

1st Park Street Scout Group:Minutes of Exec. Meeting 19.9.96

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 19th SEPTEMBER 1996

1. **Present:** Mike Turner (Chair), Richard & Julie, June and Clive and Ann Burling to whom a special welcome was extended as this was her first meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence** - were received from Pauline LaRiviere, Doriel & Colin Watson, Carol Ward & Mike Turner (Ventures). Sheila Moister is currently convalescing from an operation & the committee sent their best wishes to her for a speedy recovery.
3. **Agenda:** This being the first meeting of the new scouting year, no agenda had been issued in advance to remind members that the meeting was to take place! The Chairman will try to do better in the future. The **Minutes of the Last Meeting on 22nd May 1996** were agreed and used as an agenda.

4. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting:

- i) **Cub Football Shirts** - It was agreed that fourteen pairs of shirts and shorts (cubs will continue to supply their own socks) are to be purchased at a discounted price of £280.19.
- ii) **Dampness in Stores/General Condition of the Hut** - It was agreed that the Hut is looking pretty shabby and in need of urgent attention, especially the floor which is again cracking and becoming potentially dangerous. Some remedial action has been taken but much remains to be done which it was felt is really beyond "as and when time permits" volunteers and needs professional attention. It was agreed that this will be expensive but is there really any alternative? Tasks will need to be identified and costed so that a decision can be reached on priorities.

Action: Chair to contact a local builder for preliminary quotes & then for discussion at the next meeting.
- iii) **Sainsbury's £1000** - cheque still awaited but Sainsburys now no longer require a formal photo opportunity presentation before handing it over. Agreed the Exec. should look again at the use to which this money is to be put in view of potentially more urgent priorities.
- iv) **Lottery Submission** - as Martyn was not present this was c/f to the next meeting.
- v) **Scouters Room & Library** - no progress had been made in sorting out what should or should not be retained, it was also suggested that there was "a load of old rubbish" in the stores, including an old piano, which should all be examined with the view of throwing much of it away, hire of a skip was discussed to take away whatever could not be burned.

Action: Agreed that a working party should take place on Saturday 5th October to clear out the rubbish from the Scouter's room and the Stores. Everyone please note as extra hands make light work!

2. Treasure's report

Balance	Current Account	-£7.83 but subs are due
	Deposit	£1034.44
	Rees Account	£352.26

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Julie has a number of bills to pay including the next instalment of the insurance which is £322.03. However, because of the hut failing to meet the conditions laid down by the insurers she feels that should any claim be made it would not be met, which means that insurance payments are actually a waste of money until the hut's condition can be brought up to the required standard. We are not required to have hut insurance, public liability being covered elsewhere. Julie will be preparing a paper to be discussed at the next Exec. meeting.

Action: Julie to prepare a briefing paper for issue to Exec. members prior to the next meeting re: way forward.

Monies appear to be outstanding from the Brownies who it was not realised have been using the hut rent free.

Action: Julie

3. Mini Bus

Clive reported that the minibus appeared to have been vandalised beyond economic repair and the most realistic course of action appears to be to scrap it. It was agreed that a full assessment of the minibuses' condition would be obtained from Colin in time for the next meeting when a decision would be taken on the buses' future and the options open to us should we decide to get rid of it.

Action: Chairman to speak to Colin Watson.

4. Tasks for the coming year

Richard foresaw the need to undertake a number of tasks during the current year to recruit new leaders, improve leader training and find new ways of raising funds. He felt it would be more effective if tasks were tackled by small sub groups rather than by individuals or by the Exec. Committee as a whole. He had people in mind for the tasks and will be approaching them before the next Exec. Committee meeting to discuss his ideas with them.

Action:GSL

5. Future Events

5th October - working party to tidy up the hut

12th October - Jumble Sale

19th October - Family Barn Dance in the Village Hall. A letter will be coming out about this in the near future.

23rd November - Race Night in the Village Hall

Murder Mystery evening - to be arranged for the New Year, probably February.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER at 8.15pm (prompt)

NB. For future meetings it was agreed it would be nice to have tea/coffee available.

Julie agreed to action.