

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Executive Meeting Monday 8th June 2009 at 8.00p.m.

Present:	Dave Edwards (DE) Paul Symons (PS) Nicola Headland (NH) Richard Clark (RC) Jo Allen (JA) Sue Bateman (SB) Mary Bird (MB) Cheryl Keen (CK) Ian Kirby (IK) Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH)	Chair GSL Treasurer Secretary
Invited:	Rob Bruce (RB)	ex Treasurer

0.	Introductions Introductions were made to welcome the new members to the Group Executive.	
1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Lucy Bragg (LB), Paul Burton (PB), Shan Gerrard (SG), Raymond Prentice (RP) and Sally Symons (SS).	
2.	Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 9 th March 2009 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record, subject to the date of the previous meeting before this being shown as “19 th January” rather than “9 th January” in the minutes. PS to amend.	PS
3.	Matters Arising 3.1 PS reported that PB has agreed to be the Group’s web developer. A card has been sent to Alistair to celebrate his wedding, and it was agreed that HMH would choose a suitable gift for Oxfam, Alistair’s chosen charity, to the approximate value of £30. PS believes that the sunflower competition trophy has been located. [SB arrived] PS has still not received a copy of the Church’s Fire Risk Assessment. Pioneering stakes have been purchased.	HMH
3.2	There were no actions taken on behalf of the Committee since the last meeting.	PS
4.	Health & Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.	

5.	Resources	
5.1	<p>Re transport, DE reported that both rear bearings have been replaced on the van. The van has also been MOT'd and serviced, and a battery cut off switch has been fitted.</p>	
	<p>Approval was granted for DE to purchase two heavy duty jump leads, at a cost of approximately £28 each. (MB had kindly offered to donate a set, but Ron Bird subsequently confirmed that this was not heavy duty.)</p>	DE
5.2	<p>The Quartermaster requested approximately £70 for an alter fire. MB will ask Ron Bird if he is able to make an alter fire, and report back to PS, who will decide which option to go with. This level of expenditure was approved for either option.</p>	MB / PS
	<p>Expenditure was approved for a long tape measure costing approximately £15.</p>	PS
	<p>PS raised the question of replacing the Scout flag in the Church, which is now very tatty, and the Group adjourned to the Church to inspect the flag. Total replacement cost, excluding the cost of lettering, would be around £180, comprising of flag on its own (£53.83), pole (£56), cords (£13) and mount (£60). After considerable discussion, which included the possibility of part-replacement and whether this was in the spirit of the tradition of laying up old flags in the Church, the general consensus was that the ideal approach would be full replacement. PS will obtain costing for the lettering and this subject will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>	PS
5.3	<p>Sectional budgets were agreed at £30 per head, and PS will inform the leaders of this. RB will send PS details of each section's expenditure last year, so that this information is also available to the leaders.</p>	PS / RB
	<p>It was agreed to raise membership subs from £90 to £100 per annum with immediate effect. (£10 to be added for membership of 100 Club.)</p> <p>[HMH left]</p>	
5.4	<p>Re replacement of the Fund Raising Hut, DE agreed to contact Lou, a member of the Church, re costings. RC provided DE with the costings obtained in the past. IK will follow this up once we have received feedback from Lou.</p>	DE / IK
6.	<p>Nominated Charity It was agreed that Noah's Ark Children's Hospice would be the Group's nominated charity for the next year.</p>	
7.	<p>Events Review</p>	
7.1	<p><i>AGM (Friday 15th May)</i> The length of the AGM was considered to be better than last year. Badge presentation can be time-consuming but, on balance, the AGM is probably the best time to do this. The Explorers presentation was very well received. DE's suggestion that those nominated for positions stand up, so that the audience can see and recognise faces, was agreed.</p>	

