

Minutes of the Group Meeting

Held on Tuesday 28 October 2015

Present: Malcolm Baker, Amanda Baker, Alan Gosling, Dawn Thorne, Robin Clee, Kerry Watson, Mark Burrell and Adrian Leggett

Apologies: Jane Hedge, Jill Skelley and Martin Appleby.

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no amendments necessary.

MATTERS ARISING

1. Hall Renovations / Building Renovations

The gates have become a lower priority. If the committee decide to go for wooden gates to separate the back area this would be a much cheaper option and this will be discussed further at future meetings.

The cost for the wall is just under £1000 and incorporates the necessary supports for the gate.

Frost damage is still to be considered. Heater controls are now all fixed and serviced.

2. Fund Raising

The 200 Club continues to grow - now having 100 members. Almost all the cub parents are now members of the scheme.

Rag Bag continues to be successful although the total amount of rag received this year looks to be less than that received last year.

The Summer Quiz Night raised over £600.

Results of the 200 Club draw are as follows:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
April	80	64	26
May	67	55	84
June	93	16	69
July	79	4	44
August	54	39	100
September	38	93	80
October	91	13	59

3. Treasurer's Report

MB confirmed that the group has paid the main insurances. The group has received £120 from Coddington Tenants & Residents Association.

MB has been in touch with the Parish Council regarding assistance with the cost of re-wiring. They have asked for details of the other grants which are being sought. MB will provide details to them.

4. Section Reports

Beavers Report

There are currently 21 Beavers in the section with a further 2 attending after half term.

Recent activities include a visit to Tesco's as part of the Farm to Fork initiative for which there is a specific Beavers' badge, making bug hotels, working towards the photographers badge and making jet packs.

Lots of exciting Christmas crafts are planned as well as a visit to the ambulance station.

Cub Report

There are 26 cubs in the section. RC is now working with AL leading the section. Liz was invested on Wednesday (along with 6 other cubs) and now assisting on a weekly basis. There are also 2 Balderton Explorers who help on a regular basis.

During the summer programme the focus has been on attaining the challenge badges.

Cubs will be attending a PGL weekend at the end of October. Future activities include a Zumba Class, nest box building, a night hike and the Xmas party.

Scout & Explorers

There are +20 Scouts in the section.

Scouts joined forces with the Coddington Cricket Club for the Asda Bag Pack. A total of £400 was raised and equally split.

The section has been invited to Denmark in 2017 having hosted a group from Denmark at Peak 8. The section will be camping at the Firework Speculator later in the month. A risk assessment will be carried out closer to the time assessing the weather conditions.

Alan advised that an extra uniformed adult helper is required to assist with the group.

Malcolm advised that there have been 6 applications from Brownies. Richard Moyes has been advised that the section is expanding and numbers are expected to grow further.

5. **Group Section Leader**

Malcolm has had recent involvement with 7th Newark Explorers since the sad death of Rodney Cousins. Whilst the leader and programme are good the group needs better engagement with its members.

Malcolm advised that we will be continuing with OSM.

6. **On-going Projects**

- The priority of purchasing powered cool boxes has dropped away slightly. **Now purchased.**
- 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. We now have an additional extinguisher and smoke detector. **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.**
- The committee agreed to the purchasing of tables for the hall. **Malcolm has purchased 14 small tables. Malcolm advised that it is important that these are kept clean and will ensure cleaning products are available.**
- Malcolm has completed the PAT testing course. **MB to ask the company who does the annual fire extinguisher testing to also test the appliances.**
- Another volunteer maintenance date will be organised for around Easter 2016 to carry out basic work around the hall.
- Mark was thanked for his assistance with the grass cutting.

7. **Any Other Business**

- 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.
- Various flag carrying bags need to be replaced. Malcolm will look into this.
- The dripping taps in the kitchen will be replaced by sets available from B&Q for £15.

- The committee agreed that a Christmas Raffle should be organised. These will be properly printed and the necessary gaming licence obtained from the council. 2 books of 10 tickets will be given to each child. The main prize will be funded out of the raffle money and the rest of the prizes provided for the summer event which did not take place.
- Alan advised that he thought the banning of ball games seemed unfair. Curtains or fibreboards all the way round were suggested as alternatives.
- Malcolm advised that the roof and gutter need to be cleaned out.
- Kerry enquired whether a group camp would be taking place in 2017. It was agreed that she would organise her own event for the Beavers.
- Programme ideas for the spiritual aspect of the programme were distributed.
- Malcolm reminded the committee that badge ordering should be done through Heather rather than through the Glasgow or Sheffield shops.
- Feedback on the closed Facebook group has been really positive. The photo consent form may need updating to include social media. A Facebook page for leaders was suggested as a space to share ideas.