

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

June 9th 2016

Present: Mike Pitcher (Treasurer, acting chair), Peter van-Velzen (Secretary), Keith Jones (GSL), Tom Barron, Glenda Jones, Debra Simpson Jones, Paul Williams, Cheryl Hain, Gary Kingsbury, Matthew Sharples, Julia Liebeschuetz, Kathy James, Pam Egmond (District Commissioner),

Apologies: Richard Morris (Chair), Iwan Davies, JD Laurence, Martyn Tranter, Carl Fitches, Graeme Summers, Alex Harris, Anne MacDonald.

Minutes of last AGM: agreed as correct – proposed by Paul, seconded by Cheryl.

Chair's report: (Read out by MP) *"Thanks - Firstly to the leaders and those that help out on a weekly or "when required" basis. All give up their time willingly so that the children and youngsters are able to have not only an enjoyable time but also learn new skills and meet new people. Certainly whenever I have been involved in activities the kids have all be enjoying and happy to be involved. The leaders do all deserve special mention and thanks for the time that they give up not only on a Wednesday evening but in preparing the activities and general running around. The time involved is significant and much appreciated by the parents.*

Keith of course continues as Group Scout Leader and general dogs body and ensures everything moving along smoothly and certainly deserves an individual thank you for that.

2nd Penparcau Scouts continues to thrive, with the log cabin still developing and being a superb resource of which we should be very proud. The group is very lucky to have this and to have people prepared to put such time and effort into its development. The recent "tidy up" day being a great success and enjoyed by all that were there. The group has had a very successful year including to mention but one attendance at the Jamborette in Holland and a very enjoyable evening at Borth where some of the stories were told.

My thanks to the exec for their work throughout the year Mike re the accounts and Peter as secretary and other members of the committee and parents that have helped throughout the year in continuing the success of 2nd Penparcau Scouts – thank you all."

Treasurer's Report.

Mike presented the AGM with the accounts summary for the year 2015-2016. Our overall balance looks very healthy. The opening balance was £13,818 with a closing balance of £17,724. Mike expressed thanks to all leaders for good record keeping and accounting for expenditure. Capitation is around £5,000. Group operates on a ratio of "Subs to Caps" of 2:1, so under the current model our "income" is reduced to ~£3.5k. Note that this excludes the *GiftAid* rebate of around £1k. A note that the expenditure line "Transfers" relates to online purchases through the credit card.

Full summary of accounts in the following table;

2nd Penparcau Scout Group Accounts FY 2015/16

Summary table EOY 2015/16

Opening Balance 01/04/15	£ 13,818.49
Total Income	£ 30,770.14
Total Expenditure	£ 26,864.38
Closing balance 31/03/16	£ 17,724.25

Breakdown of expenditure

Expenditure 2015/16	
Expenditure	
Leaders' expenses	£ 2,285.50
Capitation	£ 4,998.00
Camps	£ 6,774.00
Campsite maintenance	£ 1,062.97
Equipment and other miscellaneous	£ 1,944.67
Week to week activities	£ 1,799.24
Transfers	£ 7,900.00
Unidentified payments	£ 100.00
Total	£ 26,864.38

Income 2015/16	
Subs	£ 7,123.02
Capitation	£ 3,585.68
Grants / donations	£ 4,387.17
Camp fees	£ 9,829.00
Fund raising	£ 2,365.20
Miscellaneous	£ 751.50
HMRC	£ 2,728.57
Total Income	£ 30,770.14

Beavers Report. The group has 22 beavers “on the list” with an average of 19 turning up weekly. Beavers have been working on their badges: cooking, camping and photography. In September a number will move up to cubs to make space for some youngsters on the waiting list. (~15). Cheryl and Gary have started to implement a reward system to improve behaviour, based on listening skills and agreeing rules together.

Cubs Report. The cubs have just returned from the Cubs-100 camp at Gellie which was a great success. Unfortunately there is not enough interest in the upcoming *Cub Fun day* to make coach travel affordable and this attendance has been cancelled. The pack does not have a designate Akela, as no one wants to take on this role... Thanks to Melissa for the years of leadership, but now that she has completed her studies will leave Aberystwyth and our group. This leaves the pack without a female leader, which needs to be addressed urgently by the exec committee. There is currently no waiting list for cubs.

Scouts Report. Kathy reported an active scout troop that is undertaking lots of activities and badge work, such as the geocaching badge. There are currently 36 scouts (!!) on the books. It is noted that this is a large troop, especially when the meetings are held inside.

Explorers Report. Matthew and Tom report 24 explorers on the list. Of major achievements this year; many explorers took part in the Duke-of-Edinburgh's Bronze, the Keith Jones' challenge and fun outdoor events such as airsoft game. Matthew will not be available from September to lead the group and be replaced by Charlie Kingsbury.

Group Scout Leader's Report. Keith was pleased to report that many of the scouts and explorers will attend the Essex International Jamboree this year: a total of 48 from the group will be going, inclusive of leaders. Note that no fundraising has been

done to offset cost. Keith reports that the administration for the DofE awards is cumbersome and taxing and asked for volunteers to help out. The role of GSL is becoming time consuming and overburdening with keeping administration on Compass, DofE, DBS and CRB checks. Keith expressed concern that our scout group is becoming over-successful whilst other groups in the area are not performing: There is a distinct lack of support from Ceredigion District Scouts or interest to address this.

The log cabin is used well with other groups now showing an interest in renting the facilities, e.g. the Re-enactment society.

Election of Officers:

Chair: Richard Morris. Proposed by Mike and seconded by Keith;

Treasurer: Mike Pitcher. Proposed by Keith and seconded by Cheryl;

Secretary: Peter Van Velzen proposed by Garyl and seconded by Julia.

Election of other Executive Committee members: all leaders, plus: Julia Liebeschuetz, Paul Williams, Anne MacDonald, Debra Simpson-Jones, Iwan Davies and Glenda Jones.

Any other business:

D of E administration: Matthew volunteered to undertake this administration

Publishing AGM minutes: Peter will publish the minutes of AGM and Exec Committee meets on the website.

CALM: Pam asked leaders to attend the Ceredigion Area Leaders Meeting (CALM) on the 6th of July (combined with the Ceredigion AGM).

Dates of next (exec) meetings: 14th July & 22nd September

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.