



MINUTES OF THE
1ST JERRABOMBERRA SCOUT GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD FRIDAY 4 MAY 2007

Attended by: Peter Daniel, Steve Zoneff, Peter Johnson, Jeanette Johnson, Karen Zoneff, Michael Stapleton, John Green, Iain Sheedy, Craig McShane, Adré De Waal, Jessica Bindoff, Trish Dand.

Apologies: Peter Laver, Derek Pressey, Caroline Pressey, Nick Herridge, Craig Bindoff, Nicole Bindoff, Craig McAuliffe, Jane McAuliffe, David Rose, Helen Rose, Heidi Boyd, Alan Wiley, Tatiana Daniell

Opening Remarks

The 1st Jerrabomberra Scout Group President, Peter Johnson, welcomed everyone to the 2007 AGM and declared the meeting open at 7.34 pm. Peter commented on the very successful 100th year of Scouting. The Jamboree was mentioned as a noted success. Peter mentioned that a change of tact may be required regarding a new Scout hall because of an offer from the developers of the Tralee estate.

Rotary was acknowledged for their financial support. Karen Zoneff and Sandra Green were thanked for JA2007 fundraising. QCC was acknowledged for a donation this year.

The 1st Jerrabomberra group web developer (Tom Lewis) was thanked for his efforts.

Peter thanked David Rose for his service as a Scout Leader. A gift was presented to David and accepted by John Green on his behalf (David was unable to attend due to his duties at a Green Cord hike at the time).

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM held 5 May 06 were circulated and accepted as a true representation of the previous AGM.

Moved: Peter Daniel
Seconded: Michael Stapleton

REPORTS

The following reports were made to the AGM:

Group Leader

Adré de Waal (Matopo) reported that the Group has had an overly positive past year. Adré reported that parent help at the scout group is working well and that as of this year, 1st Jerrabomberra is a complete Scout unit (that is to say that all stages of Scouting are represented).

The leader situation is not too bad at the moment.

A green cord and a Scout medallion has been awarded to a youth member (James Green).

The Development of the web site now means that no paper is being handed out by Adré. Stephanie Macney has been on board as a group administrator for a couple of months and this has worked out very well.

Adré commented on the success of the split age group scout meeting (albeit making for a late night for the leaders!).

The Venturer group is a year old.

The Rovers crew is a months old.

Scout hall maintenance was raised as an issue.

Jessica Bindoff (crew leader for Rovers) reported that the Rover group is going well. Most of the current members either haven't been in Scouting before, or only did so for Cubs.

Joey Scouts and Cubs (Kharniwarra Pack)

Heidi Boyd (Akela) was not able to attend tonight. Adré was able to present a report on her behalf. Malcolm McGann resigned during the year, and since then Heidi has been assisted by David Riddel. Heidi and David also run the Joey Scouts on Thursday nights, which means they do a back-to-back Joey/Cub meeting.

Cubs (Waingunga Pack)

Peter Daniell (Rama) provided a report on Cub Scouts (Waingunga pack) which meets on a Wednesday evening. 2006 and 2007 has proven to be good for this pack as. Leader and parent helper situation continues to be positive.

District Commissioner's Report

John Green addressed the AGM and wished to recognise "awards for merit" that have been awarded to two of our leader – Adré de Waal and Heidi Boyd. John commented that all groups in this district have had a good year. Below is John's report :-

District report, 1st Jerrabomberra Group AGM

District: Black Range has enjoyed a great 2006 and is now well under way with ensuring 2007 is an even better year. Our goals for 2006 of running good district events, reinstating all of the appropriate meeting and working towards a training solution were on the most part met.

For 2007 we have an expanded set of goals that are listed separately.

From a membership point of view we continue to grow with census figures to Jan 07 showing we are up 56 youth members. This however is an exaggerated figure as we have been working hard on ensuring that all Groups have correct census figures with all members registered. The correct figure is possibly closer to 30 youth members.

Our turnover of Adult leaders has been pleasingly low. We have a new LIC at 1st Bungendore who has resolved most of the issues that we have had there.

Training still represents a challenge for us with regard to the ACT/NSW differences of training methods. We are however getting on top of this issue and can see light at the end of the tunnel! One thing that concerns me is that whilst we have an aim of working towards a final solution, it is to some extent out of our hands as it involves Branch policy. And we will never quite get there. This has caused a lot of bad vibes with our leaders and it would be good to see the end of it.

Rovers: We have recently had a positive meeting with the Qbn Rover Crew to work through their difficulties. This was attended by Bob Nightingale and Greg Pearce and I would like to thank them for taking an interest in resolving these issues. This is also a move to start a second Rover crew attached to the Jerrabomberra Group. Whilst this might see strange there is method in the madness.

Venturers: After some time the Jerrabomberra Crew has signed up a leader and is starting to shine. Of concern is the Bungendore unit which now has no leader and has lost two youth

members. Our DVL is ensuring that the remaining Venturers continue to be involved with the Qbn unit.

Scouts: Black range combined with tableland to run a very successful Jamboree troop. We have also had our first Scout earn an ASM. Through the efforts of Craig Bindoff and his team of leaders we have a great selection of activities for scouts to do.

Cubs: November last year saw our first District Cub camp which was a great success. We will not be holding one this year due to the Cuboree, but will definitely have one in 2008. It is sad to note I have recently accepted a resignation from Robbie Campbell for the position of DCSL, due to work commitments.

Joeys: The Joey section remains the only section that we are yet to make a mark on. I do however have a prospective DJSL and some plans for a Joey scout Fun Day later this year. Hopefully things will move on from there. It is also the section that we are most lacking in leaders with. Both Jerrabomberra and Queanbeyan groups have leaders doing a double shift to run Joeys, this is something that concerns me.

