

1st SUNNINGDALE SCOUT GROUP

MINUTES OF A GROUP EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT SSCOUT HQ
on WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2013.

THOSE PRESENT: Chairman Sir Julian Crofton, GSL Mr Doug Home, President Mr Geoff Adams, Mr Steve Derrick, Mr Sebastian Jans, Mr Tony Flood, Hon Sec Mrs Johanne Taylor.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mrs Vanessa Crook,

ABSENT: Mr Richard Williams,

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July 2013 agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING: State of repair of kayaks not pressing without access to water and availability of trained instructors to enable their use, however this matter does need closure.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sec in receipt of inspection certificate for fire extinguishers 21.08.2013, invoice passed to Chair to be paid. Sec received email from Holloway College re: Volunteers Open Day. Chair received a donation of £100 from Fiona Barker for a bike that she had intended to donate which was bought by one of the Quince Players after it had been used on set. **Sec to respond.**
GSL in receipt of TV License Demand. **Sec to respond.**

TREASURER REPORT (Summary of Accounts attached)

Chair reported that Helen Whiteman has shown preliminary interest in taking on the role of Group Treasurer (subject to further explanation of the role). The bulk of funds held in HSBC account to be transferred to the CAF account, leaving a small residual amount to cover Paypal transactions. The invoice from the group camp at Phasels Wood was settled by Beavers, **GSL to consult Cub and Scout Leaders to work out how much each will contribute.** Costs of end of term barbecue to be met by Group. Fencing has been done and President gave **invoice to Chair for payment.**

Fund Raising Events; a) Carnival 15 Sept 2013. Unfortunately takings on bottle tombola were down almost 50% on last year due to various reasons. The bike stall was very popular and Group appreciate the hard work of Geoff Streeter beforehand and on the day in maintaining the bikes. Thanks also to go to Miles Gripton for helping with maintenance on the day. Generally the carnival did not seem to attract as many people as previous years. Thanks to all those who helped on the day. **New double gazebo to be purchased for next year. Charlotte Home has offered to support sec in marketing stall for next year, suggested fliers with forthcoming jumble sale dates be available.**

b) Next jumble sale this Saturday 28th September 2014, GSL to ask Explorers to set up tressles on Friday night. GSL attending and Chair may be able to help at some point. Committee members offered to support as they can.

c) Curry/Bingo Night at Tiger's Pad – October. **Chair to re-negotiate prices for a fund raising event rather than a social event.**

d) AGM/BBQ/Parent & Child sleepover 7/8 June 2014. **GSL to discuss date with Leaders and advise Sec for booking.**

e) Fund raising ball 28th June 2014. **GSL and Sec to further explore venue options and gather a social committee to take project forward.**

CHAIRMANS REPORT

Wifi now installed at HQ. Address of HQ at Sandy Lane has been registered at Council Offices. Chair asked if it will be necessary to open a bank account for Explorer Scouts. GSL replied not at this stage as Unit is run from District.

GSL AND SECTION REPORTS: GSL reported that current numbers of members in each section are required by District (as they stand now, not as at census):

Beavers – 24 (+ waiting list 20)

Cubs - 30 (+ waiting list 10)

Scouts - 24 (+ waiting list 11)

Discussion followed re: solution for running such large meetings in a limited space and for resolving waiting lists with children “in limbo”. GSL and Chair agreed to target parents on waiting list with email explaining how their children would not miss out joining a section if Leaders can be found. Alternative ways to advertise for Leaders were discussed and included using the Parish Magazine.

Explorers will start Friday 27th September, 9 Explorers and 2 Leaders, Dennis Clay and Bill Roach. The unit will accept Explorers from other groups in the area.

Due to unknown numbers of Scouts interested, a delay in applying for places on Wings 2014 has meant we may possibly miss out as it has sold out. 1st Ascot may be able to help us out with some places.

MAINTENANCE: Fencing around HQ has been repaired, thanks to President for organising (invoice passed to Chair) Electrician has installed power socket, invoice to follow. Extension of Compound was discussed. Suggested extend roof all the way to end HQ with extension of compound gate to just before the HQ door. This would give sheltered area for items to be dropped off. President offered to talk to Shaun for a quote. Gutters need to be cleaned.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 22nd January 2014, 7.30pm at Scout HQ, Sandy Lane

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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