

Committee Meeting 20/05/19

Present: Peter Warrington, Shelley Gamble, Sam Elliot, John Massey, John Bowell, Rebecca Rodwell, Amy Dennis, Sharon Jones

Apologies: Sandra Wellstead

Sam introduced John Massey as our new chairman and welcomed him to the committee.

Treasurer's Report:

Amy explained the new system to John and recalled the latest fund raising events, bingo night, Georgian Fayre and the town hall refreshments.

The committee discussed whether to continue the repairs further along the roof from where the leakage is apparent and the asbestos removal. It was decided to obtain more quotes however the price maybe too expensive for this to be an option.

It was brought to Sam's attention that the gas bottles should be stored in a secure enclosure. Sam has sourced prices, approximately £300 although a second hand option was discussed to reduce the cost, Shelley to action. The location for storage was also discussed with the view to move the gas bottles to the far end of the grounds.

G.S.L. Report:

Beavers

Beavers currently have 20 members in Deer Park pack and 19 members in Riversdale.

The beavers have been cooking pancakes and listening to talks from Mosiac and the Food Bank charities with view to raise money. The Mother's Day fun and games evening went well and they played skittles at their local alley. Youth led assault course evening, working towards gardening and camp fire cooking badges have all began. There is a backwoods camp arranged for 21st-23rd of June at the hut.

Deer Park have awarded 2 chief Scout Awards, 4 challenge badges, 14 activity badges and 15 staged badges. 2 beavers were recently invested.

Riversdale pack have awarded 1 chief Scout Award, 15 challenge badges, 31 Activity badges, 19 Staged badges and they have recently invested 1 new beaver.

Cubs

In cubs there are 30 members in Shottsford and 27 in the Portman pack.

The cubs have been learning how to tie knots and make rope, they have visited the fire station and practiced first aid and fire safety. They have also been learning how to maintain their bicycles for the forthcoming cycling badge.

Summer camp is arranged for the 13th-14th July, cubs will have the opportunity to try rifle shooting, go carting and Jacobs Ladder activities.

Scouts

Stour Valley currently have 43 scouts. The scouts have been practising map skills and participating in challenge night. They have also developed axes, knife, firefighting and pioneer skills.

Backwoods camp is arranged for 25th-26th May and the scouts have a cycling camp due 28th -30th June.

Leaders

The group leaders meeting was attended on April 8th, two leaders were signed off the first part of their leadership modules. Sam set a date for the tent tidying, the date for this will be 1st June. The St. George's Day was well attended by 86 scouts and the new format of activity bases worked well this year. Sam explained that the summer camp has to be postponed until 4th-6th October. Sam stated that four more leaders have completed their First Aid and there are only three outstanding GDPR to be completed. Sam is continuing to work hard to complete the necessary training.

A new beaver leader, Jemma Lewis, has been recruited and Darren Wheeler is now the new scout leader, therefore we currently have 22 leaders.

Fund Raising:

Sam stated that the Easter egg hunt was a success and that she was pleased with the new location of The Crown Hotel for the Georgian Fayre. No future events had been planned, Shelley suggested another 'table top' stall to be hosted at the hut, due to the packs camping throughout the summer the date of 28th September was agreed.

A scout has yet to be decided to follow the new major, Sam to speak to Sandra.

Becky suggested whether to join the Army day in Blandford or Arch Bishop Wake school's fete. It was agreed to join the school's fete on July 6th, Shelley suggested a candy floss stall.

Sam explained that Blandford St. Mary's school had approached her to enquire whether the scouts would like to attend their fete with a stall, she was also asked whether to attend a litter picking session in Durweston, Sam to action a decision.

It was discussed whether to be involved with the Blandford carnival this year. Unfortunately the date is inconvenient as this is the first week back after the summer holidays, therefore the committee and packs need to be organised in advance for this to work.

Flashing light strips was a possible suggestion although it was highlighted that we didn't want to appear to be selling the same products as other permanent traders.

Sam to ask the packs if they had any ideas of what they would like to do. Floats were decided against due to the magnitude of the effort involved in sourcing and creating; and adhering to Health and Safety aspects. Sam suggested that she would help the packs arrange a theme for them to participate in the carnival.

G.S.L. Report:

The A.G.M. has been booked for 7th June this however clashes with the Railway Clubs meeting therefore the club have asked to change their date to the 3rd June, this was agreed.

Sam suggested a doughnut theme night, she informed the committee that these can be ordered from Crispy Crème. Games included similar activities to the previous year, ring toss and relay races etc. Peter suggested a tug of war, this was agreed and Sam to action. Feedback suggested that the location of the A.G.M., i.e. outside, was not welcomed therefore after the packs have performed their activities the meeting will be held inside the scout hut.

