



MEETING MINUTES – GROUP EXECUTIVE MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

Objective:

Date: 30/04/2013

Time: 8:30pm

Called By: Simon Cope - Chair

Location:

Meeting Type: Spring Term 2013

Note Taker: Angela Smart

Attendees: *Niki Dunn – GSL, Simon Cope – Chairman, Keith Dunn – Treasurer, Angela Smart – Incoming Secretary, David Kelly – Quarter Master, Helena - Fundraiser, Laura Nash - Fundraiser*

Apologies: *Sally Lock - Subscriptions Secretary*

1. Welcome, Apologies & Introductions

Simon welcomes and thanks

2. GSL Report

The group has recruited new leaders (Paul Drussel, Claire Clegg) lost some cub leaders

We have two new Section Leaders

We have grown as a group

Need some new scout leaders (down to 10 or 11 scouts)

St George's Day was successful a lot of parents helped out. Mixed feelings about the way it was run.

Lots of stop starting. Lots of parents grabbing children at the end.

There has been an issue with two of the cub leaders they are unhappy with the 15% discount they get for their children.

Louise Keys asked for a meeting with Anne Barnes.

Anne Barnes has refused to meet with Louise Keys.

We held a meeting with the leaders and as a committee decided that the 15% discount would stay as it is and that we would review it in a years' time.

PowerPoint breakdown of the budget was presented at the meeting by the GSL and the Treasurer emphasizing that we just break even with the current 15% discount for the leaders' children.

District cub camp 17th - 19th May

Monday cubs going on the District Cub Camp and Tuesday cubs are not going

Beaver Sleepover 1st June.

Scouts are going away for the weekend before the Summer holiday (date to be confirmed)

Tues cubs -is getting personal and Niki has met with Anne Barnes to discuss the issues

The two leaders are over spending at the scout shop with badges because of the cost of petrol (they only want to make one journey)

Both leaders purchased polo shirts on the group account (Treasurer to write to them over this.)

Group spent over £700 at the shop on badges.

Wolf Cub pack point blank refusing to accept any more than 18 children into the pack.

This is a problem as more children from beavers will need to move up into the cub pack.



We could be turning children away. (If they went up to 24 this would mean we wouldn't turn children away)

Birchwood Cub pack presently has 24 children

Niki has contacted Wayne the district cub leader and asked him to hold a meeting with the leaders so they can discuss the issues they have.

Move forward and see if there is the possibility of resolving some of these issues.

If this cub pack were to fold then John and Karen have offered to lead cubs and scouts on the same evening.

This would not be a long term solution.

Issue regarding signing off cheques for badges and polo shirts

Christopher Holliss has written to the scout shop regarding the purchase of badges and polo shirts

It was agreed that a member of the committee will sign off and collect badges

3. Treasurers Report

Total last year £15,800

In surplus £11, 500 quite a healthy budget but lots of jobs to do.

We would like to change the leaders room.

£3000 or £4000 pounds to change the leaders room.

We need to have money in the budget in case the roof needs to be repaired or replaced.

£600 for insurance

£ 700 pounds has already been spent in the scout shop.

Insurance £2,200 pounds a year.

Hut maintenance £ 3500.

Accounts are complete and ready to send off

Need to spend some money and get the leaders' cupboard sorted.

Need to buy some new tables

David made a suggestion to buy a marquee. (to hire out and help build funds)

General impression is they get hired out and other scout groups make a lot of money from them.

Cost of a marquee £500

Buy it for Jan or Feb next year.

Chair suggested that we outline the budget and create a list of planned expenditure.

Discussed buying a trailer.

Helena and Laura are going to approach Toyota and other stores to see if they would donate a trailer to the group.

4. Secretary Report

Census completed and has been sent off.

5. Subscriptions Secretary Report

Sally is struggling to get all of the parents to pay.

6. Quarter Master Report

Need to buy double burners

Old style cast iron ones

Buy standard normal stoves (£200)

Frying pans needed

Need some more lanterns

Working Party at the scout hut is on the 12th May.

An email has been sent out to all of the parents asking them to come along and help

Jobs that need doing – refurbishing the patrol boxes(need sanding and painting) and attach the fascias and guttering,general tidying up and cutting the grass.

Russell available on the 12th May and will work on the fascias and guttering



7. Fundraising Report

Helena and Laura are finding that no one wants to help with the fund raising
They are happy to go to the groups and ask the parents to help out but they feel they need to give them a reason to buy into (eg develop the outdoor area of the scout hut)

Ideas of how fundraising money could be spent:-

- Maintenance for the building
- Develop outdoor area
- Astro turf suggested
- No where to dry tents need to build a lean to

Ideas for Fundraising

Outdoor Games Day (Greenwood Park) sell drinks and lollies

Pamper night

Bag packing (cubs and scouts)

Car wash -Sunday pm (Baptist Church)

Wine tasting

Beaver bake off

Planting

Barbeque

Disco

Camp out

Pyjama party inside the hut

Night hike sponsored walk (to be organised)

Leaders meeting to inform all sections about the night hike

Pub Quiz Night - October time – (date to be confirmed)

The Giving Machine (good money spinner need to look into setting this up if possible)

Need to look into setting all sections up for Gift Aid.

8. Any other business

Ramp to be fitted –

Need to look into getting a ramp fitted as a disabled child is keen to join. (need to look into a grant to fund this)

Leaders camp costs to be funded –

Discussed whether the committee felt that we should fund the leaders on camps. Group agreed that leaders should be funded.

9. Set date for AGM

Activity Day (date to be confirmed) Need to encourage the parents to attend and try to get more parents on board to help out.

13. Set date for next Executive meeting

Tuesday 10th September @ 8.30 pm (9 The Mall)