

Minutes of the Group Meeting  
Held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Present: Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Amanda Baker, Alan Gosling, Nicola Sloan, Andy Ellis and Rachel Barkham

Apologies: Jane Hedge, Ray Purvis and Martin Appleby

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

No amendments.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hall Renovations

Malcolm reported that work had started on the front access. The planners have approved taking the wall down. Malcolm also confirmed that we now have the local improvement funding which is held by the Parish Council and they will pay for the works direct.

2. Fundraising

Next Quiz night will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> July and the tables are already selling out fast.

The bag pack on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March was successful with just under £300 being raised for the Group.

TREASURERS REPORT

April

<i>Current</i>	British Gas – electricity	£98.78
Balance		£741.99

*Savings*

Balance		£6,967.23
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200 CLUB

May Draw	1 <sup>st</sup>	39
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	114

BEAVERS REPORT

Currently 21 members. Alan reported they had recently been Geocashing. The Beavers will be cooking on the new fire pits in the coming weeks

#### CUBS REPORT

Malcolm reported the Cubs had been working towards badges, putting up tents and general preparation for the coming camp.

#### SCOUTS REPORT

Nicola reported that the Scouts had recently been to the indoor skate park and they had taken part in the Great Badger Debate – Cull or Cure as part of their Global Challenge.

#### DofE

Andy reported that Silver had done their practice expedition at Horncastle/Spilsby and over the Bank Holiday would be doing their qualifying expedition in the Peak District. Bronze will be doing their practice expedition in June and the qualifying one in July. They have also received a £100 grant from District to help towards new stoves and tents.

#### GSL

Malcolm reported that Alan will be moving on to Scouts to from September to allow Nicola to step back and spend more time on planning. A parent of a new Beaver has volunteered to take over at Beavers. A new leader will be needed to replace Mark as Cub leader next year.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The next AGM will take place on the Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm at the hall. Ray will be stepping down as Chairman and Rachel will also be stepping down as Group Secretary.

Malcolm would also like to encourage each section to bring a parent to the Committee meetings.

2. We are short on forms for the Gift Aid and have a potential £500 increase on our claim. More forms will be handed to Beavers and Cubs to encourage more to sign up.
3. Nicola raised a discussion regarding Scout Membership fees. She said some parents were unwilling to contribute to extra activity costs believing they should be covered in the subs cost, but Nicola was finding she was short on money to pay for outside activities. The Committee discussed the best way to fund these activities and it was decided that subs will increase from £8.00 to £10.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> September.
4. It has been agreed by the Committee that Leisa Pickles will be taken off as signatory on the Beavers mandate with Kerry Watson to go on as a signatory with Alan Gosling.
5. The waste collection has been changed to a charity collection which will now be collected on a Wednesday.
6. Nicola requested that bee problem be looked at. Malcolm asked for her to obtain quotes for removal and the Committee would consider what to do at the next meeting.

#### NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed