u>7709</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>		
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Capitation</b>	2001	3392
Rent	503	
Water	70	
Heat & Light	891	
Insurance	174	
Repairs	178	1080
<b>Activities</b>		
Camp	5038	4889
Fundraising Expenses	6	218
Admin/Running Expenses	1162	773
Purchase of Badges etc	313	340
Other Materials	183	
Equipment	469	
Sundry	64	
	<u>11052</u>	<u>10692</u>
<b>Total Payments</b>		
<b>Receipts less payment</b>	-26	-2983
<b>Bank Balances b/f</b>	5595	8578
<b>Bank Balances c/f</b>	<u>5569</u>	<u>5595</u>



## **4.5 TREASURER**

The accounts have been prepared using the Receipts & Payments methods under The Scout Association rules.

### **RECEIPTS**

Overall, receipts were up on the previous year, mainly due to the Gift Aid claim made for the years 2001-6. This claim is for part of the Gift Aid due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> for the period, and does not include interest (which will be reclaimed).

The RBBC grant was a donation from Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and specifically to pay for redecoration of the HQ.

The Use of Facilities entry stems mainly from backdated rents received from the District Scout Shop.

The Fundraising entries result from the now defunct Green Recycle Ltd paper salvage scheme, and funds from E Nuttall that have been donated for a play parachute.

I note that the subscriptions received do not reflect the numbers of young members currently with the Group. This shortfall in receipts will be addressed at a Leaders' meeting during the summer break where the individual family accounts will be reconciled and requests for backdate payments made.

### **PAYMENTS**

The annual capitation sum was paid to Reigate District in good time to qualify for the "prompt payment discount".

Heat and light is our major HQ expense and has risen over the last year. The Group will be reviewing the electricity supplier in order to find best value.

Expenditure on equipment was primarily for three large lightweight patrol tents, purchased on discount from Milletts in Redhill.

### **SUMMARY**

Overall, I am pleased to report that the Group has broken even and will look forward to 2007/8 and an increase in fundraising, subscription income and Gift Aid receipts. Many thanks to those who have provided sponsorship or discounts for the Group.

### **AUDIT**

As a registered Charity (no. 305780), we are obliged to have the accounts scrutinised for accuracy. Brian Jones has been asked to become the new Reigate District Treasurer (on Dennis Cox' retirement); therefore I nominate Mr Jones as the Scrutineer. Should Mr Jones' role be confirmed at this meeting, these accounts will be submitted to him, prior to being sent to the Charity Commission

Tanya Perry  
Treasurer

As many of you will be aware, having run Explorers for the last 2 or 3 years, the time has come for Dave & I to hang up our woggles, and take on different roles within the Group; so don't worry, we will not be disappearing. However, if **you can step forward and help the Explorers** we would be very pleased to have you in the Group.

Thank you all for the past 3 years, & we look forward to next year with eager anticipation, for ourselves, the Group, & the Explorers !

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## 4.4 EXPLORERS

This year was quite a busy one for the Explorers, including a week long summer camp in Cornwall, & an overnight "Tramp Camp" held at Reigate, where tents were forsaken in favour of cardboard boxes. We had a couple of horses in the field with us, & Andy MacNamara made 'friends' with one of them, rather the horse decided standing over Andy was the best place to be in the whole field! Although it was quite cold, everyone 'survived' the experience, & no one was much 'worse the wear' for it afterwards.

We started off the year in September with a number of different activities, including a Quiz night, a giant Pictionary evening and a move round the games night.

After the summer break, we all got back together, & a trip up the road to a French Boules evening, that had some of us laughing, some crying & some just plain bewildered! As the Autumn evenings started to draw in, we move inside again, & we built & played a crazy golf course, that proved very difficult to get even a par 7 on some of the holes !

Christmas was rounded off with our now traditional Carvery, & just about everyone made it to that event - well food was involved wasn't it.

Over the winter term, in January & February, every Explorer took the lead in arranging 1 night, either individually or in small groups, most of these were very succesful, & each learned a bit more about been organised 'up front', and that it takes a bit more work to run a good evening, rather than just turning up for a couple of hours on a Monday night! We had a couple of wide games, an indoor 'socks' football night, & a film evening held at my house, as I have a big screen that gives everyone a good view of the film.

We even managed to have our own "Baden Powells Bithday Tea Party" on the bowling green in February, I think all I need to say about it is the tea was made & the fire did keep us all warm !

All these evenigs were arranged by the Explorers themselves, & Dave & I organised an outing to Guildford, to watch a live ice hockey match, those who came will agree with Dave & I that it was a great evening, especially as none of the Explorers had been to a match before.

We finished off the year in March with a laser-quest evening at the new centre in Crawley, again a good fun evening was had by all.

Finally looking forward, we have arranged this years summer camp, & as this is a special year for scouting, we will now be going to Staffordshire with the Scouts, but of course we will be running our own program, cooking our own meals, & sleeping in our own tents !

At a District level we've entered:

- Ready Steady Cook – a district cooking competition.
- Attended Patrol Leaders Training Course
- District 5 a side football competition
- Attended St. Georges Day Parade
- And FINALLY WON the District Incident Hike known as "COWHORN".

This is the first time the "2<sup>nd</sup>" have won this event in over 20 years of trying so congratulations to Sebastian, Natasha, Steven, Peter & Andrew.

Weekly programmes have included old favourites such as Cooking; Chip Shop surveys; Wide Games; Night Hikes; Pioneering; Games & even a Scalextric event!



2006 Chip shop Survey



Founder's Day Meal

Lastly since January we have been taking part in

#### Join-in-Centenary including...

- Wacky Races
- Bike Rodeo and

the national competition requiring **100 Challenges in 100 Days**. From over 3000 entries, two of our three Patrols got into the top 100 in the Country. A very creditable performance!

