

Minutes of the Group Meeting
Held on 17th December 2013

Present: Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Amanda Baker, Alan Gosling, Dawn Thorne, Kerry Watson.
Apologies: Mark Burrell, Jane Hedge

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

No amendments.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hall Renovations

The repairs to the kitchen roof are still outstanding

The repair to the west roof of the main hall has been completed, we are still waiting for the final paperwork.

We are hoping to do the west path next year.

It should be noted that Owen Wilby is our preferred builder as in the past he has been the only person to submit a quote when requested.

2. Fund Raising

The Quiz Night held on the 14th December saw reduced attendance but still raised £356.

It was discussed about getting the children of the group to encourage parents and family members to join the 200 club. We still need to work on this matter.

Rag Bag is still going but could do with a yearly push from all sections to give it a boost.

We have a few parents who have not returned the Gift Aid forms which would have increased our return by almost £500. Forms will be sent out to the parents who have not filled the forms in yet.

200 club draw results for November and December are:

November: 1st – 58 : 2nd – 60 : 3rd – 49.

December: 1st – 56 : 2nd – 48 : 3rd – 136.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

November
Current

Debit:	Flag pole etc	£ 80.40
	Flag Base (Owen)	£ 40.00
	Helpers Insurance	£ 39.75
Balance		£ 446.69

Savings

Credits:	Clr Dobson	£ 300.00
	Clr Wallace	£ 300.00
	Parish Council	£ 100.00
Balance		£6752.05

BEAVERS REPORT

We still have 23 Beavers who have been doing the Emergency Aid Badge, Experiments, Star Gazing - outside. The Christmas party will be held on the 18th Dec.

CUBS REPORT

The Cubs have also been working on the Emergency Aid Badge.

Mark intends to step down as Cub Leader in July 2014. He will step down sooner if a replacement can be found.

SCOUTS REPORT

We have seen 4 Scouts leave for various reasons.

Alan is working on getting the badge records up to date including the service stars. A lot of badges have been presented with more currently on order.

Planning to run the Emergency Aid badge level 3 / 4 at the end of January.

A visit from Shelter Box the week before had been interesting and informative. Alan is looking at involving the district in a treasure hunt to raise funds for them. So far not a lot of interest has been observed.

Plans for the Walesby camp and Belgium trip are ongoing, currently waiting on some transport quotes coming back.

The district has obtained a film license, The Scouts will have their Christmas party and film night on the 19th December.

GSL

Malcolm reported that the Compass project is ongoing, our records are in order. Malcolm is working with the district to ensure all the data is ready and migrated properly.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Malcolm will be contacting the Fire Inspection people to change the contact details.

Malcolm would like to see some sketches from the sections for the next AGM

Alan will prepare the letter to have the Scouts bank statements sent to his address.

We are still hoping for some assistance from the County Development team to find a replacement Cub Leader.

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.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. We are looking into pricing up a projector for film nights and other uses. Now we have the film license we could utilize a projector and screen.
2. The equipment shed roof is loose, Malcolm had to refit a piece following some high winds. This needs to be addressed.
3. We need to invest in a new vacuum cleaner as we have 2 dog training clubs and need to improve the cleaning equipment. We also need to clean the top of the walls in the main hall.
4. We are looking at prices for powered cool boxes for use on camp to keep meat fresh. We are looking at dual power 240VAC / 12 VDC items. These can be run from a 12v car battery on site. The battery can be trickle charged using a solar panel. We can also use an inverter to provide the ability to charge a mobile phone for emergency use.
5. Group contact details need to be updated as some of our members have moved and we do not have up to date information. This is needed for emergency use.
6. The fire plan is being worked on, we have a draft document. We need to get smoke detectors fitted to provide the alarm call. The panic buttons will be removed and notices updated. Each section needs a hard copy register and to have regular practice evacuations.
7. The Easter movements were discussed, Malcolm will contact people joining from the waiting list.
8. Capitation figures for the sections, Beavers £1100 - Cubs £1000 - Scouts £1150. Jill needs the money at the end of January. Please complete the books at the end of March and get them to Jill for checking.
9. Alan suggested a New Year party as a fund raiser. There was one held a couple of years ago for families at the community center which went down well. We could run something along the same lines as a fund raiser for the Scouts.

NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed