

Minutes of Group Council Meeting

16th January 2015

Present

Gillian Faux, David McGregor, Laura Robertson, Julia Bancroft, Janet Ball, Laurence Chiari, Donna Smart, Stewart Waghorn, Andy Kelly

Apologies: Sandy McGregor, Mary Flinn

Financial Statement

Current Account:	31/07/2014	£2695.23
	15/08/2014	£2912.64
	30/09/2014	£3730.67
	30/10/2014	£3867.26
	30/11/2014	£4706.54
	30/12/2014	£4798.54
Deposit Account:	30/06/2014	£5009.68
	30/12/2014	£5022.80

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Agreed. Updated and new actions included below. Please note NEW ACTIONS are at the end of the list.

Action	DETAILS	ACTION FOR
114	Opened 10/7/13 Julia mentioned that we need to re-order some group t-shirts in particular size 7 – 8 years. Also some leaders need their own named shirts. Stuart S, Andrew Waghorn, David McG. We also need one for Laura and Kes. Lyn Jack to organise. Update 12/11/13 No change Update 9/7/14 Lyn has proposed that it is tying up our money holding a stock of red shirts in the committee room. She has found a way to order them online so if parents want them they can order them and pay for them directly. Committee agreed this was a good way forward. Lyn to advertise how to go about this to all parents in the new term.	Lyn
154	Opened 21 May 2014 David McGregor to get job role and CRB to new Beaver Rep, David Light Update 9/7/14 CRB's issued and job roles. Update 10/9/14 Lol still hasn't had CRB returned. DMcG to investigate. Update 8/10/2014 David to talk to Margaret Patrick to resolve. Update 16/1/15 David re-sending Lol CRB.	David
168	Opened 9/7/14 Gillian mentioned that a banner to advertise hall hire on the railings would be a good idea. Contact in Cubs (Andy) will give a price. Gillian to feedback. Update 11/9/14 Emailed Andy with dimensions and had a chat with him. He will be getting back to me with a price. Update 8/10/14 No update wtg on a price from Andy. Gillian will also ask about a banner 6ft x 2ft with 12 th	Gillian

	Eastleigh on it. Update 16/1/15 http: to be removed and Banners all approved and will be sent to be created.	
170	Opened 10 September 2014 Stewart mentioned it may be an idea to get a pop-up gazebo as the one we have is really difficult to put up on your own. Committee asked him to investigate prices. Update December 2014 Price of £72.90 for a gazebo with side panels and is a pop-up one which will be easy to use for fundraising and camp. Committee agreed and Stewart to go ahead and purchase. Update 16/1/15 Ongoing	Stewart
173	Opened 10 September 2014 Stewart mentioned the stickers for the trailer. Will cost in the region of £70 but committee to review logo before we go ahead. Trailer is being used next week by school and donation of £25 being given to us. December 2014 No update at present. Update 16/1/15 Ongoing	Stewart
175	Opened 8th October 2014 Facebook – Lyn Jack Lyn wanted to discuss communications with regards to hosting a Facebook page. This would be administered by Leaders with only view access and parents would not be able to comment. This would be another way of communicating information to parents. It could be linked to website. Jon will set up and organize pilot for Cubs. Update 14/11/14 Facebook is up and running and all leaders and exec have been invited to join and comment on it. Some teething problems re diaries, photo permission, commenting etc. to be ironed out but all in hand David and Jon December 2014 Facebook will launch in January and invite all parents to participate. This is not a calendar mechanism for sections and does not replace the website which will act as a repository. The Facebook site will be monitored to see how everything goes and will continue if all goes well. Any problems let administrators know. Update 16/1/15 Facebook is now live and parents are signing up. Any issues please bring to meeting.	CLOSED
177	Opened 8th October 2014 Fire door sticking. May need replacement. Gillian asked Andy to take a look and waiting to hear. Front door – bolt isn't reaching floor so if hirers open top bolt and forget to close it the double door doesn't lock properly. Gillian to ask Andy to take a look. Update 14/11/14 Door is rotted and may need replacement. Gillian to talk again to Andy. December 2014 Floor is rotted – is it possible to fix it? Gillian to talk to Andy S. Update 16/1/15 Andy Kelly and exec had a look at specific areas of concern in hut – store doors, fire exit floor which is rotted through and will look at guttering in daylight. Andy Kelly happy to fix the door frame and floor at the fire exit and Gillian contacting bi-fold rolfe to see if they can help with some roller shutter doors (free hopefully) for storeroom	Gillian/Andy Kelly
178	Opened 8th October 2014 Hall Hire Donna passed on a report via Andrew Smart. The kitchen and hall were not very clean for party hires on a Saturday. Could all leaders be reminded to clear up, empty bins and check toilets after each section meeting. Thanks. Jacky mentioned about the short turn-around time on a Wednesday with hirers coming in earlier than they should. Andrew to feedback to Donna – can she talk to hirer? Also the floor is slippy in areas – not sure if a regular hirer is using something which affects the floor? Update 14/11/14 May be worthwhile having a short checklist to help remind leaders what needs quickly checked before packing up. December 2014 No update Update 16/1/15 A reminder will go to leaders to do check list and Donna will create it. Andrew Smart is looking in to how much bins would be and if/how we could manage them. As we have taken on lots more regular hall hire our rubbish level has increased so a solution is being worked on.	Donna