Finally (again) my thanks to my loyal & hard working leadership team of Trevor, Robert & Mark, and not forgetting Duncan & Paul who have left us over the last 12 months. Without them the Earlswood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reigate wouldn't be getting the excellent Scouting described above.

I must end on a plea...

Parents - please have a word with your sons & daughters – we volunteer to help the Scouts and we would appreciate a little more respect in return!

Thanks

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### 4.3 SCOUTS

An active year to say the least – I calculate that 2<sup>nd</sup> Reigate's Scouts have collectively achieved over 150 Nights Away.

Camps over the last 12 months include: -

- Group Camp @ Broadstone Warren
- Summer Camp in the Isle of Wight

Activities included surfboarding; sea kayaking; cycling; hiking; canoeing and rafting. The highlight was a truly “awesome” night at the Isle of Wight Speedway



One of the Patrols awaiting their meal in the Patrol Cooking Competition

- Environmental Camp at Park-Side on the South Downs  
This camp was undertaken as part of the Scouts **Environmental Badge** – supported by Surrey Co Council & Sita (waste collection company). During this camp the Scouts had great fun & worked hard clearing scrub land on behalf of the National Trust as well as carrying out a lightweight hike and visiting the Seven Sisters at Cuckmere Haven.



*Gosh! – This Environmental lark is “hard work”! – But the food's not bad!*

Quite frankly one of the Troop's best ever weekend camps!

- Back to basics weekend Patrol Camp at Boidierhurst.

Centenary Camp – before the rain came.



*I know its here somewhere!!*

*Smiles again – Found at last!!*



The highlight of their year, however, has to be our Centenary Camp. With only 3 out of 16 cubs having camped with us before, it proved to be a fantastic experience for them all, despite the rain! They enjoyed having the older Scouts and Explorer show them how it was done. The highlight of the camp was when in pairs they made their own small camp fires and were able to light it from the District camp fire that had been lit the night before. The cubs were surprised that after all that rain we were able to get the fire going from the hot embers! All cubs ate well at camp and seem to enjoy what they were eating.

As with all the other Sections, we still need more Leaders even if they can only help occasionally

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## 4.2 CUBS

This year has been very busy for the Cubs and has seen our numbers booming. We have finished the year with 23! Elizabeth (acting Akela) is working out of the country at the moment and Jenny has stepped up into her place. We have had to run a parent rota in order to keep our adult ratio up. Thank you to all the parents who have made this work also thank you to the 3 Explorers who attend on a regular basis. **We would however love a new regular leader – any volunteers?**

The Cubs have participated in all the District events again this year and everyone did very well and had a great time. There was lots of fun and cheering at the Go Karts and also the Swimming Gala where we are very proud to say we came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams.



District Cooking Competition

Our weekly meetings have seen us cooking, making things, playing games, learning new scouting skills, out and about on the common and Reigate Heath and working towards badges. Most of the cubs recently achieved their Road Safety badges.

Cubs testing their shelters they built on Reigate Heath





## 4.1 BEAVERS

Another busy year has been had at Beavers. We have seen the natural progression of some Beavers to Cubs and welcomed new Beavers into our Colony. We also saw the “retirement” of Sharon Pannell last summer from her role as Beaver Leader after many years with the Colony.

During the past year we have had lots of fun at our weekly meetings doing things such as decorating biscuits, making sweets at Christmas, going for walks to the local chippie, games in the hut, in the garden and on on the common, learning about the environment and how to look after it, first aid, experimenting with food dye, tasting different foods, rambles up to the common, singing, and we even went on holiday to far flung places (lots of imagination needed that night!!). The Beavers have also been celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting by having fun with Join in Centenary, but I have to say that doing 100 skips, 100 hops and 100 jumps was somewhat challenging!

In September we joined other Beavers from across the District at the 20<sup>th</sup> Beaver Birthday Party, which was a huge success with arts and craft activities, outdoor games and Pets Corner, much fun was had by all and the Beavers from 2<sup>nd</sup> Reigate threw themselves into it and behaved impeccably! We also joined the District to celebrate Christmas with the annual Carol Service and again at the St George’s Day Service, after which the Beavers thoroughly enjoyed Hunt the Dragon.

I would like to extend my thanks for the hard work, fun and madness put into our meetings by Phyllida, and also Colin (aka Bald Eagle), Andy (aka Hawk), Sebastian and Jacob for their commitment.

Lastly, I would like to say that the **Beaver colony is STILL looking for someone to step forward as Beaver Leader**, so if anyone is quietly dying for the opportunity to do so, or if you know someone else who is, then please don’t hesitate to speak with Rob or myself.

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## **2. APOLOGIES**

Margaret Tilford (ADC Cubs) & Graham Tilford (Scout Shop manager)  
Lois, Jon and Peter White

## **3. AGM MINUTES FOR 2006**

For medical reasons, the 2006 meeting was postponed several times in 2006. Due to time commitments (Leaders' own & charity regulations) the meeting was held at the Elm Shades public house on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December; minutes were not taken. The GSL was not present, but can report that the accounts were passed and subsequently passed scrutiny by Dennis Cox (District Treasurer).



# **EARLSWOOD**

**2<sup>ND</sup> REIGATE (ST. JOHN'S) SCOUT GROUP**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2007**

**SCOUT HQ, EARLSWOOD ROAD, REDHILL**

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of last year's AGM minutes
4. Annual reports & statement of accounts
5. Group Scout Leader's nomination of Chairman
6. Nomination & election of Secretary
7. Nomination & election of Treasurer
8. Appointment of Auditor/Independent Examiner/Scrutineer
9. District Commissioner's Comments
10. Any other business & questions from the floor