

Minutes of committee meeting Monday 6th November

Present:

Becky Rodwell, Alison Jervis, Sam Elliot, Dave Smith, Peter Warrington, Shelley Gamble, Sharon Jones

Apologies:

Karina Biggs

Chairman's Report:

Dave explained that Sam is now officially G.S.L.

Six of our Explorers have been chosen to attend the jamboree in America. The explorers still have money to raise for the trip therefore Sam has suggested that the committee could help with their fund raising events, this was agreed.

The water board have confirmed that a meter was not installed as previously thought. Shelley suggested contacting other scouting groups to obtain a price comparison, Sam to action.

Dave thanked all that those who helped with the painting of the hut.

Dave said he would like to step down from the role of Chairman which he will do at the next AG.M.

G.S.L. Report:

Sam explained that she has been directed from the district commissioner to get all leaders off the 'provisional roles' which can be completed once the DBS checks are satisfactory, each person has attended an AAC meeting and modules 1-3 have been completed.

There are 15 leaders, three of which now have full roles. Sam has arranged a validation evening with Gary Rice to sign off those who have completed the necessary requirements. This will take place on November 14th at 7.30 p.m. at the scout hut, all leaders have been made aware of this.

Sam stated the last group event JOTA/JOTI, which was held at the Royal Signals Museum, was a great success. 60 Scouters attended from our group of

which each child paid £2.50, £2.00 was paid to the museum leaving 50p to go towards the £1.00 badge. All scouters have received their badges.

Sam reminded everyone that the remembrance parade will be attended by all sections this Sunday.

The next event will be the Blandford Christmas Tree Festival which will take place at the church. Each section will decorate a Christmas tree with a nativity theme. All the leaders have been informed when to take the children and everyone can attend the results of the competition on Saturday 16th November at 10 a.m. at St. Peter and St. Paul's church.

The subscription payments are being paid with only 6 Scouts payments outstanding and a few who are paying half term subs as they are new. The balance of £1785 has been banked either by cash, cheque or by the online payment system.

Treasurer's Report:

Alison shared that Norman has done a good job designing the new spread sheets and that this system is working well and Dave agreed.

The balance to date is £11,110.06.

The scouting income is £4,820 and that Alison hopes to see an increase over the next year.

Dave looked further into the accounts held by Barclays Bank and explained unfortunately the signatures are unable to be located, Dave is looking into the separate Lloyds Bank accounts.

Beaver's Report:

The beavers have just completed their space badges and they have recently visited the skate park.

Cub's Report:

The cubs have completed their astronomy badges and Sam had the pleasure of investing 2 cub leaders, who have in turn invested 10 new cub members.

They have enjoyed a trip to Butchers Coppice to master tomahawk throwing, unfortunately the weather and a booking error hindered Portman cub packs' visit. Sam said there is a possibility to perhaps hire a minibus to return to Butchers Coppice, she will decide at a later date.

The cubs will be having a remembrance sleepover this weekend during which they will be attending the armistice service at the church on Sunday.

Scout's Report:

The scouts enjoyed their Backwood camping at Clapcotts Farm in Spetisbury, they have also completed survivors, camp cook, electronics and hobbies badges.

Sandra is looking into buying a berko for camping and is communicating with Paul from the Winterborne Whitechurch group.

Sam said she would like to give the leaders the opportunity to gain their camping nights away permits, Sam stated that she would envisage it being 5 leaders who would be interested, the cost would be approximately £80.00 per person at Gilwell next March. This would be a huge benefit to the group as every section would have many more opportunities to attend district and county camps.

President's Report:

Peter asked if the kitchen has been completely paid for, Alison confirmed this has been done.

Peter inquired if the insurance company have been approached regarding the new installed kitchen. Shelley suggested this could be added to the new scouting calendar for the annual review. Sharon to action contacting Ansvar Insurance company.

It was also discussed how often PAT testing should be completed, different variations were offered, Sharon to action.

Peter also inquired if Slimming World had paid their outstanding balance, Shelley confirmed that they have paid.

The signage Sam painted was appreciated by Peter, he explained that he also has a wooden sign to be displayed, Sam to prepare the area.

The cleaner needed for the hut will be actioned by Shelley who is collecting quotes,

Fund raising events:

Shelley suggested to the committee to have a January sale of unwanted Christmas presents or toys that could be cleared out before Christmas to make room for the new presents. Sam to action contacting parents to allow time to gather donations.

Dave has booked the pitch for the Yuletide Festival which could be free of charge if two scouts are able to help on the gates. It was discussed that two pitches are needed, Dave to action. The stalls will include water and wine, jam jars and squares board. Shelley suggested the Crown hotel could supply the empty bottles. Shelley also suggested Lidl's may donate some wine, Sharon to action.

It was agreed the cubs and beavers singing would be a good idea again, Sam to action song lists. Buckets and a float are needed, Alison to action a float of £150.00, Dave to action the tombola and the numbers board. The decorations can be used from last year and Sam to action a rota for helpers. Wine bottles need to be wrapped, date to be confirmed and jam jars distributed by leaders for scouters to decorate.

It was discussed that Dave and Sam will take their cars and arrange to meet before 4.30 when the road closes.

A.O.B.

Shelley informed the committee that the broken window has been identified by a parent, Dave to action. Shelley also asked if supplies are needed for the First Aid box.

New leaders and assistants need to receive the minutes of the meetings, Sam to email addresses to Sharon.

Sam said that during the nature reserve campaign she contacted the Woodland Trust who have kindly donated some trees, Sam and Sharon to action planting.

The tuck shop system is working well and Shelley explained that the total profit for the previous two months is £53.94 and this has been given to Alison.

The district commissioner has asked if we are able to store any equipment for the Winterborne Whitechurch group, Dave to action whether there is possible space in the sheds. It was suggested that the ovens and other metals could be taken to the tip to create space. Sam to inquire how much equipment they have and to contact Dave with the information.

Sam explained she has installed a scouting calendar on the website and she will add the dates and times of hirers so that decorating and other work can be completed when the hut is empty. In the previous meeting it was suggested that a grant could be obtained from Waitrose, Sharon to action.

The blue disc collection at Tesco for the nature reserve has now finished and we are now waiting to hear the outcome.

Date of the next meeting:

January 15th 7.00 at the scout hut

