

Committee Meeting minutes 25/03/2019

Present:

Sam Elliot, Peter Warrington, Chloe Quance, Shelley Gamble, Amy Dennis, Sharon Jones

Apologies:

Becky Rodwell

Previous minutes:

Sam explained that the signatories can be changed now that the forms have all been signed.

The fire extinguishers only need Sam's signature and this will be completed A.S.A.P.

Sam stated that the cleaning company Busy Bees have now finished and Amy's mother has taken on this role. Sam will ask the leaders to Hoover any excess debris before they leave the hut if there has been a particularly messy task.

Treasurer's Report:

The capitation will be actioned by Sam. Amy is continuing to organise the gift aid and this should be completed soon, there were no other issues to raise with the committee.

G.S.L. Report:

Sam informed the committee that we have 19 beavers in Riversdale and 19 in Deer Park the activities completed have included glow stick evening, a night walk, builder badges and they have celebrated Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Mother's Day. The beavers have also worked towards understanding the basic principles of coding and made cipher code wheels.

Sam explained that the aims of the pack are that they will be working with the charity Mosaic to raise money and awareness. Forth coming events include Beajam on the 15th June-16th June and the Spring Backwoods camp on the 4th -5th May.

Sam explained that Deer Park have awarded 13 Challenge badges, 23 activity badges and 22 Staged badges and that they have invested five new beavers.

Both colonies have completed a sleepover event based on space, where they had a planetarium and other great space activities.

Sam shared with the committee that the cubs have 23 members in Shottsford pack and 25 in the Portman pack. They have recently learnt about geochaching and they are in the process of developing their own. They have completed a night hike up Hod Hill and have learnt a lot about fire safety, fire lighting and a visit to Blandford Fire Station has taken place. The later two weeks have involved the cubs learning the art of knot making and how to make rope.

The cub achievements are that Shottsford have awarded 4 chief scout awards, 28 challenge badges, 23 activity badges and 39 staged badges.

The Portman pack have awarded 12 challenge badges, 0 activity badges and 3 staged badges.

Sam will perform OSM training for some leaders and assign leaders to update badge information.

14 cubs from Blandford will be attending the Dorset County international, over night trip to Belgium on May 4th.

Sam explained that the scout group Stour Valley have 34 members and that they have been involved in lots of first aid training, and they have also learnt a lot about knots. They had a successful patrol leader evening and a wide game around Blandford. Their aims are looking at Backwoods camps and a cycling camp in July.

The scout achievements include completing the summer camp, a four day trip to Ireland to meet their County Tyrone friends that they made at the Jurassic Jamboree. Sam said she will obtain the badge records at the next meeting.

A group leader meeting will take place on 8th April when St. Georges Day and the summer camp will be discussed.

Sam explained that three leaders have completed their First Aid and only a few more GDPR's to be completed. Sam's recent training has developed her skills to create a Development Plan which will be discussed with the leaders in April.

Fund raising:

A float will be needed for the bingo night, Amy to action. The committee will meet on 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 3rd April to organise the hampers. Sharon to let Shelley know if more cellophane is needed.

The Town Council have asked the group if we would help with the refreshments on 11th April from 10-12. They also will be hosting the Horrible History event with Martin Brown on 28th April at 2.00 p.m. when they will also require help, Amy to action a float.

The Community Chest charity grant was discussed and decided that kit and surfacing of the hut grounds could be included, Sharon to action.

Amy provided a quote of £680.00, excluding V.A.T. to fill the holes in the gateway and rear of the hut. To scrap off the existing road around the hut and lay new type 1 stone, roll and compact (not including the car park) the quote, excluding V.A.T. is £2,400.

Sam has signed up for Dorset County Fun Finder which is a charity page which informs charities which grants can be applied for.

It was agreed for the group to be involved in the Georgian Fayre again this year. A tombola and squares board were decided and a children's activity on the theme of the Georgians. It was agreed to have two tables and to try to get a more favourable pitch. Sharon to action.

The organisers of the fayre like at least one stall holder to be in authentic costume, Sharon to action a costume.

Nature Reserve:

A community morning was suggested by Shelley to begin to clear the nature reserve area, this was agreed for April 6th 10.00 – 12.00, Sam to ask parents to assist.

A.O.B:

The Railway club continue to decorate and fill in the holes around the hut.

Sharon explained that unfortunately the group were unsuccessful in the application for the Ecclesiastical grant. The covenant fund grant can be applied for in a few months and Sharon to action the Hall and Woodhouse grant before May 31st.

Peter asked if it is possible to purchase two or three more 'Go Pack' half size tables as we only have five at present, Sam to action.

Peter stated that the towel holder needs replacing in the men's toilet, Sam to action.

The security lights at the side of the hut are not working, Peter asked if we can replace them as this will still be a cheaper alternative to mending the existing lights, Sam to action.

Peter inquired about the progress regarding the rent for the explorers and country training, Sam to action.

Next meeting 20th May 7.00 p.m.

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS' REPORT

from beginning January 2019 - end of March 2019

by Sam Elliott

BEAVERS - Deer Park 19, Riversdale 19

Activities

Made Cipher code Wheels and played a game which helped the Beavers understand the basic principles of coding. Glow Stick Evening. Night Walk. Builder Badge Completed. Celebrated Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and Mothers Day.

Aims

Deer Park are working with Mosaic to raise awareness and money for a great charity. Riversdale will be working with The Food Bank to raise awareness and money for the charity. Looking at Bejam (15th-16th June) or Spring 'backwoods' Camp (4th-5th May)

Achievements

Deer Park have awarded 13x Challenge Badges, 23 Activity Badges and 22 Staged Badges. They have invested 1 new Beaver. Riversdale have awarded 5 Challenge Badges, 19 Activity Badges and 22 Staged Badges. They have invested 5 new Beavers. Both Colonies have completed a Sleepover event based on Space, where they had a planetarium and other great space activities.

CUBS - Shottsford 23, Portman 25

Activities

Learnt about Geochaching over a couple of weeks and created their own, this still needs work next term. Night hike up Hod Hill. Lots of fire safety, fire lighting and visiting the Blandford fire station. Also learnt lots of knots and made rope.

Aims

To be confirmed

Achievements

Shottsford have awarded 4 CHIEF SCOUT AWARDS!!

28x Challenge Badges, 23 Activity Badges and 39 Staged Badges.

Portman have awarded 12 Challenge Badges, 0 Activity Badges and 3 Staged Badges.

GSL to do OSM training for some leaders and assign leaders to update badge info.

14 Cubs from Blandford will be attending the Dorset County International, overnight trip to Belgium 4th-5th May.

SCOUTS - Stour Valley 34

Activities

Lots of first aid training for Scouts. They have also learnt knots. They had a successful Patrol Leader evening and wide game (Post Box) around Blandford.

Aims

Looking at backwoods camp (4th-4th May), Cycling Camp (7th-8th 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.

GSL will obtain badge records for next meeting.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

We have a group leader meeting on the 8th April where we discuss

St Georges Day

Summer Camp (possibly 28th - 30th June)

and set some more dates/events

GROUP DEVELOPMENT PLAN

3x Leaders have completed First Aid.

Few outstanding GDPR to complete

I have completed another weekend of management training in early March and now have tools to create Development Plan at next Leaders meeting.