



Minutes committee meeting 28th March 2022 7.30pm

Present Billy Maddock (BM), Sam Elliott (SE), Amy Dennis (AD), Jonathan Bowell (JB), Chris Minchella (CM), Rebecca Rodwell (RR)

Apologies Francesca Bethell (FB), Shelley Gamble (SG), Chris Bartlett (CB)

Review last minutes; Cleaning contract is in place, CL Cleaning. Initial deep clean completed and ongoing weekly cleaning has started.

Railway Club and Muslim group have provided their public liability insurance.

Windows, final quote to be arranged by CM. There is some concern about FENSA certification for windows as they are not in a residential property. Further investigation may be required.

AD obtained the Dorset Council grant for £2667.

Treasurers Report;

Emergency transfer was approved prior to the meeting from Hut to Scouting account to cover capitation of £5572. This is due to reduced subs this year due to COVID and should be a one off. Gift Aid not applied for this term yet but it will be on a termly basis. Flags for all sections were ordered and delivered. Money still trickles in from Amazon.

Blandford Scout Group Leader Report

Report from 25th January 2022 to 29th March 2022

Beavers

Deer Park Beaver Colony 12, 2 Leaders (plus 1 new) 1 Young Leader

Badges achieved; Safety and Experiment

Activities: Visit from Vet & Yoga teacher and Badbury Rings Hike.

Riversdale Beaver Colony 15, 2 Leaders & 1 Young Leader

Badges achieved; Health & Fitness, Creative and Emergency Aid Lv1

Activities: Hazards Hike at Milldown & trip to Morrisons

Sleepover rescheduled from 2nd April to 14th May @ Hut

Cubs

Shottsford Cub Pack 21(-1), 3 Leaders (Kev now Leader)

Badges achieved; Navigator & Adventure Challenge

Portman Cub Pack 17(-2), 4 Leaders (Katie & Jon now Leaders)
Badges achieved; Communicator & Naturalist

Activities: Geocaching, Backwoods Cooking, First Aid, Rope making & Pioneering

Summer Camp 16-17th July location TBC

Scouts

Jack Thomas Scout Troop 21(+2), 3 Leaders (plus Adam)
Badges achieved; Emergency Aid & Hike

Stour Valley Scout Troop 22(-2) - 3 Leaders
Badges achieved; Master at Arms & Community Impact

Activities: Hod Hill Hike, Campfire Cooking, Rifle Shooting & Gurkha Visit

Spring Camp 9th-10th April, Bere Regis (woods)

Summer Camp 29th July - 1st August, Ferny Crofts

Waiting List: Squirrels 12, Beavers 42, Cubs 24, Scouts 1

Activities and Events

- **North Dorset District Leaders Meeting** all our sections were represented by a couple of Leaders.
- **Blandford Town Council Expo Event** all our sections were represented by a few of the older Scouts. Instead of boards we might use the table for demonstrations and possibly have pull up banners behind?!

Awards and Permits

- **Chief Scout GOLD** for James Elliott
- **Chief Scout SILVER** for Thomas Stankus
- **Archery Permits** Adam Masters & Darren Wheeler

Future Goals

- **Archery** all equipment has arrived and is located in the old chair store. Securely locked and combination only known by Leaders with permits. A second order will be needed of extra bits that will cost approx £700 - look at fundraising for this?
- **First Aid** Alexis & Nic are booked on a course 12/4, Adam booked on 9/4, Lisa, Ian, Chris M & Jon B needs booking, 2 new Beavers assistants need booking soon
- **Mandatory Trainings** just new leaders to get through training
- **Leader Trainings/Permits** list of trainings is on google drive & County website. 6 leaders (Jon M, Darren, Katie, Chris, Sam & Kev) attending Traditional raft building scout permit course £35 each in June & Darren

doing NSRA Youth proficiency scheme Crossbow Shooting £150 November - both at Ferny Crofts.

- **Stores** moved Explorer stuff to Scout office, moved chairs and tables to old Explorer office. Quartermaster list sent to District team.
- **Outdoor classrooms / fire pit** need to finalise plans, particularly to get work completed by next winter

Events

- **St George's Day Parade/Celebration** 24/04/2022 two coaches booked 81 places booked and 110 seats available. Will refund Winterborne contribution when numbers are confirmed.
- **Teddy Rocks** (Tom) 29th April - 1st May
- **JOTT** Jamboree On The Trail is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. Saturday 14th May 2022. Working with Katie to get this planned
- **Platinum Jubilee Celebrations & AGM** - 11th June 2022 - finalise plans
- **Pride In The Park** 09/07/2022, Meyrick Park
- **Brownsea Group Trip** September??

Teddy Rocks approached us to run events at this year's festival – we discussed and don't think our current insurance would cover us, plus this isn't enough notice to arrange anything, especially without knowing the available area.

Dates for the diary;

Platinum Jubilee and AGM 11th June. BBQ and outdoor activities, each section to run an activity/game. 10am – 1pm. Games then AGM then BBQ.

AOB;

Fire Pit - AD to discuss with Dad about filling the firepit.

JB to look at firepits.

Fuel prices are fixed until August 2023.

Future meetings start at 7:15pm

Next meeting 17th May