

Annual General Meeting – 21 June 2011

Held at St. George's International School, 11 Rue des Peupliers, L-2328 Luxembourg

Present:

Beverley Atkinson, Giannantano Andrish, Lena Berg, Morten Berg, Michele Brannigan, Louise Brooksbank, Joanne Bywood, Jerry Cadogan, Andres Canach, Pascal Cardonnel, Helen Connolly, Derek Clifford, Jana Dziakova, Cassandra Ellis, John Ford, Peggy Ford, Lynn Frank, Chris Garratt, Elisa Jensen-Labiano, Mei Henderson, Jinneth Hohner, Mark Hollis, Nikki Hollis, Martin Hood, Steve Howat, Maria Hardin-Howat, Katharina Jacobs, Chris Kibbey, Lezinh Sena, Julia Mann, Ian McCabe, Karen McCluskey-Camacho, Karen McEwan, James McQuade, Helen Miller, Alick Morris, Theresa Munzi-Coveliers, Amita Patel, Andree Regnier, Rani Roloff, Karsten Roloff, Karen Rose-Agassi, Anne Rue, Brian Shaft, Neil Skinner, Paula Skinner, Cecilia Sodenberg, Clelia Somers, Christiane Tapio, Ailbhe Taylor-Jennings, Pierre Thissen, Viji Venkatesh, Jacqueline Wolf-Grimes, Sarah Wolff, Allison Sellar, Kevin Tooze

Please note that these are the names of the people that signed the attendance register - more people may have been present.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Approval of the AGM minutes, 2010
3. Approval of annual financial report and accounts
4. Approval to change the asbl registered address
5. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chairman
6. Election of members of Group Executive Committee
7. Group Scout Leader's report
8. Explanation of annual fees for the period 2011 - 2012
9. Any other business
10. Chairman's closing remarks

1. Chairperson's opening remarks

Martin Hood welcomed everyone to the 2011 AGM. Martin thanked everyone who had contributed to the planning and organisation of this year's BBQ and AGM, including St. George's School, the cooks and those who ran the raingutter regatta. A special Thank You to Lena Berg for embroidering the Section Flags.

2. Approval of the 2010 AGM minutes

Martin thanked Alison Sellar, who is stepping down as secretary, for all her support over the years, and welcomed Cassandra Ellis to the role.

3. Approval of the annual financial report and accounts

Pierre Thissen, presented the financial report and accounts (attached). The total assets at 1 January 2011 was 85 222,00€ representing an year to year improvement of ~6k€. Total income was 55 112,30€, up from 42k€ in 2010. Total expenses was 39 156,54€. The camp expenditure, at 20 548,15€ was lower than camp income, at 23 682,50€. Income above expenses was 15 955,76€.

The annual Financials and Accounts were proposed by Paula Skinner and seconded by Alison Sellar.

4. Approval to change the asbl registered address

Martin proposes to change the address of Telstar to Pierre Thissen's as it will give us access to more facilities within Luxembourg. New address will be: 5, rue Jean Pierre Beicht, Luxembourg, L- 1226.

The change of the asbl registered address was proposed by John Ford and seconded by Alick Morris.

5. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of Group Chairman

Martin Hood is stepping down from the role of Chairperson but will remain active with the scouts. The election of John Ford as Chairperson was proposed by Chris Garratt and approved with a show of hands by those in attendance

Chris Garratt presented Martin with the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Services and a small gift from the Group.

6. Election of members of Group Executive Committee

A request for volunteers for Chairman was made. Chris Garratt proposed John Ford and by a show of hands, John Ford was confirmed by those present. The remaining new committee members were presented and confirmed by a show of hands by those present.

New members of the Executive Committee are as follows:

Chairperson: John Ford
Secretary: Cassandra Ellis
Events Treasurer: Thierry Yone
Membership Secretary: Graham Chambers

The existing members of the Exec Committee were confirmed for another year –

Treasurer – Pierre Thissen
Beaver Parent Rep – Theresa Munzi
Cub Parent Rep – Alick Morris
Scout Parent Rep – Andrée Regnier
Explorer Parent Rep – Katharina Jacobs
Member – Jim Kelly
Member – Nick Frank
Orbit Editor – Anne Rue

Currently the Orbit is sent to families via email, but in future it will be sent electronically and also posted on the website. If any family prefers to receive the Orbit in paper format via regular post, please let us know. The Orbit will be posted on www.telstar.lu/news.html

7. Group Scout Leader report

Chris Garratt thanked all the leaders for their support over the last year – another strong year of growth in the number of children as well as in the Executive Committee. There are also 15 new volunteers this year as a result of the leaders/helper/admin recruiting campaign. Thank you to Elisa who made the recruitment posters and to My Mosaik's Geoff Thompson who included our campaign in the daily online newsletter (mymosaik.lu).

Several awards were received this year: Beverly received the Couronne de Chene by the Grand Duke; Paul and Neil were awarded their Wood Badge. Karen, Elisa and Neil received the Médaille du Mérite Sportif for their scouting activities.

Three Explorers will be going the Jamboree in Sweden and Telstar will host scouts from the Chanel Islands in August.

Farewells to Kevin Tooze and Alison Sellar, Claire Jordan, Peggy Ford, Elisa Jansen.

We are working with St. George's School to have our own Telstar ScoutHome included in the next phase of the school expansion.

Thank you to all the Leaders. Chris's full report is attached.

8. Explanation of annual fees for the period 2011 - 2012

Subscription rates will remain the same at 120€ for all children.

Show of hands – Approved by group in attendance.

If any family needs assistance with the fees, please do not hesitate to contact John Ford directly to discuss your needs.

8. Any other business

Needed: an Explorer Leader – preferably a man

New Auditor for our Financials and Accounts – nominee is Ailbhe Taylor-Jennings

The nomination of Ailbhe Taylor-Jennings as Auditor was proposed by Kevin Tooze and seconded by Derek Clifford.

Entertainment and presentations

Chris presented the awards from the Raingutter Regatta:

Fastest Boat : Beavers – Bruno Cardonnel, Cubs – Sean Howat, Scouts – Kaylen Camacho

Best Looking Boat: Beavers – Tom Morris, Cubs – Cole Kibbey, Scouts – Marco Andrich

Well done to everyone who took part!

9. Chairman's closing remarks

Martin thanked everyone for coming to the AGM, and once again for their support to Telstar this year.

Distribution of AGM minutes to: Leaders, Executive Committee and all attendees.

Attachments: Chairman's Report, Financials and Group Leader Report