



**2ND DEAL (WALMER) SEA SCOUTS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 17th September 2024
at 7.00pm**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chair
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of Minutes from Annual General meeting held 11/07/2023
4. Adopt the model Constitution from Policy, Organisation and Rules from Chapter 5 P O R.
5. Treasurers Report (Our Charities financial year is 1st April to 31 March)
6. Election of Chair and Treasurer followed by Group trustees
7. Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts
8. Section reports and Group Lead Volunteers report
9. Presentations
10. Refreshments



Welcome to 2nd Deal Scout Group Annual General Meeting.

I still have the luxury of representing an absolutely brilliant group of people at 2nd Deal Sea Scouts and for the final time as Chair of the Executive Committee I would like to congratulate all of our Leaders, Assistants, Occasional Helpers, young people and parents and everyone who has supported us in this last year in making this a fabulous group to represent. Its okay I am not going anywhere, unless I am not re-elected but the Scout Movement have deemed it necessary to start changing some things. This is starting with titles so we will no longer have an Executive Committee, we will now have a Trustee Board.

In trying to decipher the number of changes held within the Scouts Policy, Organisation and Rules is not easy when you have the time pressures of everyday life, so as a group we will process these changes as soon as we are able to so that it does not cause any upset to our wonderful volunteers.

I know Chris will want to let you know what a brilliant year the Group and Sections have had but I would like to mention our Annual Summer Camp for the Scouts and Explorer Sections. This was held at our 2nd home in Golden Green near Tonbridge. The young people were brilliant and really enjoyed it but I must mention the team of Leaders that took their time in planning and delivering the camp. We all have day jobs and busy lives but the amount of time and effort that goes in to planning and delivering the camp is staggering. I have been going to camp for a number of years and this year I found myself looking out on to the field and realising that some of the Leaders were Scouts when I started helping out. They have then moved on to Explorers and are now Leaders themselves! If that didn't age me enough then realising that they have started their own families and bringing them along to enjoy the benefits of camp showed me that all of our efforts have not been wasted. We love Scouting for a variety of reasons and it provides us with life long experiences and life long memories.

As a group we need help! We need to keep that rolling support coming through for our Section Leaders. We have young adults who when starting families have their own pressures and we have some older people who also need help in running their sections. If we do not get help and support then we do not have Sections and young people will miss out so please help and support the group in whatever capacity you are able to.

Thank you all for your support and help throughout this year and I look forward to your help in the future.

Regards

Steve Noddings

Chair of the Group Executive Committee.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The Group's governing document is a lease dated 24th July 1959 upon the trusts of the Boy Scouts Association trust deed 1955.

Governance

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are both the 'Charity Trustees' and volunteers of the Scout Group. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

The Committee consists of independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the individual Section Leaders and parent representation and meets once a month apart from July and December

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

- **Damage to the building, property and equipment.** The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.
- **Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.** The Group through the membership fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.
- **Reduced income from fund raising.** The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Group holds a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.
- **Reduction or loss of leaders.** The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their report, together with the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

The Group's accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Reference and administration details

Trustees

The following trustees were in office during the year:

Brian Harris (Treasurer)
Stephen Noddings (Chair)
Stephanie Febery
Kathleen Goodwin
David Martin
Jordan Curling
Ella Tappenden
Catherine Marchbanks
Daniel Collard
Stephen Dale
Dennis Cooper
Diane Ferrell
Chris Goodwin

Principal address

Marine Road, Deal, Kent

Charity registration number

303375

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- **Reduction or loss of members.** The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Objectives and activities

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- **Integrity :** We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- **Respect :** We have self-respect and respect for others.
- **Care :** We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- **Belief :** We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- **Co-operation :** We make a positive difference; we co operate with others and make friend .

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Each Section meets weekly during school term time and sometimes during holidays. The Section Leaders organise age appropriate indoor and outdoor activities so that the young people learn new skills and life lessons all within a fun environment. As a Sea Scout Group, activities may be linked to the water particularly in the summer. The Scout and Explorer sections do meet through the summer provided we have the appropriate permits for the activity available

Achievements and performance

The Group has maintained and added to its fleet of various boats and there have been some problems with the winch, The repair that has been carried out seems to be working but investigations are still ongoing into a safe replacement, not as easy as it sounds. The youngsters have attended a number of events and represented the Group at these.



