

1st SUNNINGDALE SCOUT GROUP

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

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Tony Flood

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Minutes of meetings held on 20th Jan 2015 agreed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING: Letter of thanks sent to Blackberry for volunteer contribution of Lee Underwood. GSL and Sec to discuss further follow up to Freemason's for possible extra donation – not appropriate at this time as there are not more than 10 Explorers currently attending meetings. PIP Insurance for Leaders updated and paid £153.90. Treasurer followed up with HMRC about Gift Aid – payments need to be linked to Gift Aid declaration forms. Compass is now closed following problematic set up. Our present cleaner does not seem to be cleaning HQ regularly so we will look for a new one. Gel packs for first aid have been purchased and are in the fridge at HQ.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chair received an email from Caroline Underwood giving details of waiting list. There are so many names on each section waiting list that it would require an extra unit of each section to open to accommodate them within their age group so it was suggested we should close the waiting lists.

GSL and Chair to compose an email to circulate to all on the lists explaining the situation and offer places to those whose parents are willing to become a uniformed Leader in any section. **GSL** to check with Ascot and South Ascot GSLs to see if they can accommodate any of the waiting list. **Chair** to update website with a note explaining that the waiting lists are full EXCEPT if parents are willing to become a uniformed Leader. Sec is in communication with Unity to see why our excess on Buildings Insurance is so high at £300. Sec received email from Disney as contact for dealing with Hilary's volunteer work donation.

TREASURER REPORT (End of Year Accounts attached) Accounts show a profit of around £7,000 which is made up of donation from Grant Thompson's company of £5,000, Gift Aid claim of £1,000 plus increased collection of subs (due to payments being made on OSM). There have been purchases of cooking equipment, tables and the work on covered walkway at HQ. **Accounts discussed but if there are any further questions please email Treasurer prior to AGM.**

The Spring Ball held on 14th March made a profit of £2,755.23 – Ticket sales were almost to capacity of 180. Profit made on silent auction (**Vanessa to list items on silent auction and the amount sold for**) and "Heads and Tails" Game. **A cheque of £200 to Thames Hospice in memory of Norman Cook to be given to his wife.**

Treasurer will continue to remind Brownies to pay termly their £100 contribution toward HQ expenses. Payment has been made to use the web address of www.sunningdalescouts.org.uk.

The phone line through Talk Talk seems to be the cheapest, Leaders are making good use of it so we will continue.

Treasurer questioned the slight variance in the Capitation paid from the figures submitted. (Total paid was around £3,000.) GSL has breakdown; Explorers were included.

Treasurer has set up payments from Paypal to be made into CAF Bank Account.

Chair made a request for a debit card to pay for website fees.

Bank mandates need to be changed following change of Leaders – this will be set up over the summer.

Chair has been approached as a result of our publicity in the Waitrose charity collection by someone who would like to make a donation to our charity. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to

purchase a trailer for transporting camp equipment and kayaks. **Sec to find out if Holy Trinity Church would be agreeable to us using the minibus over a weekend for camps – if so perhaps we could pay for a tow bar to be fitted so trailer could be pulled.**

Fund Raising/Social Events; a) **Sat 14th March 2015 Spring Ball** – it was a very successful event and big thanks to Vanessa and the other organisers for making it a very enjoyable evening. The Ball committee met after the event to review and list reminders for next time.

b) Next Jumble Sale is on Saturday 9th May 2015.

c) **Sat 6th June 2015, 4.00pm AGM, 5.00pm BBQ and overnight family camp.** All sections are invited to camp overnight with their families. GSL will stay overnight and Hilary will stay to coordinate Beaver families. **Sec to contact Paul Allum to confirm whether there is another Group using the site and to book Camp Fire Circle.** ALL ADULTS ATTENDING NEED TO APPLY FOR DRB CHECK. There is currently a delay in Scout Association applications but Chair may be able to track progress. Anyone not staying overnight must leave the site by 8pm. **Chair to send out invitations to families with request for donations of bikes for carnival. Sec to invite district team.**

d) **Tues 14th July 2015 End of term BBQ at Earleywood Camp Site.** Hilary has booked site and climbing wall. GSL has contacted St Mary's School to use their car park. **Chair to send out invitations with a request for bottles for the bottle tombola.**

e) **Sun 13th September 2015 - Ascot Area Carnival**

CHAIRMANS REPORT: Chair gave an update on Compass; after a problematic start, the system has been closed down until it can be tested and run successfully. Next year's census will be run on the original system used in the past. There are also changes in the DBS system used for Scouting. Chair has requested three pitches for the Carnival and hopes that the Scouts will be able to run a barbecue this year, in addition to the usual bottle tombola and reconditioned bike stall.

GSL AND SECTION REPORTS: GSL reported some changes in the Section Leaders with Mark and Harriet possibly stepping down from Cubs in the summer. Christian may then become a Cub Leader in September. Andrew will continue as a Cub Leader.

Hilary continues to lead Beavers assisted by Margarida. John and Lee continue to run Scouts. The Explorer unit is expected to close soon as numbers are dwindling. An advertisement for Leaders has been placed in the Church Magazine and GSL will continue to network to recruit new Leaders at every opportunity.

Cub Camp at Marlow Wed 27th Sun 31st May 2015.

MAINTENANCE: Break-in damage has been repaired. These costs of around £250 will be covered by the Waitrose charity collection. Works to HQ to extend covered compound and create covered walkway between two buildings have been completed by Shaun Burry.

Sebastian kindly offered to mow grass around HQ.

AOB: Plaque in memory of Norman Cook is now installed in HQ.

GSL unable to attend presentation of cheque from Waitrose on 18th May. Alternative representative will go instead. One of our Facebook pages needs updating with dates for Jumble Sales etc. **GSL to ask Louise to do this.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBC

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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