Refreshments were discussed, a hot dog and a doughnut with a small charge of £1.00 was agreed, a float will be needed, Amy to organise. Shelley offered to buy the food required from Morrisons, she will speak to Tara for possible donations. It was decided to buy 150 sausages and 160 rolls as Sam will organise the vegetarian sausages. Sam said that she will organise the posters to inform the parents. The next meetings for the year will be issued at the A.G.M. however Sam explained that the meetings will now be held on Tuesdays opposed to Mondays, all the committee agreed.

A.O.B:

Peter asked what equipment County are storing in the shed, Sam will ask at the next meeting. Sam has a meeting with Winterbourne Stickland tomorrow when she will ask when their equipment will be removed.

Sam suggested to the committee to purchase a second hand shed, 6 by 4 on hard standing to store the outdoor equipment which will make space in the hut stores. Shelley to action up to the value of £40.

Peter asked if the strimmer in one of the sheds was operational as he will strim the cow parsley, Sam said it was working however new cord may need to be purchased.

Sam to source more grey paint for the continuation of the walls by the Railway club.

Peter informed the committee that the leak in the men's toilets has been rectified by himself and the Railway Club, appreciation was given for all the maintenance and repairs the Railway Club continue to do.

The broken window at the front of the building was discussed, the wood has rotted around the window, suggestions were given to either board up the area or John suggested perspex to prevent loss of light and reduce weather erosion. Sam to decide at the next meeting.

When the grass is cut around the hut it was brought to the attention of the committee that the grass is being brought inside the hut, leaders to be made aware for packs to wipe their feet.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the yearly gas safety check maybe due to expire, Amy to give John the details.

Peter explained that the car park is becoming increasingly more crowded on Railway Club meetings and Sam agreed that the Prayer session is also very busy. It was discussed whether the car park could be extended or sheds to be moved to incorporate more space. Amy will ask her father to give a quote for the removal of the bank nearer the gate. This be evaluated in more detail when quotes have been sourced.

I informed the committee that I would no longer be able to continue as the role of Committee Secretary, I have very much enjoyed the position for the last three years and I wish the scouting group all the best for the future-Sharon Jones.

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS' REPORT

20th May 2019

by Sam Elliott

BEAVERS - Deer Park 20, Riversdale 19

Activities

Cooked pancakes, Talk from Mosaic & Food Bank charities with view to raising money, Mothers Day fun games evening, played Skittles at local alley, Youth led assault course evening, working on gardening and camp fire cooking.

Aims

Both colonies working with Mosaic & Food Bank to raise awareness and money.

Backwoods camp 21st - 23rd June at the Hut.

Archery, knots, hike and lots more skills work!

Achievements

Deer Park have awarded **2 Chief Scout Awards**, 4 challenge badges, 14 activity badges, 15 staged badges, 2 investitures.

Riversdale have awarded **1 Chief Scout Award**, 15 Challenge Badges, 31 Activity Badges and 19 Staged Badges. They have invested 1 new Beavers.

CUBS - Shottsford 30, Portman 27

Activities

Cooked pancakes, learnt knots and made rope, made tea, decorated cake and performed for Mums, Visited the Fire Station and practiced First Aid and Fire Safety. Looked at how to maintain Bikes for Cycling Badge.

Aims

Summer Camp is booked for 13th - 14th July, Cubs will be have a go at Rifle Shooting, Go Karts and Jacobs Ladder activities.

Achievements

Shottsford have awarded **1 Chief Scout Award**, 18x Challenge Badges, 39 Activity Badges and 13 Staged Badges. They have invested 3 Cubs.

Portman have awarded **4 Chief Scout Awards**, 34 Challenge Badges, 18 Activity Badges and 23

Staged Badges. They have invested 7 Cubs.

GSL has done OSM training for some leaders.

14 Cubs from Blandford attended the Dorset County International, overnight trip to Belgium 4th-5th May, they had an amazing time!

SCOUTS - Stour Valley 43

Activities

Map skills evening and Challenge night. Scouts have developed axes, knife, firelighting and pioneering skills.

Aims

Looking at backwoods camp (25th-26th May), Cycling Camp (28th-30th June).

Achievements

12 Scouts are attending Summer Camp, a 4 day trip to Ireland to meet their County Tyrone friends they made at Jurassic Jamboree.

86 Activity Badges and 35 Staged Badges.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group leader meeting on the 8th April went well. 2 Leaders were signed off first part of Leadership modules.

We set a date of 1st June for tidying tents.

St Georges Day - was well attended by 86 Scouts, activity bases worked well and kept most of them entertained throughout.

Summer Camp has been postponed and will hopefully be booked for 4th-6th October.

GROUP DEVELOPMENT PLAN

4 more Leaders have completed First Aid.

Only 3 outstanding GDPR to complete.

GSL been working hard to get all Leaders through essential modules and AAC, 12 Leaders left (although 2 new and 2 at uni or exams).

We have recruited another Beaver Leader, Jemma Lewis and Scout Leader, Darren Wheeler.

We now have 22 Leaders.