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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds
Receipts		
<i>Donations, legacies & similar income</i>		
Membership subscriptions	10,315	9,792
Membership subscriptions paid out	(4,280)	(4,042)
Net membership Retained	6,035	5,750
Gift aid claimed on subscriptions	2,751	-
Donations	13,501	2,079
Friends of 2nd Deal	12	-
Sub-total	22,299	7,829
<i>Fundraising</i>		
Group activities (camps)	2,405	2,275
Other group activities	418	-
Uniforms & badges	740	910
Other fundraising activities	20	613
Equipment sales	-	60
Sub-total	3,583	3,858
<i>Investment income</i>		
Bank interest	690	-
Scout Association short term investment income	310	313
Sub-total	1,000	313
Total gross income	26,882	12,000



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For the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	2023/2024 Unrestricted funds	2022/2023 Unrestricted funds
Payments		
<i>Charitable payments</i>		
Youth programme and activities (camps)	1,978	2,860
Development of Scouting	4,082	2,710
Scout shops - uniforms / badges	1,707	1,763
Insurance	2,055	1,857
Premises - water & sewerage	905	334
Premises - light & heat	1,368	1,113
Premises - rates	369	-
Premises ground rent (DDC)	100	100
Building & similar works	567	3,428
Admin and establishment costs	118	649
Sub-total	13,249	14,814
<i>Fundraising expenses</i>		
Other fundraising costs	694	696
Sub-total	694	696
Total gross expenditure	13,943	15,510
Asset purchases	1,288	88
Total payments	15,231	15,598

Summary

Total gross income	prev. page	26,882	12,000
Total payments	above	(15,231)	(15,598)
Excess of payments over receipts/receipts over payments		11,651	(3,598)
Cash funds brought forward 1 April		56,968	60,566
Cash funds carried forward 31 March		68,619	56,968



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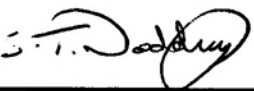
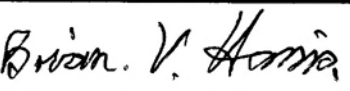
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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at the end of the year 2024

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Cash funds		
Bank current account	17,551	9,407
Scout Association short term investments	-	46,664
Business Money Master account	50,415	-
Cash in hand (Section accounts)	641	121
Friends of 2nd Deal	12	776
Total cash funds	68,619	56,968
Other monetary assets		
Tax claim	-	-
Debts due from County / District	-	-
Non-monetary assets for Group's own use		
Land & buildings at insured value	579,283	567,925
Scouting equipment at insured value	25,701	25,701
Boats and associated equipment	52,665	52,665
Liabilities	None	None
Contingent liabilities and future obligations	None	None

The above receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities were approved by the trustees on the
behalf by: at an Executive Committee meeting and signed on their

Signature

Print Name

Steve Noddings (Chair)
Brian Harris (Treasurer)

SECTION REPORTS for the YEAR

BEAVERS

We have had a number of Beavers moving to Cubs with some eager newcomers joining us, keeping our number to 16 in the group. We still have a healthy waiting list of children who want to come.

They have worked for a variety of badges including Animal Friend ,Experiment and Book Reader. They were awarded their Disability Awareness badge and met Pat with her guide dog Nala and led to us sponsoring a guide dog puppy-Crumble.

Our sleepover took place in the Autumn and was based around the theme of space which led to another couple of badges.

Beavers who have attended regularly have achieved their 6 challenge badges which enabled them to were awarded their Bronze Chief Scouts award- the most prestigious award a Beaver can earn.

A small number of Beavers have attended the Remembrance Day Parade and the St Georges Day Parade.

We took a group of Beavers for a hike around Betteshanger Park, where they showed a great interest in the Mining Museum , enjoyed playing together in the playground and got yet another badge.

All this can only happen thanks to our reliable list of helpers and supporters. Many thanks to all of them.

CUB REPORT

We have had a very varied year with our activities this year. We had our Cub bake Off and a sleep over at the hut. All very successful. We have completed many badges this year very wide ranging from Athletes to Nautical. Perhaps our stand out moment came With our Panto 'Oliver with a twist !' The Mayor also called Oliver along with the Mayoress attended along with our parents and a star turn by Rupert. Then of course there were the very talented musicians, all the Cubs were brilliant. We have attended Remembrance Day Service and St Georges Day we also celebrated the Chinese New Year. This year we have sent quite a few Cubs up to Scouts and have had a handful of Beavers, we will be taking in from outside as there is a wait until the next Beavers come Up. My grateful thanks go to Diane and Tracey also to Dave, Matt and Karolyn who help when they can, If you can help at all with any of our activities in any way please Come and speak to us, every little help is gratefully received.

