

Minutes of the Group Meeting

Held on Tuesday 8 April 2014

Present: Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Amanda Baker, Alan Gosling, Dawn Thorne, Andy Ellis, Mark Burrell.

Apologies: Kerry Watson, Philip Lewis, David Hedge & Jane Hedge.

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

No amendments

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hall Renovations / Building Renovations

Owen Wilby is our preferred builder as in the past he has been the only person to submit a quote when requested. Malcolm has spoken to him with a view of getting the work done on the west path before summer.

2. Fund Raising

Encouragement for parents and family members to join the 200 Club continues. Rag Bag collection is on-going and the return of Gift Aid forms continues to be followed up.

The Scouts raised £170 from the recent car wash. The money will now be going towards the canoeing awards they are working towards. It was suggested that to reduce costs for similar events in future each Scout could ask parents to print out 10 copies of flyers advertising the event.

Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

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| March: | 1 st 123 | 2 nd 11 | 3 rd 53 |
| April: | 1 st 77 | 2 nd 114 | 3 rd 8 |

3. Treasurer's Report

March

Current Account

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| Credits | Transfer | £2500 |
| Debit | Capitation | £2588.50 |
| Balance | | £820.02 |

Savings Account

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| Debit | Transfer | £2500 |
| Credits | Interest | £1.30 |
| | Rag Bag | £125.20 |
| | Dance | £266 |
| | Cheer Leaders | £118 |
| Balance | | £6001.46 |

4. Section Reports

Beavers Report

The food theme continues. Last week the colony had an indoor camp fire (using a large number of tea lights).

Cub Report

Mark confirmed they are still planning on having sailing and canoeing evenings. In July they hope to have a visit from the Hearing Dogs and the 1st Balderton Scout Band.

Mark still intends to step down as Club Leader in July and is looking for someone to take over the role particularly every 2 weeks when MB is away. Mark is happy to assist however no longer wants to be fully responsible.

Scout & Explorers

There are now 17 Scouts in total.

There has been an incident where inappropriate comments have been made between male and female scouts. The Scout Master received a text message of the complaint and following conversations with Richard Moyses visited the parents of the boy, accompanied by Alan. The boy admitted ridicule but not what was in the complaint. As a result, the boy has left the group of his own accord.

Forth coming activities include knife, axe and saw training; backward cooking and visits in June/July to Activities Away.

There are now 2 invested Explorers. Alan is thinking about holding a separate Explorer night and possibly invite them to attend a committee meeting.

Duke of Edinburgh Report

Andy confirmed expeditions take place between Easter and October and the minimum age to go on one is 14. Explorers have been made aware of the ability to go into D of E.

5. Group Scout Leader

The compass project is still on-going the suggested transfer date is now November.

A revised Behaviour Policy was circulated. All agreed in favour of the policy and everyone would take the document home for a full review and email any comments directly to Malcolm.

6. On-going Projects

Tentative Date for the AGM is 5 June. This will include a badge presentation for all sections. Full details to be confirmed.

The County Development Team attended a recent meeting however disappointingly there was no parental uptake.

There are some broken windows in the equipment room which need to be repaired. It has been mentioned about having a plastic film on the glass to prevent it from shattering if damaged.

We have now purchased a projector, screen and sound system

The equipment shed roof is loose, Malcolm had to refit a piece following some high winds. This needs to be addressed. **On-going.**

1 vacuum cleaner has now been purchased which is sufficient for what we need.

Prices for powered cool boxes are still being investigated. The best type to suit the group's needs is still also being investigated. **Position to be finalised shortly in time for camp.**

Group contact details need to be updated for emergency use. **On-going.**

The fire plan continues to be worked on. Smoke detectors are now fitted. Malcolm is now starting documentation regarding regular inspections. The panic buttons will be removed and notices updated. Each section needs a hard copy register and to have practice evacuations.

David Hedge mentioned the possibility of the group purchasing a video camera for recording camp activities. **Under Consideration.**

Malcolm has discussed the hall lights with Chris Oxley and requested a quote. It was agreed that if the quote was under £400 the work could commence without further committee consultation.

7. Any Other Business

We have been approached by the Friends of Coddington Scool as they would like to borrow the stocks again for the school fare. We were also asked if we would like to have a stall or man the stocks for publicity. There was some confusion with costing, permissions and donations.

It has been agreed that we would lend the event shelters for sports day in the Spirit charity.

Quiz night preparations continue.

A box of wild flower seeds has been obtained for each section and planned to be planted in front of the hall. The possibility of approaching B&Q for bark chippings was suggested.

Amanda will be taking over Mark's accounts when Mark steps back

Next Meeting - AGM - Thursday 5 June.