

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Penparcau Scout Group**

**11 May 2017**

**Present:** Richard Morris (Chair), Mike Pitcher (Treasurer), Keith Jones (GSL), , Anne MacDonald, Paul Williams, Alex Harris, Kathy James, Cheryl Hain, Charlie Kingsbury, Gary Kingsbury, JD Laurence, Chris Corish, Tom Wojechoivski

**Apologies:** Iwan Davies, Tegwen Morris, Peter van Velzen, Glenda Jones, Carl Fitches, Tom Barron, Debra Simpson Jones

**Minutes of last AGM:** agreed as correct subject to amendment “Pam Egmond (District Commissioner)” to “Pam Edmonds (Area Commissioner)” – proposed by Keith, seconded by Paul

**Chair’s report.** Richard thanked the leaders and occasional helpers for all their hard work over the past year which has allowed the group to flourish for another year. He emphasised that it is not just for the time that the children are at the meetings on a Wednesday but in preparing and in also running the other activities that are put on for the various age groups throughout the year. The commitment of the leaders and those helping is much appreciated. Keith was also to be thanked in particular for his enthusiasm and running of the whole group and the work involved in this for example in making grant applications.

Thanks also the officers and members of the Exec in overseeing the work of the group and their input in ensuring that 2<sup>nd</sup> Penparcau continues to be able to offer life changing experiences for the beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers. In many cases, along with parents, helping out at meetings and fund raising

### **Treasurer’s Report.**

Mike presented the AGM with the summary table below which shows an opening balance of £17,724.25 and a closing balance of £7,449.95. Mike once again thanked the leaders for their good record keeping and providing any claims with receipts. Capitation remains around £5,000 and one of the reasons for the differing balances is that the last year contained two payments for capitation. There remains however a healthy balance. There is also now with the accounts a second account which is effectively the card that Keith has and money is paid into it. The card has proved invaluable and has made paying for various items (including flights) much easier and receipts and invoices are provided for payments on this account in the same manner as the “main” account. It has not proved necessary to dip into the core funds for recent trips other than some contribution to leaders costs.

The accounts are overseen by Mike, hard copy receipts retained and reconciled against invoices and expense claims (supported by receipts). The treasurer was able to give the Exec and parents that all such expenses are proper and correct expenses. Mike suggested that any parents not presently paying by standing order should be encouraged to do so as this is a far easier way of receiving payment and makes Keith’s reconciliation of the income received far easier.

Main Account

Single Account

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2nd Penparcau Scout Group Accounts FY 2016/17

MAIN ACCOUNT

Summary table EOY 2015/16

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## Beavers Report.

We have 20 Beavers at the moment with 12 on the waiting list of the right age to start. We hope to get most of them in when up to 9 will go up to cubs.

In the last year we have had a Beaver fun day at Llangranog to celebrate 30 years of Beavers. A great day was had by all.

Since September we have been working towards the bronze award for Beavers. This involves lots of badge work. Some of the badges we have worked towards are Global Issues When some one came to talk to us from the Marine Conservation Society about sea pollution and we made origami dolphins. One of our Beavers won a county wide colouring competition. For our International badge we covered Native Americans over Thanks Giving. John Evans came in and told stories and learnt some songs. We also tried pumpkin pie. We have also worked on the World Challenge badge and Personal Challenge badge, which was linked, to the Beavers making their promise.

Before Christmas we collected food for the local food bank. We hope to do some more work with them future. We also had the Beavers Christmas party.

After Christmas we have our Creative badge, we make lots of thing. There was a very interesting talk about space from Tango .

This term we are working towards out Science badge, Healthy eating badge and Sports badge

## Cub Report (by Keith).

Currently have 32 who regularly attend with 8 on the waiting list. However 9 beavers coming up in September and only 4/5 going up to scouts and therefore unfortunately it is not possible to accommodate any of the names on the waiting list at this time.

Cubs have been put into groups to encourage peer leadership

Highlights from the last year were

Viking Camp, Fire Station Visit, Wheelchair basketball, Hobbies Badge (many different ones), Personal Badge, Night Hike, Cinema (at the museum).