Yours in Scouting,
John Green
District Commissioner
Black Range District.

Aims and objectives 2007

- Joeys* - *Regional fun day*
 - *Inter mob activities*

- Cubs* - *Attendance at district activities*

- Scouts* - *Green cord's and ASM's*
 - *Continue with DPLC*

- Venturers* - *Keep three units going*

- Rovers* - *Both Crews survive and move on*

- District* - *Appoint a DJSL*
 - *Acquire a District Committee*
 - *Decide on future for the DAC*
 - *Feasibility study for Sutton Group*
 - *Work towards a training solution*

Treasurer's Report

Caroline was unable to attend tonight, but provided the following report:

The overall financial position in 2006 remained relatively consistent with recent years and the Group maintains a healthy bank balance of \$19, 098.50.

Total expenditure (\$55,050.73) exceeded the total income (\$52,277.24) however, resulting in an end of year deficit (\$2,773.49). Essentially, the Group is spending more than it is receiving.

The audited income/expenditure statement for 2006 is:

Income	This Year	Last Year
Miscellaneous Income	765.00	400.00
Interest Received	117.01	81.69
Special Activities	12047.27	2888.20
Registration Fees	14106.66	17827.45
Hall Rent – Regular	0.00	1710.00
Hall Rent – Casual	50.00	450.00
Fundraising	22046.30	14115.00
Leaders	500.00	
Joey Scout Mob	0.00	
Cub Scout Pack	1750.00	0.80
Scout Troop	895.00	350.00
Venturer Unit	0.00	570.00
TOTAL INCOME	52277.24	38393.14
Expenditure		
Miscellaneous Income	1324.54	867.56
Bank Charges	0.00	
Special Activities	22072.01	3199.39
Registration Fees	5190.70	9272.00
Electricity/Rates/Insurance	3875.69	1462.36
Fundraising	9345.88	3683.32
Major Equipment/Building	3262.60	2947.02
Repairs & Maintenance	2673.42	2147.30
Leader Costs	1650.87	530.88
Joey Scout Mob	527.24	523.58
Cub Scout Pack	1853.56	2377.64
Scout Troop	1769.15	1176.43
Venturer Unit	1505.07	112.20
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	55050.73	28299.68
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(2773.49)	10093.46
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FR YR	(2773.49)	10093.46

Significant attention was given to “getting the house in order’ in 2006. The accounts were audited for the 3 years – 2004, 2005 and 2006 and we transitioned to electronic record keeping. A quarterly invoicing system was introduced and direct debit added as a fee payment method.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fee for 2006 remained constant at \$85.00 per child per term (including \$25.00 fundraising levy). The transition to quarterly invoicing and electronic record keeping has enabled more accurate tracking of fees. Unfortunately, many families were late paying fees in 2006 with the total outstanding exceeding \$3500.00 at one time. At 31/12/06 outstanding fees still exceed \$900.00.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Thanks to everyone who helped with fundraising in 2006 particularly those who have regularly run the Meat Raffle at the Jerrabomberra Hotel. This fundraising initiative comprises the Group's primary source of income. Fundraising is essential to the group as fees alone do not cover all expenses. Substantial fundraising efforts were undertaken by parents and youth members to attend the 2007 Jamboree.

QCC GRANT

In 2006 the Group received a \$765 grant from the Queanbeyan City Council for the purchase of rock climbing equipment. This support is much appreciated by the Group.

SUB TREASURERS

Karen and Steve Zoneff, Phil Andrews and Jeanette Johnson undertook the role of Sub-Treasurers for Scouts, Cubs and Joeys during 2006 and their tireless commitment to receipting fees was very much appreciated. Without their assistance, the Treasurer's job would be totally unmanageable. Thank you!

I will not be re-nominating as Treasurer in 2007 due to work commitments. I'd like to thank the parent committee and leaders for their support and patience throughout the past 12 months as I became accustomed to the art of book-keeping.

Caroline Manning

Treasurer

1st Jerrabomberra Scout Group

The Treasurers report as accepted by Jeanette Johnson and seconded by Stephanie Macney.

Committee elections :-

Elections were held and the following positions were filled :-

President: Peter Johnson

Vice President: Elaine Dawson

Treasurer: Vacant

Secretary: Steve Zoneff

Committee members: Craig McShane, Karen Zoneff.

New business

Peter Johnson provided an overview of the history of the group's financial history. A few years ago the group's finances were "in crisis". In the last three years this has been turned around.

The main fund raising activity in these last few years has been the meat raffle. There has been difficulty in getting volunteers for the meat raffle. Even the fund-raising levy did not manage to entice people to assist.

Adré presented a budget, explaining the breakdown of the break-even costs of running the group. He also compared our costs with other groups in the area. Break even costs are \$70/term per member.

Peter Johnson suggested an alternative model of \$80/term flat for everyone (except Leaders).

Peter Daniell suggested a “fund raising” levy that is refunded after fundraising.

Another suggestion was to have a reward system, in the form of a raffled prize at the end of the year - one ticket in the raffle for each fundraising event.

In the end, the final motions voted on were:-

- a) \$70/term flat with up-front \$100 levy (refunded if fundraising was done).
- b) \$85 flat fee with reward system at the end of the year.

A vote was taken and motion B was passed.

Peter Johnson and Adré De Waal thanked the people attending the meeting. The next AGM will be in May 2008 (exact date to be advised).

Meeting was declared closed at 21:16

Steve Zoneff
Secretary

04 May 07