181	<p>Opened 14 November 2014 Compass David discussed Compass with us. We need to get organized and he will talk to the District Compass Rep to understand where we are and what needs doing. Update 16/1/15 Deadline has now been moved to February but each section should now be working on getting the children onto Compass.</p>	David
182	<p>Opened 14 November 2014 Parish Grant We needed to specify what we would use the grant for and how much. It has been decided that a new oven would be a good use as the old one is on its last legs. Andy Kelly (possible new Cub parent rep) has volunteered to cost one up and he can fit it. Thanks Andy. David will fill in the forms for the grant and forward them on to the relevant people once we have an idea of costs. Update 16/1/15 Duplicate of 163.</p>	CLOSED
183	<p>Opened 14 November 2014 Christmas Party Our Christmas party will be on Friday 23rd January 2015 at the usual place, Phoenix Pub in Twyford. David is organizing and will confirm details. Keep the date in your diaries. December 2014 Laura has paid the £50 deposit for this evening. Please let David know you are coming.</p>	CLOSED
	<p>Camps 16/1/15 Laura has received an invoice for Woodmill for £951. Laura would like a list of attendees and a budget. David will work with Lyn to organize and will let Laura know. There will also be a Scout Camp at Nine Ashes in Bodmin on 24 – 30 May 2015 and a budget and more information for the Scout camp in May would also be appreciated.</p> <p>Cubs are doing another car wash alongside Scouts which will be sometime in February/March to help with fundraising towards Woodmill.</p> <p>Tuesday and Wednesday Beavers will be working on fundraising via a Bake Off.</p> <p>162 Re-opened Fun Day Venue and Date As our AGM will now be an evening event for business only on 12th June 2015 it was agreed it would still be a good idea to run a Fun Day. David to talk to Leaders to organize.</p> <p>Telephone Line/Internet Opened 16/1/15 David brought up the subject of internet access at hut as it was discussed at leaders meeting. This would enable access to Compass at all times. Exec agreed with the stipulation that all parental locks and securities, appropriate legal software, security of hardware and access to committee room are adhered to. It was agreed we don't want to pay for a dedicated telephone line and its not necessary. The amount of GB was also discussed and David to take back to Ben to clarify as this will affect the monthly payment. May be in the region of £10 for 1GB or £15 for 5GB.</p> <p>Compass Update This is the new information system being introduced by HQ. All details need to be on Compass by February. As some of the new information is relevant to parents it would be prudent to check that they want this information held online as this is now accessible outside the Group. David to discuss.</p> <p>Census 2015 David and Gillian agreed census would be done hardcopy as its unlikely that Compass will be up and running and fully populated by the time the information is required. Capitation cut off payment is 6th March 2015. Gillian will be in touch with Leaders once Census is open.</p>	<p>David</p> <p>David</p> <p>David</p>

	<p>Hut Update Donna has agreed another regular hall hire. We now have hires: Monday Zumba 10.30am – 11.30am, Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Wednesday Pilates 10am – 11am; Yoga 8pm – 9pm, Thursday Yoga 10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday Yoga 10am – 12.30am once a month and Grad Band 3pm – 6pm on alternate Sundays.</p> <p>AOB 16/1/15</p> <p>Scout Shop The new timetable for Scout shop is out for this year. Julia needs help on both days. A flier to parents will go out with the timetable and asking they contact Julia directly. If you can help please let Julia know. Next dates are: February 12th and 14th, April 9th and 11th, June 4th and 6th.</p> <p>Fire Alarms There was an unfortunate incident with the Grad Band where they smashed the fire alarm and set everything off. They sorted it out with the alarm company and are happy to pay for any damage. Glass has been ordered but a service of the system is required as we haven't had it done for around 3 years. Andy Shepherd is looking into this and will let us know price. Training on how to operate the alarm system would also be appreciated and David will talk to Andy Shepherd.</p> <p>Bill Targett Memorial Rally Stewart Waghorn asked if he could borrow tables and tent as usual for the rally for a donate of around £50 to the Scouts. All agreed.</p> <p>New Badges David mentioned the new badges coming in later this year (September time). It will cause some confusion and the new badges are not available yet.</p> <p>Training Advisers David mentioned that there will now be training advisers and David will be the Training Advisor for our Group. He will be able to support and advise but not validate. There is still no manager for Eastleigh.</p> <p>New Cub Section David mentioned that as our second Beaver colony has matured so the need for a second Cub Group has arisen to accommodate the numbers of Beavers moving up to Cubs. This is in the pipeline and any updates will be discussed.</p>	<p>Gillian</p> <p>Andy Shepherd/David</p>
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Next Meeting: FRIDAY 13th February 2015 7.30 pm

At the Hut as before

Section Reports:

GSL

GSL has been to every section in the New Year. Tuesday Beavers have a small number and will be trying to recruit more.

