

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2nd Penparcau Scout Group

June 11th 2015

Present: Richard Morris (Chair), Mike Pitcher (Treasurer), Kathryn Dupont (Secretary), Keith Jones (GSL), Andrew Morel (Assistant District Commissioner), Peter van Velzen, Anne MacDonald, Tom Barron, Glenda Jones, Debra Simpson Jones, Paul Williams, Emma Pugh, Cheryl Hain, Julia Liebeschultz

Apologies: Iwan Davies, Tegwen Morris, John Evans

Minutes of last AGM: agreed as correct – proposed by Richard, seconded by Anne

Chair's report. Richard thanked the leaders and occasional helpers for all their hard work over the past year. He emphasised how much extra preparation work the leaders have to put in in addition to running the sections on the night. In particular the Group owes Keith particular thanks for the very many hours of hard work he does resulting in all the children being kept happy and involved in the life of the Group. The Group continues to thrive. The Log Cabin is a real asset and is now secure for the next 25 years. The Jamboree in Holland has brought together an active group of parents who have done a number of very successful fundraising events. The chair thanked the fundraising sub-committee for their hard work on this. The chair also thanked the executive particularly the treasurer Mike and secretary Kathryn who is standing down from her role this year.

Treasurer's Report.

Mike presented the AGM with the summary table below

2nd Penparcau Scout Group Accounts FY 2014/15

Summary table EOY 2014/15

Opening Balance 01/04/14	£ 6,048.10
Total Income	£ 35,119.91
Expenditure to date	£ 27,349.52
Closing balance 31/03/15	£ 13,818.49

Breakdown of expenditure

Expenditure 2014/15	
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Leaders' expenses	£ 2,445.84
Capitation	£ 4,464.50
Normal camps	£ 851.41
Campsite maintenance	£ 1,919.33
Equipment and other miscellaneous	£ 152.10
Week to week activities	£ 1,171.26
Holland trip	£ 11,218.90
Transfers (incl lottery grant £4650)	£ 5,126.18
Total	£ 27,349.52

Income 2014/15	
Subs	£ 6,891.43
Capitation	£ 3,436.60
Grants / donations	
Lottery	£ 4,650.00
Holland	£ 1,571.15
Camp fees	
Non-Holland	£ 1,932.50
Holland	£ 5,850.00
Fund raising	
Holland	£ 3,964.67
Miscellaneous (incl HMRC £4567)	£ 6,823.56
Total Income	£ 35,119.91

Mike raised the following points to note:

The balance seems so large because of the HMRC monies. Thanks to Keith for sorting this out – it was backdated gift aid payments over 3 years.

The Holland Jamboree income and expenditure roughly balance out. Core group funds are not being used to subsidise the Holland trip.

A Lottery Grant for £4650 had been obtained thanks to Tegwen's hard work.

Capitation fees have gone up since last year. This is probably accounted for by the fact that the Group pays the fees for about 15 leaders at present.

Campsite monies includes £1000 on materials for the roundhouse constructed by the Coleg Ceredigion students and about £900 on insurance.

The current balance is around £11000 (figure given on table was for end of March)

Beavers Report. Cheryl gave the following report: We have 23 beavers on our list with 21 turning up regularly, 6 of whom are girls. Gary and myself continue to work as a good team, we now have the help of Tango (Tim). Tess has become a young leader and Explorer Catrin Skym comes and helps most weeks, we are very grateful for this help. We have taken part in many activities this year; walks at Nant yr Arian, Penglais woods, a night hike and a scavenger hunt on the beach. We have planted tree seeds, wildflower seeds in the community garden and flowers for mother's day. We have made pizzas and sandwiches. At the moment we are tie-dyeing t-shirts. We play games most week and sing songs.

Cub Report.

Currently have 33 who regularly attend I have another 10 on the waiting list.

I want to thank all the support I have had over the last 12 months from the leaders Graeme Summers, Carl Fitches, Graeme Kerr, Christina Lewis, John Mousley and Laura Brew plus all the help and support I have had from parents.

