

2nd Penparcau Scouts Executive Committee Meeting 14th January 2016

Present: Keith Jones (group scout leader); Anne MacDonald; Peter van-Velzen (minutes); Richard Morris (chair); Mike Pitcher (treasurer), Iwan Davies, Kathy James & Deborah Simpson- Jones.

Apologies: Tom, Alex, Paul

Minutes of the last meeting from 08/10/2015 proposed by RM and seconded by ID

Matters arising – Exec Committee

Compass database The system will act as a UK wide database of members holding contact details and achievements. Rollout has been further delayed but a “soft launch” will take place at the end of January.

Joining Packs Not yet actioned; need purchasing. Defer to next meeting.

Fireworks night was well attended by scouts & explorers; expecting a cheque from Round Table.

Leader Training Seven adults now trained as *First Responder*. A further training event covering “Nights Away” is on 20th & 21th of February (Log cabin). All leaders must attain the three basic modules. KJ is to reiterate the importance/requirement and agree a personal training programme, for group as a whole to adhere to Scouting guidelines. Past training records have been issued by Scouts UK and shared with 2nd Penparcau leaders. **ACTION KJ:** to organise an “indoor” training evening

Correspondence None received

Fundraising

Social Night The date is set for a social evening on Friday 19th of February at Bryn Rhoddyn. This eve will incorporate the auction. Start at 18:00 with a hot buffet. Prices agreed at £8 per adult, £4.50 per child. We need to organise a pre-booking system and obtain attendance numbers. We also agreed on a pre-bidding list / catalogue prior to event. Further organisation to be done; **ACTION: DSJ** to lead on organising with PW, MP & PvV. MP to do tickets.

Essex Jamboree

This event is now fully booked up. 49 scouts, explorers and leaders from 2ndPenparcau will be going. Transport to the Jamboree will be by coach. All deposits (bar two) have now been paid with the next instalment due by April.

Treasurer’s report

The account is looking very ‘healthy’ at around £13k. Note that the tax rebates (gift aid) have been significant (£7k). The annual capitation of £5.3k will be paid out to Scouts UK soon, as will £1k insurance for FY16-17. **ACTION KJ** to also claim gift aid on sponsorship monies.

Section leaders reports

Beavers n.t.r.

Cubs now amount to 32. Programme is set to May '16. Our only female cub leader Melissa is due to leave in May which means we need to find another female leader in time. The waiting list is currently cleared. Six cubs will go to scouts after Easter. Cubs celebrate 100 years this year with an area Cubs Adventure Camp on 27 – 29th of May.

Scouts also number 32 on roll and enjoy a busy programme. The very wet Christmas camp was enjoyed together with the explorers. Kathy, Alex and Tom have a busy programme ahead with lots of good ideas.

Explorers are now lead by both Tom and Matthew with 21 on roll. On the 27th of January they most will do their D-of-E presentation to complete their bronze award. There will be a Ceredigion Explorers camp this year, held in Aberystwyth.

Group Scout Leader report

The Boxing Club accommodation did not work out as an alternative because 2ndPenparcau scouts would not have exclusive use of it on a Wednesday evening. Keith has therefore withdrawn our interest in this alternative venue. Various **areas events** will be held this year in which the group will take a prominent part. Penparcau scouts will once again organise **the Her-y-Barcud** hike this year; the Hafod has been chosen as the area and overnighting spot. **ACTION: PwV** to enquire about camping. The membership **census** is now due in with scouts UK. The **log cabin** has again seen a good improvement with the shift of the kitchen into the former side room. **ACTION:** someone to get the promised cooker hood and install. The thinning work around the site is now pushed back to the autumn '16.

Group Scout Leader report

The website is having an overhaul thanks to Iwan. The new site will be based on *Wordpress* which makes it easier for multiple editors to keep the content current and upload material. After some training (feb) we hope to re-launch the site with the new look. **ACTION: PwV/ID** to progress.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th of April at 19.30 p.m. in the Railway Club

Date of AGM & exec: Thursday 9th of June. 19:00 Exec, followed by AGM at 19:30.