7.2	<p><i>The Big Adventure (Saturday 23rd May – Monday 25th May, Scout Camp, Bounds Green)</i> PS felt this had gone well and the children had enjoyed the event. Lots of adults had helped out, and the weather had been very good. The street dance activity had worked well. It was agreed that it could have been made clearer that attendance at the film was optional rather than mandatory. JA commented that writing to people in advance and making it clear that help was required had been a large factor in obtaining the level of adult help witnessed, as it had stopped people assuming that there was already sufficient adult help in place.</p>	
7.3	<p><i>St George's Day Parade (Sunday 26th April)</i> A few suggestions for improvement next year were noted, which PS explained had already been fed back to the organisers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group signs to be fixed higher up on the fence; • Truck to be removed from the playground before people start arriving; • Sound system at the Service needs to be improved; • Leaders need to keep their children quieter at the Service (although it was noted that this might have been less of a problem had the sound system been better). 	
8.	<p>Events Planning</p> <p>8.1 <i>Raglan Schools Fete (Saturday 4th July)</i> PS reported that it had been agreed that the Scouts would put up the gazebos on the preceding Friday night. The Group will be operating Jackpot Dice – RB and RC volunteered to assist, and PS asked other members to check their availability. PS will advise on specific times nearer the date.</p> <p>8.2 <i>London Loop Walk (Saturday 14th June)</i> The plan is to walk from Cockfosters Station to the obelisk and back. MB will co-ordinate much of the event, however she may need someone to drive the minibus from the Church to Cockfosters Station. DE said he may be able to help with this.</p> <p>8.3 <i>Family Camp</i> PS explained that Scouting rules now seemed to make it more clear that every adult in a Scout Camp anywhere must be CRB checked. The Exec felt that Family Camp had been a safe way of introducing adults to Scouting, and that many adults who would previously have gone on a casual basis to see if they enjoyed the experience would now be deterred by needing to go through the overhead of a CRB check and would simply not bother. It was therefore, reluctantly, decided that there would be no Family Camp this year.</p> <p>PS added that SS and LB may be organising alternative camps for their sections.</p>	ALL / PS
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>A note has been received from Barbara Barnicoat thanking the Group for her flowers. RB has also recorded thanks for his gift.</p> <p>MB reported that the Church was holding a meeting on 25th June to discuss the possible removal of the stage, during which costs will be discussed.</p> <p>SB stated that the sunflower competition was now underway.</p>	

	RB has readied the forms that need to be completed relating to the Group's bank account details, and explained that the signatories would need to visit the bank.	
10.	Date of Next Meeting Monday 21 st September 2009 at 8.00pm in the Garden Room.	

Executive Committee Information Sheet

9th March 2009

Actions taken on committee's behalf since last meeting:

By GSL	None
By Chair	None
By Others	None

Health and Safety:

Reportable Incidents	None
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From the Leaders:

	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
Numbers in section	23	28	18
Number on link to next section	0	0	2
Other information from GSL	Bear Grylls appointed as Chief Scout. He will take up the appointment later in the year.		

From Treasurer:

	Investments	Current	Petty Cash	
Balance on accounts	£6,139.87	£140.43	£37.59	
Income since last meeting	Subs		£855	
	Barclays £ for £ - Quiz Night donation		£480	
	Donations		£70	
	100 club		£65	
	Group	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts
Expenditure to date	£(613)	£36	£112	£(5)
Other information from Treasurer	Van MOT and Servicing paid			£728
	Van vehicle tax paid			£190
	Uniform and badges paid			£196
	Stationery paid			£61
	Current budget allowance £25 per head			
	Current Subs £90 + £10 100 club			
	<u>Future expenses to be paid</u>			
	AA membership			£350
	Streetdance			£225
	Use of Jack Petchey award			£167

Resources Reports:

Transport	Van, rear nearside wheel bearing went on way to District Scout Camp. Both rear bearings have been replaced. Van has also been serviced and MoT'd. Suggest jump leads be purchased for each vehicle.
Equipment	Sign boards have been refurbished. Need an Alter fire £70 (B&Q) Need a long tape measure £15 (eBay)