Attended Leaders Mtg. Sections working on Community Service and will approach Riverside Community Garden to help out. All Leaders to go on First Aid course. iScout is being held on 25/1/15 at Pavillion in the Park and everyone is invited – leaders, exect, parent reps etc. Jon Robertson has now officially taken over as Arkela at Cubs.

There was a complaint from a parent when a medical incident arose and medical equipment which should have been with the child was not, also the leaders were unable to apply the epipen if it had been there as they were untrained. This will be resolved during the First Aid Course. Leaders should review their process as to how they flag children with medical conditions and ensure that they know what to do (within training) and what equipment children should have with them at all times..

David McGregor (GSL)

Scouts

Stuart Shepherd (Digger)

Cubs

2014 was ended with a disco party run by Shere Khan. It was great to have a proper disco with lights and real records. Some of the cubs had never experienced this type of party before. Thanks to all the parents for providing food, and to Shere Khan and William for the music.

We have kicked off 2015 with a big influx of new cubs from both Beaver Colonies. With lots of new faces we reminded everyone of our code of respect and conduct, and worked out a new and interesting way to run the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Scout Association is in process of changing the badge requirements and this means that we are challenged to start the younger cubs working on the new challenges while helping the older ones to complete the older program. Unfortunately, some of the badges we really liked have been discontinued, and the requirements for the new ones have not yet been published so this is going to be quite a challenge for the first half of the year at least.

In addition, we all have to update all our records onto the new Compass system. This will initially mean a lot of admin for Baloo, who keeps all our personal and badge records. I hope it will all be worthwhile in the end

I am currently working to confirm our booking for the Activity Weekend at Woodmill, with 30 Cubs, Scouts and Beavers having paid deposits. It looks like a great weekend.

I am delighted to confirm that Baloo has agreed to take on the role of 'Akela' or of Cub Scout Leader. He will be working with David to complete his Wood Badge as soon as possible, but in reality his role will not change as he has been doing the job in everything but name for the last year or so anyway.

Lyn Jack (Rusty)

Beavers – Tuesday Night Colony

Last term finished with our Beaver Christmas Party, Great fun was had by all including leaders who also entered into the Christmas spirit by dressing in festive jumpers earrings etc.

The start of our new term and the New Year began with a games evening to let off steam, beavers also wrote down what they would like to do prior to completing our programme planning for the term, several of their ideas have been included in our programme.

This week Beavers learnt about Fair Trade, what it means, they also recreated the fair trade logo found on foods and had to identify from a selection of foods which were fair trade and which of the foods were healthy or unhealthy. (It's amazing what foods they consider healthy!)

Beavers also identified on a map where fair trade items originated from.

Finally after 15 years in scouting and due to other commitments, I have unfortunately tendered my resignation as Beaver Scout Leader; this comes into effect at the end of this term. Our colony will continue to thrive under the leadership of Keo - Sarah Waghorn, supported by Katie and Tammy. I have had some amazing times in scouting, tried and done activities which otherwise I would never have done, and made several good friends. Scouting has been a major part of my life, and I am sure it will continue to be so (being married to the Group Scout Leader!) Thank you to everyone who has supported me over the years Leaders, Exec, parents and of course all the youngsters involved in scouting.

Sandy McGregor (Squirrel)

Beavers – Wednesday Night Colony

On our first meeting of the term we made fat balls for the wild birds. The addition of meal worms caused some delighted disgust.

The Beavers also completed a review of the previous term's offerings. Dodge Ball was their favourite game. There was a satisfying spread of votes for the different activities we have done. The visit to Pets at Home came first with floating junk boats at Riverside and the torch walk in the woods also gaining good support.

We are concentrating this first half term on the Promise Challenge Badge with the aim of a fair number of our Beavers completing all six of their Challenge badges. We plan to hold the Colony's First Birthday Party on Tuesday 17 February 2-4pm at the hut and expect to be able to present our first Chief Scout Awards then. There will also be birthday cake and pancake racing. Members of the committee are of course invited.

We are also planning a Parents evening on Fri 30 Jan 7.30pm. It will be an opportunity to get to know our parents better, talk about expectations, badges, camp and safeguarding. We hope to get some support from them for our activities and projects. We will be providing tea and cake and a silly activity to lighten the evening.

It promises to be a busy term!

Jackie Fulton (Otter)