

# Flocking A.G.M.'s

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## Think about...

The last time you went to a large meeting (e.g. School Parents Evening, Cricket Club e.t.c.)

- Did you enjoy it?
- Why did you enjoy it or not enjoy it?
- Was it boring?
- What would make someone leave his or her fireside and TV to come along?

## Why do we have AGM's?

It is a requirement to have an Annual General Meeting of the Group Council to...

- Approve the Annual Report of the Group Executive Committee, including audited accounts
- Approve the Group Scout Leaders nomination of Group Chairman and nominated members of the Group Executive Committee
- Elect a Group Secretary and a Group Treasurer and certain members of the Group Executive Committee
- Appoint an auditor

This can be done in ten minutes – especially if the Annual Report and Accounts are sent out in advance.

Why have a large gathering for this part? As long as everyone who is involved is invited, does it matter if others come?

## So, what else can AGM's be used for?

AGM's can:

- Offer a chance to involve families and member of the community
- Encourage the family of Scouting
- Provide an arena to publicly praise the work of all members, making them feel valued

## Some suggestions

- Why call it an AGM? Why not an Open Night, Family Fun Night, or Parents Night?
- Why not put the 10 minute AGM into a social night – a Cheese and Wine evening, a beetle drive or Family Camp?

## Format ideas

Parents like to see their youngsters achieve and perform. You could

- Present people with their badges during the evening.
- Have a programme, not an agenda.
- Get the young people to present some simple entertainment.
- Encourage them to give their own "Annual Report" – some information on the activities they have enjoyed over the past year.
- Keep slides and videos of the camp to a minimum – it is good to get an idea of what happened, but no one like an whole evening of holiday snaps.
- Limit speeches and talks to a few minutes maximum.
- Hand out written reports, minutes of last meeting e.t.c. – there will then be no need for a verbal report.
- Keep the young people occupied – elsewhere if necessary.
- Make sure that everyone has a good time so they will want to come again.
- Keep it positive – no one wants to come and be moaned at. Praise people who have supported the Group, don't criticise those that haven't.
- Variety – don't do the same every year.
- Keep the "business" to ten minutes maximum.
- Keep it fun, short and simple.

## And Finally...

Remember – we plan weekly meetings to keep the young people interested. We need to plan the yearly meeting to keep parents and supporters interested.