

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Penparcau Scouts Executive Committee Meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Present:** Keith Jones (group scout leader); Anne MacDonald; Peter van-Velzen (minutes); Richard Morris (chair); Paul Teakle; Mike Pitcher (treasurer), Iwan Davies & Matthew.

**Apologies:** Kathryn Dupont, Paul Williams, John Evans, Julia Liebeschuetz

**Minutes of the last meeting from 13<sup>th</sup> February** Proposed by RM and seconded by MP

### Matters arising – Exec Committee

**Gift Aid** Last gift-aid claim was in financial year 2010-11. All data available for FY11-12 to FY13-14 yet we do not (yet) have gift-aid declarations to claim. Approximately £3k is to claim. Vicky will complete all details up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and hand over to Keith. Retrospective declarations required.

**Website** A discussion ensued on the use of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penparcau website to effectively communicate with parents and scouts. The consensus is to update the current content and look into using alternatives such as Facebook. One explorer meeting will be devoted to refreshing site content as well as setting up a parents' FB page (Explorers already have one). Look to appoint a parent for doing the content management.

**Site Lease** Richard reported all documents between the Scout Association trust and NRW are now complete and ready for signing.

**Fundraising** Keith has applied for grants from several funds but unfortunately has been unsuccessful.

### Matters arising – AGM

**Standing orders** The vast majority of payments are now made by SO making accounting much clearer and less cash to handle during meets.

**Compass database** The database will act as a UK wide database of members holding contact details and achievements. Rollout has been delayed until Octoberish.

**Waiting lists** There are no cubs on a waiting list, 8 scouts and no explorers.

**Correspondence** None received

### Treasurers' report

The group holds a balance of £3,800 which is a healthy balance and as normally expected. Keith Jones holds a personal account solely for occasional purchases for the group. Past bank charges occurred will be paid back to the GSL with the request for occasional group expenditure to be made on a (new/separate) credit card instead. The Jamborette fund is okay for the time being with the instalment now paid to the camp.

### Section Leaders Reports

No section leaders were present during the exec meeting or reports received.

Beavers 24 on the books; Cubs 36; Scouts 26, explorers ...

## Group Scout Leader report

**The Keith Jones Challenge** was well attended with 42 folk turning up amongst fine weather and great spirits. Sponsorship had raised £350 to date with more returns expected.

**Haarlem Jamborette** No meeting or fundraising has been undertaken yet. Keith will share the list of attendees with Peter and liaise on further action. Aim for a meeting with parents during the scouts evening to generate fundraising ideas, discuss transport options and organisation.

**The Reach Out Project** (associated with Ystwyth Transport) now have a new minibus available to the youth of Ceredigion. The charge is £30 per trip plus diesel. Drivers will need the MIDAS minibus training which is provided free of charge. Volunteers required! GSL aims to organise a single training event, inviting the MIDAS trainer (Reg Budd).

**CAVO project** funding is available for certain types of activity. Keith hopes to attract funding for design & print of logos on e.g. sweatshirts to take to the Haarlem Jamborette.

## Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30 p.m. in the Railway Club