

# 82<sup>nd</sup> Inverleith (Cramond) Scout Group Annual General Meeting and review of the Year

5<sup>th</sup> June 2009

**Present** James Hancock (stand-in Chairman)  
Alan Cramond (Treasurer)  
Sandra Burn (Secretary)  
Scott Goddard (Group Scout Leader)  
Troop Leaders  
Executive Members  
Parents & Guests

## 1. Introduction and Welcome

James said he was really pleased that so many people had come along this evening in fact there had been such a good attendance that extra chairs had to be put out. He welcomed all the parents and thanked Dr Barr, and all the other representatives of Cramond Kirk for joining us. He introduced the members of the Parent Executive as well as Scott 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.

James asked Dr Barr to say a few words – Dr Barr welcomed all the parents and congratulated James and the group on what they had achieved this year. Dr Barr welcomed Stuart Richardson and then invited everyone to join him in a short prayer.

Scott made a presentation on behalf of the Cramond Scouts to Robert Bendoris on his retirement. Scott thanked him for all his help and support over the last 20 years.

James acknowledged that Graham Cullen (Group Executive Chairman) was at the meeting this evening. James told everyone that since his terrible accident last year Graham had shown such great courage, it was wonderful to see him looking so tanned and well and thanked him for making the great effort to join us.

## 2. Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes presented were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting held at Cramond Kirk Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Proposed – Karen Baker, seconded – Jaki Wood

## 3. Matters arising - None

## 4. Review of the Year - Part 1

Scott 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.

Scott invited Alan to deliver the Treasurer's report.

## 5 Treasurers Report

Accounts are completed up to 31 May but not yet audited.

Alan stated that the Group were in a very healthy position financially with a surplus of £3,391 this year in addition to the £6,400 opening balance.

A number of 1 offs have contributed to surplus:- gift aid, lottery grant, and because of amongst other things the fluctuating exchange rates a surplus from the Iceland trip.

Alan explained we had invested heavily in new camping equipment including a new rib costing £7,000 which we took delivery of only yesterday – we are still awaiting the engine.

There were no questions regarding the Treasurer's report.

James thanked Alan for taking on the post of Treasurer this year. Alan had in the past audited the accounts and asked if anyone present would be able to help us out in that capacity.

Thanks were made to Peter Murphy for dealing with the Iceland trip accounts and Andrew Wood for filling out all the paperwork for the Lottery Grant application and sourcing and purchasing all the equipment.

A special thanks went to Rhoda for the significant fundraising she undertook for Iceland.

James invited Scott to show part 2 of the Review of the Year presentation and said how much he himself had got out of going to Easter Camp this year and how wonderful it was to see the faces of young scouts who bagged not 1 but 2 Munros in one day and acknowledged that his son would not have attempted this if they had been on their own.

### **GSL – Plan for the Year Ahead**

Scott 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 Job Centre.

Cramond Scout Group Job Centre – jobs vacancies include:-

Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders - to help David & co.

Beaver Leader – Sally has given notice she will be leaving Friday Beavers

Assistant Beaver Leader

Beaver special event organiser

Sea Scout Leader – training would be paid by Group

Young Leader co-ordinator

Notice board operator

Website updating

Cramond Boat Club liaison person

Section Assistant

Other help – van and mini bus hire, buying food for camps, special interests, printing, postage, admin.

## **7. Election of Parent Executive Committee**

James stated that there are more than 400,000 young people and 100,000 adults involved in Scouting in the UK. Having celebrated their Centenary Year the Scouting Movement continues to deliver a balanced programme playing an important role in young people's development and giving them the opportunity to learn vital life skills. James emphasised that it was not just the young people who benefitted - the adults get a lot out of it as well.

James said the group needed new members for the Group Executive especially parents of Beavers and Cubs. If anyone was interested please see Scott or James.

Graham and Alan both willing to stay on for a further year and James is happy to keep the Chairman's seat warm for a bit longer - election of Office Bearers proposed by Lesley Kenworthy and seconded by Natalie Shearer.

Sandra to stand down and Jacqueline to take over as Secretary – proposed James Hancock, seconded – Sandra Burn.

Peter Murphy, Mike Treanor and Grant Whitton were all happy to stay on the committee however Amanda Stears has stepped down to assist with the Explorer Section.

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 Secretary for her efforts over the years and presented her with a gift in recognition of her services.

## **8. AOCB**

Graham took this opportunity to say thanks to his friends within the Scout Group for their support throughout this difficult year whether by visiting him in hospital in Glasgow or offering support to the family. He said he had been left speechless when he was presented in hospital with a gift from the Scout Group.

Graham has been mulling over what to use the gift for. Having had the opportunity to enjoy sailing while at the spinal unit he may use the gift to enable him to take up sailing at Cramond and perhaps even assist with the Sea Scouts in the future.

He thanked everyone very much and expressed how grateful he was for their support and thanked James for stepping in as Chairman and doing such a good job.

James spoke of Graham's great courage over the last year and looked forward to seeing him more involved next year.

Scott closed the meeting and invited everyone to Flag down and the BBQ.