

Minutes of committee meeting

15th January 2018

Scout hut 7.00 p.m.

Present:

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

Apologies:

Norm MacBeth, Shelley Gamble

Chairman's Report:

Dave welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the Yuletide Festival although it was a shame that the festival had a poorer turn out this year and that our stall was the only one at the top end of Salisbury street . Dave also mentioned that the Christmas parties went well. Dave reminded everyone he will be moving to Poole soon but he will remain until the A.G.M. his telephone number will change to 07478 886901 or he can be contact via the following email address, dave1shirley1@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report:

Alison stated the balance of today is 11,040.72. It was discussed whether each groups fund raising should be held separately, it was decided if a group raised extra money for a specific reason that it would be their money.

G.S.L. Report:

The online Scout Manager and Facebook are continuing as a good form of communication and to receive subscriptions. Sam also has Whatsapp and Messenger conversations with the leaders which is working well.

Sam has organised a badge stock list which will be linked to all sectioned, this will enable Sam to easily view the progress of the groups.

The website for members is continuing well allowing committee members and volunteers to access information regarding the hut, Sam also stated that the County Training calendar is on the website for all leaders to access.

It was in agreeance for money to be spent on training staff for camping, archery and leaders to gain permits.

Sam explained that she has managed to get 8/14 Leaders off their provisional scouting roles and she will be aiming to complete the remaining by March. Sam has been involved in leader reviews with John Kerley, from District, and she will action the remaining reviews. This term Sam stated she has found a volunteer to help at Scouts & Riversdale Beavers, recruitment is needed for assistant leaders and more committee volunteers are also required to assist at fund raising events. Sam explained that she attended Explorers to help recruit Young leaders, this will be actioned soon.

Sam and Kevin have achieved their indoor permits for group sleep-overs.

All sections have been offered more adventurous activities this year and programmes can be managed by Sam on OSM.

Sam said she has been assisting Scouts with banking and application for Jurassic Jamboree.

The census has been completed for 2018, Sam attended District meetings and completed Young Leader forms. Sam to action the completion of Thursday Cubs Young Leader form.

Due to a temporary leader shortage Sam has offered to be Beaver Scout Leader at Winterborne Whitechurch.

There is still a waiting list for groups, Sam has been communicating with Charlton Marshall Beavers regarding sharing our waiting list, Sam to action adding Winterborne Whitechurch & Charlton Marshalls' details.

Beaver Report:

Deer Park have twenty two beavers and two leaders. badges that have been issued since September 2017 are Camp Craft, Communicator, Cook, Creative, Health & Fitness, Hobbies, International, Space and Sports. Also Activity Plus, Hikes, Nautical Skills, Navigator, Nights Away, Sailing, Swimmer, JOTA/JOTI and Time on the Water.

Riversdale have eighteen beavers and two leaders and one young leader assist. They have issued one Chief Scout Award and badges issued since September 2017 include Sports, Nautical Skills, Nights Away, Time on the Water, Global Issues, Health & Fitness, Communicator, Camp Craft, Hobbies and JOTA/JOTI.

Cub Report:

Shottsford have eighteen cubs and two leaders at present. They have issued two Chief Scout Awards and badges issued since September 2017 include backwoods cooking, Pioneer, Artist, Air Activities, Astronomer, Nights Away, Swimmer, Time on the Water and JOTA/JOTI.

Portman group have twenty five cubs, three leaders and one young leader at present. The badges that have been issued since September 2017 are Astronomer, Nights Away, Paddle Sports, Time on the Water and JOTA/JOTI.

Scout Report:

There are four leaders and one young leader, the scouts are finishing off their Electronics badge and getting prepared for Trig in February. This will incorporate lots of map reading, compass work and orienteering, they plan to do a night hike from Blandford to Spetisbury.

Yuletide Festival:

Sam put it to the committee that the Scouts are too young to man the gates and this would not be repeated next year, but would purpose alternatives ways to help instead, such as the distribution of leaflets. Sam informed the Anonymus Travelling Market, who manager the Yuletide Festival, that we would like to be involved in the Georgian Fayre in May, Sam to action.

Fund Raising:

Dave has spoken to British Legion which will be the venue of the bingo night which we are able to host again this year, dates either April 4th or 11th, Sharon to action.

Peter suggested a horse racing night event, Peter to action more details. Dave suggested bingo, square board, quiz night in the hut, Alison agreed and suggested a quiz night with the A.G.M. which would be held in the hut, this was agreed by the committee. Horse racing and a BBQ was agreed to be held later in the year before the clocks changed.

Cleaning:

Cleaners have been employed and are continuing to keep the hut up to a good standard.

Maintenance:

The tiles at one end of roof have been tested for asbestos by ACL the consequence is that this part of the roof needs replacing. Dave has obtained a quote for £4,450 plus VAT, other quotes are being sought. It was suggested that this does need to be addressed this year and that scaffolding will need to be funded and the remaining part of the roof can be repaired at a later date.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant:

The paper work is in process and the £1000 grant will be awarded soon.

A.O.B.

Peter and his team are continuing to paint the hut, Peter asked for more under coat paint to be purchased, the price of which is £15.00, this was agreed. Peter also shared that the shed and garage need re-roofing, the Railway Club have stated they hope to contribute £500.00 through fund raising. It is important to maintain the shed and garage as there are a considerable amount of expensive tools stored in these outbuildings.

Peter explained that next year Charlton Marshall hut will be closing and that they Railway Club will be sourcing the timber to use as cladding on our hut.

Peter said that a book can be obtained from County Hall which list granting options.

An enquiring into the kitchen Insurance has been actioned, the insurance company have suggested as we have installed a new kitchen, which has raised the content insurance, that we may decide to incorporate this in a new value, Alison to action.

Next meeting Monday 26th February 7.00 p.m.

