

2nd Penparcau Scouts Executive Committee Meeting January 22nd 2015

Present: Keith Jones (group scout leader); Anne MacDonald; Kathryn Dupont (secretary); Peter van-Velzen; Richard Morris (chair); Cheryl Haines (beaver leader), Mike Pitcher (treasurer), Alex Harris (scout leader)

Apologies: Iwan Davies

Matters arising –Gift Aid: waiting for HMRC and getting more paperwork from Vicky. Mike and Keith think we may be able to get more back than we thought at first.

Fundraising: £4,800 approved by Big Lottery. Minor additions had to be made to the constitution. The money will be used for a big jamboree tent, lightweight tables, generator, bush craft materials. Mike emphasised how important it will be to keep Big Lottery receipts separate. Richard suggested a publicity stunt of a photo shoot up at the campsite with the big tent **Action Keith** to ask Cambrian News to send a photographer when a date is fixed.

Application is in to the 10K race again this year (Keith was successful last year).

Compass Database: now live. Keith has inputted data from the Group database. **Action Peter** to take on the job of running Compass and also to take on the role of Secretary for the Group when Kathryn steps down at the AGM.

Minutes approved by Keith and seconded by Mike.

Treasurers' report: balance end of December £7000. Includes income for Holland This quarter capitation fees and insurance (£850) will need to be paid. Mike stated the Holland trip is not being subsidised by the Group's general finances. The Big Lottery money is not yet in the account. All Holland monies need to be 'ring fenced'. Keith told the executive that one family facing hardship will need their place on the Holland Trip to be paid for by the Group. Richard said this money should be taken from the money raised from the fundraising. The executive agreed to this in principal. **Action Keith** to do some calculations and come back to the executive about this. Keith said how pleased he was with how well the fundraising had gone so far.

Fundraising for Holland Jamborette:

Bag packing at Morrisons. An email had gone out about this asking for volunteers for Sat 7th Feb and Sat 23rd May. **Action Peter** to speak to Paul W and to draw up a rota.

Twmpath this event had sold out. All fresh ingredients had been donated by Morrisons and a £30 voucher obtained from Tesco. Rattrey's had given a good deal on the meat. 95 people expected. Heather organised the food and got all necessary equipment from the scout campsite. Paul W had also been a very big help. Mike thanked everyone who had helped – it promises to be a fun event which should raise between £200 and £300.

Dinner Dance Agreed would discuss this idea further at next exec meeting

Barcud Challenge A weekend of 'hard core' scouting – teams competing against each other, with a team entry fee. Insurance needs to be carefully checked before this goes ahead. **Action Paul T and John and Peter** to meet to discuss this further – thinking of running it over one of the May BH weekends.

Waffles 20 packs sold already making £149 profit and the next batch will make £180 profit.

Grants: War Memorial Trust Fund has given grant of £250.

Price per young person attending the Jamborette is therefore now down to £380. There are now 38 people flying: 28 young people i.e. 15 scouts and 13 explorers with 10 adults. John and Jarig are driving equipment across.

Section Leaders Reports

Beavers: 16 to 17 attending regularly. 12 on waiting list (too young to attend). All going well – activities recently included making bird feeders.

Cubs: 32 on the books. 8 on waiting list. Plenty of good leaders. Activities recently included a camp fire, map reading.

Scouts: over 25 attending regularly. 35 on the books. Now nearly all boys. Alex said as there are now 6 patrol groups, just 3 leaders (himself, Kathy and Catherine) does not always feel like enough. They have introduced a point system to increase good behaviour and the winning patrol got gifts at the end of term. The issue is mainly noise levels rather than disruptive behaviour.

Explorers: 20 attending 16 of whom are girls. All working towards bronze Duke of Edinburgh. They are very keen! Recent activities included wide games in Penglais woods and a hammock camp.

Group Scout Leader report: the carol service went well, just our Group attending. At a recent leaders meeting safeguarding and wellbeing issues were discussed as part of the Scout Assoc training and the programme was planned for all sections up to April. It can be hard to run the weekly sessions at this time of year as sections are less able to go outdoors, but Keith is very pleased with the way things are running in the Group at present. He wished to commend the leaders for all they do. He was disappointed to have not heard back from Penglais School about the Year 12s doing community service with the group for their Welsh Bacc, but there are a number of explorers who are keen to help out with younger sections to fulfil their Welsh Bacc criteria.

Any Other Business: none

The meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting and AGM: Thursday 23rd April 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the Railway Club