

1st SUNNINGDALE SCOUT GROUP

MINUTES OF A GROUP EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE NAGS HEAD,
SUNNINGDALE, on TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2015.

THOSE PRESENT: Chairman Sir Julian Crofton, Treasurer Ms Helen Whiteman, GSL Mr Doug Home, Mrs Vanessa Crook, Mr Steve Derrick, Mr Tony Flood, Mr Sebastian Jans, Hon Sec Mrs Johanne Taylor.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of meetings held on 7TH OCT 2014 agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING: Letter of thanks sent to Grant Thompson from GSL. Following return of thank you email from contact at Blackberry re volunteer contribution, **Sec to obtain contact and address from Lee Underwood. GSL and Sec to discuss further follow up to Freemason's for possible extra donation.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter of thanks sent to Gerald Hill for provision of Remembrance Day wreath. GSL received donation of £5 from Dorothea Stanelley via Marian Hill and letter of thanks sent by return. Following a change in structure in the Sunninghill Parish Council, Lee Underwood has been asked to request in writing the contribution that will be made to Scout Group from the Sunninghill Victorian Fair 17th November 2014. It was agreed that Explorers and Scouts keep the profits they made from the barbecue stall on the day, but this second amount of money would be used for Group purposes to ultimately benefit all Sections. Cheque for £200 received from Hamptons for Beavers as Beaver, Noah Sleigh was the winner of their Colouring Competition. The Charity Commission end of year return to February 2014 was completed by Chair and submitted by Sec 17th November 2014.

TREASURER REPORT (Summary of Accounts attached) Treasurer briefly discussed the accounts to date which show a positive balance of around £5,000. Scouts have banked £200 from the Ascot Area Carnival coconut shy. The Quiz Night in October raised £300 net. Proceeds from the Sunninghill Victorian Fair Barbecue were: Explorers £400 and Scouts £560. Brownies paid £500 for 5 terms rent. Mark Pritchard paid £75 from cub funds to 6th Bracknell Scout Group as our cubs had the benefit of seeing a firework display put on by them. Treasurer has transferred electricity supply to EDF Energy which will make a significant saving for us. Tables and gazebo have been bought. Non-members insurance was renewed with Unity - paid £39.75. It was agreed that Personal Insurance Plan for Leaders would be renewed when due in February, **GSL to supply Sec with current list of Leaders.** Treasurer is in process of putting together a schedule of all gift aid forms which correspond with the person paying the subs being the same person who has signed the declaration that they pay tax. Details from OSM have not proved helpful so **GSL to investigate on Scout Base to see if there is an agreement with HMRC covering situations where it is not clear and whether a gift aid form for each household is sufficient.** Chair asked if any payment or correspondence has been received from Disney re their payment for Hilary Crofton's voluntary work with the Beavers. Treasurer and Sec confirmed nothing received to date.

Fund Raising/Social Events;

a) Quiz Night Friday 17th October 2014. It was a fun social event and raised £300. Thanks go to Louise Home for organising catering. **B) Jumble Sale Sat 31st Jan 2015.** Advertising is in place, all set to go ahead. **c) Spring Ball 14th March 2015** 23 tickets have been sold! Tables of 10, seating requests should be registered when booking. Band is booked. Requests for raffle or auction prizes are being sent out. There followed a discussion about possibly allocating one of the silent auction proceeds

to Thames Valley Hospice in recognition of Norman Cook's time with the Group.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Compass is the Scout Association's new online system and annual census information is to be run through this. However the majority of Groups are using Online Scout Manager which they prefer. This leaves us with the problem of transferring relevant data to Compass for Census purposes. **Chair will follow this up.**

GSL AND SECTION REPORTS: GSL pleased to report that there is a new Beaver Leader, Margarida Marques helping on a regular basis, but not yet warranted. Angela Holden is also helping at Beavers (but may help at Cubs). Mark Pritchard, Harriet Roach and Andrew Wheeler continue to run Cubs but do have to rely on parent helpers. Jo Barraclough has left as a Scout Leader but John Rathbone and Lee Underwood continue to run the Troop. (Christian Leigh may support Scouts, depending on family commitments.) Den Clay is still leading Explorers but numbers attending have dwindled this term due to pressure of exams and other factors.

GSL reported back that the memorial service for Norman Cook held on 17th January 2015 had been very well attended and was an enlightening celebration of his life. It was concluded that we would definitely like to place a plaque in his memory near the kitchen in HQ.

The Royal Oak Pub is holding a beer festival over Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend and have approached John Rathbone who together with GSL has agreed to arrange for Scouts to run barbecue for a day over the weekend. It was agreed that the Group BBQ Equipment could be loaned to the Pub for a small fee for the whole weekend if required.

Date for Group Camp at Marlow likely to be Wed 27th-Sun 30th May 2015. **Sec to follow up with District Secretary, Derek Jackson whether it is appropriate for us to hold our AGM 27th/28th June as this will be after the District AGM. After following up there is no other availability at Bear's Rails SO AGM will be held 6th/7th June with BBQ and overnight family camp.**

MAINTENANCE Following conversation with GSL, Chris Brett to fix outside light switch. **GSL to follow up with cleaner re cleanliness standards of HQ. Subsequent to meeting, Louise Home has arranged for cleaner to resume cleaning every 2 weeks following Jumble Sale 31st Jan 2015. Sec to order some gel cold packs to be stored in the fridge for first aid on section meeting nights.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Treasurer suggested that we could pool the Berkshire recycling points for a project and **offered to investigate further the requirements.** GSL reminded all to be vigilant of phishing scams circulating by email.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 21st April 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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