Thanks to the leaders, Shona Hutton-Jones, Graeme Summers, Charlie Kingsbury together with Young leaders from Explorers helping out also.

### **Scout Report. (Alex and Kathy)**

We have around 35 Scouts registered currently, with 25-30 visiting most weeks. Since the last AGM we have been doing plenty of activities including:

Continuing our wateraid appeal after the scouts almost unanimously chose this as a charity they saw as most important to support. First aid which showed some of our scouts already excellent skills due to prior practice in Scouts and other clubs. We had a visitor to do a historic talk marking 100 years of the battle of the Somme. Camp skills, climbing at BoxRox, Ingress, tree planting, hiking (including night hikes, and the Keith Jones challenge from Aber – Machynlleth), karate, orienteering, pioneering, bushcraft, science experiments, fire station visit, amateur radio, wheelchair basketball, cycling, and canoeing have all also been undertaken as well as 2 camps, Christmas camp, and her-y-barud weekend events.

### **Explorers Report. (Charlie)**

Explorers are working towards building skills for DofE, Navigation and Map Reading 26 Explorers but attendance up and down and recent weeks low but not unusual for the time of year and due to exams. 20 Explorers are going to Denmark along with leaders Charlie, Tess, Dan, Mathew and Tom

There have been many activities over the year including Interceptor Hike, Wheelchair basketball and a camp in Snowdonia

### **Group Scout Leader's Report. (Keith)**

Essex Camp – 52 participants including leaders

Keith Jones challenge from Machynlleth to Aberystwyth which meant that the whole of the coastal path in Ceredigion has now been walked as part of the challenge

Her y Barud Challenge. Arranged by Penparcau and well supported - Penparcau Scouts were first and second in the scouts age group and all that attended enjoyed

Training has been undertaken by leaders – First Aid, DofE and MIDAS

There are 106 young people registered with the group and thanks to the leaders for the interesting and diverse activities and events which mean that the young people enjoy and wish to attend

The Log Cabin remains a valuable asset of the group and thanks to those that have assisted with ongoing maintenance. It has also been used by 3<sup>rd</sup> Aberystwyth and the Re-enactment Society

There remains concern as to the waiting list and also given the size of the sections we have outgrown the present building. Keith is to consider the boxing club once the extension has been built and also the hall at St Anne's

Looking forward 2019 will be the Jamboree in Holland and also the World Jamboree to be held in Virginia USA. The option of going to the World Jamboree will be given but it is hoped to have a large group to go to Holland once again following the success on the last occasion.

An accident book is to be set up on Google Drive for all leaders to complete following any incidents

**Election of Officers:**

Chair: Richard Morris proposed by Paul and seconded by Ann;

Treasurer: Mike Pitcher proposed by Keith and seconded by Charlie;

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

**Election of other Executive Committee members:** all leaders + Paul Williams, Anne MacDonald, Debra Simpson-Jones, Iwan Davies, Glenda Jones, Martin Tranter, Tom Wojechoivski

**Any other business**

**Denmark Jamboree:** Further fund raising will be required and a sub group of Explorers and parents to meet to discuss how best to deal with this with a view to ensuring that those that are going on the trip to “lead”.

**Risk Assessments :** This was raised at district but it would seem that there will be no assistance from district or the association as to templates or examples. Risk assessments have been done and to be discussed further by the leaders at their next meeting

**Ystwyth Transport Group :** Nothing further heard regarding joint funding bid. However Keith, Alex, Carl, Dan and John have all now completed the training

**Mayor’s Parade :** 2<sup>nd</sup> Penparcau has been invited to take part in the parade. Keith indicating that all sections should try and attend as the group has been well supported by the Mayor’s fund in recent years

**25 Year Celebration :** following discussion it was decided that

- (a) Look to have a badge for each of the young people to be presented in the Autumn
- (b) The celebration of 25 years to be combined with the end of year BBQ and the original GSL and leaders to be asked if they would wish to attend and it be known that there is the be the celebration but any former members wishing to attend to confirm in advance.  
A picture and report to be provided to Cambrian News

Next meeting (exec) 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – 7.30pm

**The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.**