



12th Caulfield Scout/Cub Group

78th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Minutes Thursday 4th September 2008

Present: Peter Chilton (chair), Lesley Valentini, James Scott, Karen Morrissey, Graeme Berry, Frank Moore, Kevin Payne, Mark Lawrence, James Fox, Elizabeth Richardson, Amanda Fothergill, Alison Raaymakers, Simone Dixon, Marc Collins, Maree Wood, Alison Lloyd, Paul Hastings, Lloyd Jones, Michael Pollard

Apologies: Jenny Bush, Michael Jones, Kristin Ludbey, Lyn Harrison

Welcome: Peter Chilton welcomed all to the meeting including Frank Moore (District Commissioner), Graeme Berry (District Association President).

Previous AGM Minutes: Accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Karen Morrissey

Seconded: James Scott

President's Report: Peter Chilton briefly presented the Presidents report as Jenny was ill. Her report is recorded in full in the 2008 Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report: James Scott presented the Treasurers report, which is recorded in the 2008 Annual Report. The group made a profit of \$8000 this year, which is an increase from last year. The main fundraising activities include hall hire, sausage sizzles and a Christmas Tree drive. Income was very good from these events in particular the hall hire. Expenses have been relatively stable.

Moved: Graeme Berry.

Seconded: Karen Morrissey

Section Reports:

Cubs: Report provided by Roger Parish

Scouts: Report provided by Bob Northey

Venturer: Report provided by Peter Chilton

These can be found in the 2008 Annual Report.

Group Leader's Report: Peter Chilton presented the group leaders report (full copy provided in the 2008 Annual Report). In summary, Peter kindly accepted the position of Group Leader again after Rosemary resigned and no one stepped forward to take over the role. Despite the rocky start, the group has seen good consistent numbers of cubs, scouts and venturers over the year, with approximately 28 cubs and 25-28 scouts and a growing number of Venturers. The weaknesses to be addressed include the all male cub group and mostly the same age (8yo). As a group, we should be looking to attract a

variety of ages in the cubs as well as some girls. Some strategies to address this are planned for implementation in the New Year with advertising in local school newsletters and preparing a waiting list for boys. Another weakness of the group is the lack of leaders and committee members. The group currently has 3 cub leaders and 2 new scout leaders (from the same household) however more help is needed. Peter thanked the leaders for their commitment and enthusiasm.

Peter thanked Dawn Foster for her continuous improvements to our groups website. The website has been very successfully with a growing increase in information requests for the group as well as interest in hall hire.

Peter also thanked the committee for their work and called for more people to join and provide new ideas and change.

District Commissioner's Report: Frank Moore spoke about the strength of the 12th Caulfield group and advised that we were one of the strongest groups in the district. He welcomed Peter back into the role of Group Leader, but suggested we recruit someone into an 'Assistant Group Leader position'. He was happy to learn that our Venturer unit was still running and we had growing pack numbers. He mentioned the lack of any group in the Bayside area and felt that these children would be directed toward our group and with them, potentially a leader. A growing group would also impact finances. He thanked our leaders for their enthusiastic programs and wished us well for the following year.

Election of Office Bearers: Nominations were received and nominees duly elected as follows:

PRESIDENT	Jenny Bush
TREASURER	James Scott / Lyn Harrison to take over in January-09
SECRETARY	Lesley Valentini
Q-STORE MGR	Michael Jones
FUNDRAISING	Karen Morrissey
HALL HIRE	Jenny Bush

Closing Remarks: Scouting offers a wonderful opportunity for children to expand their interests and friendship groups. It provides access to a variety of communal scout facilities, such as ski lodges, camps etc which can be used and shared.

A presentation was made to Paul Klein for his contributions as a Cub leader and to Edward Hill for his valued efforts on the committee. He thanked Edward for successfully managing the hall hire process over a number of years.

Peter thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to stay for supper.

Meeting closed 7.45pm.