Highlights from the last year were

Cub Camp in October, Police dog visit, pickle night, sausage sizzle with the brownies, Wheelchair Basketball, Carol service.

Scout Report. Keith gave the report on behalf of Kathy and Alex who were both away. He said what an excellent job they had been doing with 30+ scouts, providing a very varied programme. Kathy hopes to set up a parents' rota – so far this has not really got off the ground. ***Keith to insert report here***

Explorers Report. Tom reported that the explorer unit is going very well with 18 attending with Tom Barron, Christina Lewis and James Ruff as leaders

More adult support is needed, especially with Duke of Edinburgh badge activities.

Highlights form the last year were

Hammock camping, survival camp and Christmas camp, Keith Jones challenge, tie dye tee shirts, armpit fudge, wheelchair basketball, Her Y barcud challenge, Community Gardening and shooting

Most explorers are working on the Duke of Edinburgh award and are doing really well. It is managed by me using the online computer system which works very well. We have recently run one practice

D of E expedition and we plan to complete the bronze award in the autumn.

Group Scout Leader's Report.

We have grown again in the last 12 months with over 110 young people as members we are still the largest group in Ceredigion. But where we have reduced is in the number of leaders. We lost both Paul Teakle and Catherine Griffiths in the spring and very soon we will be losing Christina Lewis and John Mousley. Thanks to all leaders for all the extra effort they put in across all sections. Our leaders are committed to the group and will help out wherever needed. But more adult volunteers would allow us to provide more. Scouting is all about flexible volunteering so even a hour a month would help the group. The one thing I would say about volunteering is that it is fun and that the young people are inspiring and amazing to work with it also gives adults a chance to learn new skills.

Assistant District Commissioners Report. Andrew Moral drew the meeting's attention to the Ceredigion Scouting Area AGM to be held on 13.07.15 The post of District Commissioner has been empty for a while which has meant there have been less organised events at Area level this year. Andrew thanked Penparcau for organising Her y Barcud as a district event which was very successful.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Richard Morris proposed by Keith and seconded by Mike;

Treasurer: Mike Pitcher proposed by Kathryn and seconded by Paul;

Secretary: Peter Van Velzen proposed by Paul and seconded by Debra.

Election of other Executive Committee members: all leaders + Julia Liebschultz, Paul Williams, Anne MacDonald, Debra Simpson-Jones, Iwan Davies.

Peter suggested a training coordinator role would be useful (this had been a role taken on by one of the committee in the past). The aim would be to tell leaders about what training is available and to keep records of who has done what. After some discussion Peter agreed to take this on as part of his role.

Any other business

Joining Pack: new literature is being produced by the Scout Association and will be available from September. An idea put forward is that every young person joining a scout group receives as a joining pack a book, uniform, knecker and badges. Suggested costs: Beavers £20, Cubs £18.50, Scouts £23, Explorers £27. Copies of the books for the different sections were passed round. Penparcau Scouts could either adopt this approach or put up the cost of subs. If the subs were put up, the books could just be available for people to buy if they wished (£4 for beavers, £6 for the other sections). Some leaders feel that the books contain things they would like all the young people to be aware of. They also feel it may be easier to bulk order and buy uniform. After some discussion the meeting agreed that the 'fee' for moving up a section would be the cost of the book that would be issued to everyone but that the Group should be flexible about the way it asks parents to buy uniform. So books should be bought by the Group to be sold on to the young people.

Holland: 28 young people and 11 adults are going to the Jamboree in Holland. John Evans will be taking a 4x4 and trailer with the equipment. The trip is July 26th to August 5th. The cost per person had come down to £250 through grants and fundraising. The executive thanked Keith for all his hard work on this and also thanked the sub-committee of parents who have done the fundraising.

Fundraising: following on from a number of successful events fundraising for Holland the meeting felt it would be good to keep up the momentum and broaden out fundraising activities to raise money for the whole Group so that beaver and cub parents would feel more incentive to get involved. Such activities are a good way to integrate new parents. There was some discussion about holding an event at end of September or early October to include a presentation about Holland. This might be a promise auction event or just a social event.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.