

Minutes of the Group Meeting

Held on Tuesday 26th January 2016

Present: Malcolm Baker, Amanda Baker, Alan Gosling, Robin Clee, Kerry Watson, Adrian Leggett, Jane Hedge, Jill Skelley, Richard Simcock

Apologies: Mark Burrell

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no amendments necessary.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hall Renovations / Building Renovations

We are currently focusing on the rewiring of the hall. We have received a pledge from the Bernard Sunley foundation for £2000 towards the cost once we have the rest of the money.

We have had a meeting with James (Adrians brother – in – law) who advised us that the initial work had to include the installation of wired smoke detectors, emergency lights and the basics that we needed.

2. Fund Raising

The 200 Club continues to grow - now having 100 members.

Rag Bag has now finished as the providers of the service have stopped doing it.

The Christmas Raffle raised £1305. Jill Skelley proposed a huge vote of thanks to Amanda for the hard work and success of the raffle

Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
November	37	35	52
December	78	41	55
January	86	97	62

3. Treasurer's Report

Main Expenses over the last 3 months have been the Buildings Insurance and painting of the hall.

The main income has been the Hall Hire, Donation from HSBC for volunteer time matching and the raffle.

Account Balances as at 31st December 2015

C/A	£346.18
Savings	£6863.32

All capitation cheques were handed over at the meeting

A reminder that our end of financial year is 31st March 2016. Please have your books up to date and to Jill for checking.

Jill thanked everyone for collecting the milk bottle tops they were very useful in a number of ways. They go to a home for people with learning difficulties for sorting before being sent on to the Air Ambulance.

4. Section Reports

Beavers Report

We started in January with 26 Beavers, with Nicola and Richard as assistants. Leanne has joined as a young leader.

So far this year we have been looking at Healthy eating and foods from around the world. We have a night hike (during the early evening) planned along with the staged Air Activities badge.

We are planning an overnight camp for June or July staying in a hall or lodge. Kerry want to get her nights away ticket.

Richard and Kerry have booked training sessions to cover the learning for training modules. Nicola has booked to complete her training.

Cub Report

We have had 3 move to Scouts and 2 left the group, we have had 5 joined from Beavers.

We have been looking at Knotting Skills, developing Team Work, Healthy eating and Adrian gave a talk about his time in the Royal Navy.

A leaders meeting has been held to put together the program until the summer with a focus on completing the Chief Scout work.

Online Scout Manager is running well.

Cubs bank Account is doing well with funds available for future projects.

We are thinking of holding a sports evening and opening it up to other groups.

The Cubs 100 camp is booked for the end of May.

We will be holding a survey of the parents about continuing with Tuck as there have been some complaints.

Amanda asked if the parents could let us know if the young people are not coming to allow us to plan and so we know not to expect them. Malcolm said this was a good idea for all sections as with Scouts some come on their own.

Scout & Explorers

We have 20 Scouts and 5 Explorers with 5 new starts to the section.

We have just finished an Orienteering activity at Rufford Park which included Navigation skills.

We will be training for next years Night / NESST Hike with a view to entering some teams.

The 6 week Canoeing course will be starting in April with Newark Canoe club.

We are planning a Gliding activity in May.

The winter camp is planned for February.

Summer Camp is being planned for Bournemouth with a visit to Brownsea Island.

We now have 3 leaders and 2 helpers. Robb and Keiran have joined as leaders and bring outdoor skills. We have 5 Explorers.

5. Group Section Leader

The group is performing well. The capitation money is all in.

All sections have a good program planned for the rest of the year.

6. On-going Projects

- The emergency contact details are in the process of being updated. All Cubs details have now been updated but some Beaver and Scout details remain outstanding. **Amanda continues to monitor.**
- The Fire Plan is now in place. The register is still to be completed. It was agreed that Fire Drills for all sections should be undertaken at the beginning of each term. **Registers still need to be completed and details of the drill noted accordingly.**
- The plans for a gate from the Village Hall to the ground behind the Scout Hall still need to be submitted for planning approval. Malcolm has not heard anything regarding this. **This project is awaiting confirmation of planning restrictions – as there may be an issue.** A meeting was held with the village hall after this exec meeting – plans are moving forward.
- Another volunteer maintenance date will be organised for around Easter 2016 to carry out basic work around the hall. This may slip to May.
- The on-going project of upgrading the electric within the building was discussed. Quotes of £11.5k and £14k have been received. The possibility of putting the lights on the walls rather than the ceiling was discussed so that later work can be carried out on the ceiling when funds permit.
- It was agreed that named badges for the leaders would be a good idea. Malcolm will look to purchase these. Malcolm has purchased some of these.
- Alan advised that he thought the banning of ball games seemed unfair. Curtains or fibreboards all the way round were suggested as alternatives. Not all ball games are to be banned just Football
- Malcolm advised that the roof and gutter need to be cleaned out.

7. Any Other Business

- Amanda suggested a Copper Collection Challenge and showed an example of the money tin she thought would be good to use. This was well received and the committee approved the purchase of 100 tins to be distributed throughout the group.
- Scouts are going to start work on decorations to hang in the hall to reduce the noise reflection.
- Amanda suggested increasing the hall hire charges from the 1st April as we have not had an increase for a number of years. We have had some damaged equipment which needed to be repaired. The planned increase is to £7 per hour and asking for a £30 deposit for one off hall hirers.
- Malcolm will look into the Green Waste collection scheme.
- Malcolm said he would register the group for the Community repair scheme so we could get some paint for the hall.
- Alan recommended that we push to use easy Fund Raising. This is a scheme where donations are made by online retailers when goods are purchased on the Internet. An area of the notice board has been cleared for Alan to use for second hand kit and uniform.
- Alan will contact the new person in charge of the church to try to organise a regular church parade each term.
- Alan would like all parents to 'like' the Newark District Facebook page to bring attention to Scouting in the area.