

St Andrews Scout Group
Executive Committee
Meeting held on 6th November 2008
Scout HQ, Polhill Avenue

Notes of the Meeting – Actions in bold

Present

Tim Rudd, Nick Stamp, Richad Gallivan, Melanie MacLeod, Andrew Jakeman, Lothe Vahar-Matiar, Tim Fallis, Gail Collier, Amanda Colbert, Tony Keaveney, Sandra Lambton, Paris Michaelides

1. Notes of last meeting

These were accepted and there were no issues arising

2. Introduction / Apologies

Claire Broughton, Simon White, Karen Warner

3. Chairperson's report

Nothing to report

4. Section Leaders' reports

Group Leader

There are 101 members on roll in Beavers, Scouts and Cubs (upper age limit = 14). Capacity is ideally around 90, so we are a bit top heavy, particularly in Scouts.

Maintenance -The outside drains are blocked by tree roots, but we should be able to claim on the insurance. The electrician has awarded the relevant safety certificate for the works done inside the hut. Lights are now on trip switch, so it may be prudent to test run an evacuation procedure. The roof in the garage is leaking – this is expected to cost about £1000 to fix. **Nick will investigate if we can claim on the insurance.**

Tony suggested the Mayor's Charity and agreed to apply for funding – at time of writing, this is in progress.

It has come to light that the Water Authorities want to charge for run off from roofs. There is a campaign for a low social tariff and **Nick** agreed to send details round. In terms of the possibility for using grey water for toilets, **Andrew** will investigate its potential for the Scout Hut.

The Christmas Card sort was very successful with £1370 raised for the Group. There are always problems with finding people able to deliver south of the river and the issue of finding more local groups / churches to deliver was discussed. Also there was some debate about whether the price should be increased, as it had been 15p for some years now and this is less than half the price of a first class stamp.

Scout Leader

Patrol system working well. Summer camp booked for the last Wed – Tue of the Summer holiday. An Archery camp is booked for May.

Cub Leaders

Rowallan

The Cub Summer camp is booked for Cosgrove in Bucks on 22nd – 25th May. Some cubs from the MacLean pack will be attending.

There are 34 on roll at the moment with another 12 on the waiting list (not old enough yet). There are plenty of helpers. First Aid competition took place in October. The 6 a side football tournament will take place on 28th March.

Maclean

Pack going well – two young helpers (2 girls doing Duke of Edinburgh) and there will be spaces for 2 more soon (possibly Lewis and Arthur)

However 2 successful Cub groups mean that Scouts is under pressure

Beavers

17 Beavers on roll (2 with special needs). Very busy programme. 2 helpers. An overnight camp is planned.

Treasurer's report (Tim Rudd)

Most of the Group's funds are in the current account rather than the deposit account (£6125.50 and £108.41 at time of meeting).

The 2008 Bridge Walk money had all been spent on section activities rather than going into the Group fund.

Gift Aid was almost sorted with just a few people needing to tick the correct box on the records. We should be able to back claim a significant amount. **Nick** to sort out. Tim needed to fill in a new mandate for the cheque books (Tim, Nick, Richard and Melanie signed).

Although we think we owe money to the utility companies, the Scout Hut has no official postal address.

Tim passed on the New Firearms Act 1968 compliance form.

Any other business

- Bridge Walk – 8th March
- A letter has been received from St Andrews Church re their open weekend on 26/27 June. It was agreed to put up a display board
- Sainbury's has launched its voucher scheme. On Saturday 2nd May, we will be collecting outside the supermarket.
- Lothe suggested that the Group should consider doing some form of community work, perhaps in the park. **All to consider this suggestion and come to the next meeting with some ideas of things the Group could do.**
- Tony suggested we undertake a group social group activity – **all to consider for next meeting and come with some ideas**

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21st April, 8:15