SCOUT REPORT

Over the last year the Scout Section has been through a lot of change. We have sent a number of experienced Scouts on to their next steps with Explorers and welcomed lots of younger Scouts to the section, we are currently working close to our limit and will have started a waiting list up again this year. Scouts have had a successful year with badge work with a number of badges being completed including creative, chefs badge, nights away, team leader, team building and many more. The Scout section hosted two district events this year Operation St George and the District indoor cooking competition, this was a great opportunity to get to know the other groups in the district and for the Scouts to show off their skills a big thanks goes out to all the leaders from 2nd Deal that helped to make both of these events successful and well done to 5th Deal for winning the competitions. Scouts were in good attendance for our annual Remembrance Day service at St Saviours and for a wet and windy St George's day parade thank you to all the scouts that made the effort looking smart in their uniform. Scouts are now well into their boating season, with weather so far on our side we haven't missed a week. The Scouts have enjoyed kayaking, power boating and pulling on the water developing skills, socialising and having fun. This would not be possible without all the leaders, helpers and Explorers. I will always be thankful for their support. Last summer our Scouts and Explorers headed to Tonbridge for our annual Summer Camp with lots of fun activities taking place around our theme of Harry Potter. It was great to see so many scouts still wearing their house colour T-Shirt when they came back to the hut after camp. While in Tonbridge the Scouts developed their skills in kayaking, power boating and pulling, played lots of fun games and learnt how locks work as we head up river to Tonbridge town. As I say every year this camp would not be possible without every single leader, helper, parent and explorer. I would like to end with some thank yous firstly to Steve Garrett, Mark and Issak who are frequently down on a Friday ensuing that our young people are developing skills and the boats are ready and prepared for our boating season. Secondly, to Henry and Danny who have put a lot of effort into ensuing our boats and operations for the water are safe and ready to use. To Rachel, Charlotte and Gavin who are always prepared to come down and help when they can to support the section you are great assets to the team. To Chris for always keeping us in check and ensuring we have enough helpers to meet our ratios. But finally a massive thank you to Rose, Holly and Ella who are always there to support me and the scouts with everything week in week out!

Jordan

EXPLORER REPORT

The last year has seen our Explorer Unit grow and grow, we now have 19 young people with the number expected to increase shortly.

Since the last AGM we have covered a lot of badges like the Chefs Badge where the explorers split in to teams to create a menu, budget their spending, cook the meals and finally eat them... other badges we've worked towards are Teamwork, Leadership, Air Activities (which involved a few bits of high tech flight simulation gear being set up in the hall for the explorers and leaders to have a fly in an array of air craft from gliders to Dreamliners...we crashed them all), Fundraising and finally nautical skills for 4 weeks prior to the start of our boating season to get our knowledge back to the best it can be to operate safely in our waters.

We visited the local RNLI crew at Walmer where their team of volunteers gave the unit a tour of the amazing life saving equipment they have on station including tours of both boats D-Class Duggie Rodbard II & B-Class Atlantic 85 Donald McLauchlan. We also visited Deal Coastguard Rescue Station where the explorers got to try on some of the kit they use for cliff and water rescues while doing some throw line practice and having the dangers around water refreshed in their minds. We have participated in district activities including Op St George and St Georges day parade. And even gone gliding thanks to one of Gavin's Gliding Club.

We were lucky enough that two of our Network Scouts were able to go on a trip to Zanzibar through Kent Scouts - the Explorers assisted with the fundraising activities and were given a talk after the trip about the work they done out there. The two Network Scouts also helped the Explorers complete their International Badge as they have Scouting contacts in Zanzibar!

Now we are afloat again we are working with the young people to further develop their skills and knowledge of power boating, pulling and kayaking. In the last few months of boating we have seen a great improvement in their skills and also their teaching skills as they teach other young people about the activities.

With it being the lead up to camp as I'm writing this we are currently preparing all the boats, engines, kayaks and other equipment including tents to ensure they are ready for a week camping!

I would like to take this moment to say a few thank yous. As most of you are aware mine and Ella's availability since October hasn't been the best and my organisation has been worse than usual... so thank you to Mark, Issak and Nick for mucking in. Thank you to Danny & Gavin for stepping in to the Explorer Leader role again when you didn't have to.

The Explorers themselves need a special thank you, this time last year we had a young group who were unconfident and immature. This past year you have blown me away, with your level of confidence and willingness to help and muck in unprompted. You are becoming young adults and a great role models for your peers. You're a pleasure to have at Lange Wapper and 2nd Deal so thank you!

And lastly I would like to thank 2nd Deal for having us for yet another year!

Henry Dempster

England & Wales



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 2nd Deal Sea Scouts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **2nd Deal Sea Scouts** for the year ended **31st March 2024**

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the **2nd Deal Sea Scouts** you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the **2nd Deal Sea Scouts** accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the **2nd Deal Sea Scouts** as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name:

ALAN HICKIE (FCA)

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Date:

2 SEPTEMBER 2024.