

Minutes of the Group Meeting
Held on 20th February 2012

Present: Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Amanda Baker, Ray Purvis, Mark Burrell, Jane Hedge, David Hedge, Martin Appleby, Nicola Sloan and Rachel Barkham

Apologies: Alan Gosling, Pam Page

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES
No amendments.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Scout Group

Malcolm introduced Nicola as the new Scout leader taking over from James

2. Hall Renovations

We discussed the access to the hall. Malcolm suggested that as the wall to the front-right is leaning and the brick work was loose it would be an idea to take the wall down and open that area up, replace the railings along the front of the building. David and Jane had brought along photos showing the Hall in its past state and David suggested that the pillar could be removed, with the railings running along the front of the building and round the right hand corner leaving an access where the wall is currently, leading onto the Village Hall entranceway. We could then build up a disabled access from there, utilising the one currently leading to the Village Hall. It was discussed whether we would need to apply for planning permission. Malcolm will put together a proposal and speak to the planners.

Malcolm has received a quote £519 to supply the pre-cut polycarbon to cover the windows. Martin queried whether we would be able to put them outside of the building in a conservation area. Malcolm will look into this.

2. Fundraising

Malcolm reported that the Quiz Night held in December raised just over £400 and the bag pack at Sainsburys the following Sunday raised about £400, bringing the total raised over Christmas and the New Year to just under £1,000. Malcolm has applied to ASDA to their Community Matters fund raising scheme.

TREASURERS REPORT

December & January

Savings	Credits	
	Interest	0.67
	W.I	50.00
	Council	50.00
	Ragbag	41.00
	Splitz Dance	58.50
	Tuck	40.50

	Quiz	415.00
	Bag Pack	380.70
Balance		£5,206.52
Current	Credits	
Balance		£180.63

It has been agreed by the Committee that the signatories on the Scout mandate will change from Stuart Buchan and James Guy to Malcolm Baker, Jill Skelley, Ray Purvis and Nicola Sloan.

Jill would like to remind everyone that the deadline for Capitation is approaching.

200 CLUB

Draws are as follows: -

December	1 st	-	61
	2 nd	-	23
	3 rd	-	186
January	1 st	-	51
	2 nd	-	42
	3 rd	-	59
February	1 st	-	82
	2 nd	-	55
	3 rd	-	8

BEAVERS REPORT

The Beavers have been to Make It in Mansfield for the day.

CUBS REPORT

Mark reported that the Cubs were doing their First Aid Badge at the moment. The senior sixer scheme was working well showing an improvement in the behaviour of the Cubs. There will be six Cubs moving to Scouts between now and September.

EXPLORERS REPORT

Pam submitted the following report by email: -

Explorers' report for this half term:

Meetings have mainly been at my house because it is too cold for us in our 'room' at the hut, and because I only have 1 key – the new Yale key – for the front door. (Please could scouts let us know their plans for this week as our meeting has to be at the hall and we don't know whether we will be able to get in?)

We have had:

A table tennis/pool night

2 nights working on web pages for the Explorer section

An exceptionally competitive 'masterchef' challenge, judged by a professional caterer

An evening on the rifle range at Walesby

Good news: Alan Hague has now turned 18 and is filling in forms to become a leader as he doesn't want to leave us. Older committee members may remember how Alan has been in the past and be surprised and impressed!

Bad news: Older committee members will be sad to hear that Dominic Page has now decided to leave Coddington Scouts and take up voluntary activities elsewhere. He felt unused by the group, having been 'given' to Explorers when he was actually a Scout leader. Dominic joined Coddington as a Cub, went all the way through Scouts and D of E, gaining his gold award before becoming a leader. It seems a shame to lose the young blood that Scouting so badly needs.

GSL

Malcolm reported that the changes to the heating were working well and that the settings were no longer being tampered with. We now have a music licence to play music at the Hall. This costs £126.96 and will have to be renewed annually.

Malcolm reported that Richard Moyses now ranked the group 2nd in the district due to group size. Malcolm would like to push again for more helpers and Malcolm has approached the District Development Team for guidance on marketing ourselves to parents to encourage more helpers. Malcolm is also looking towards securing use of the Village Hall as overflow space.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Malcolm has found a cheaper host for the website which will be about £100 cheaper per annum
2. The next Quiz Night has been booked for the 31st March 2012. Raffle prizes from each section please to the value of about £10.00.

NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed