

82nd Craigmmond Scout Group

Minutes of Executive Meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2023

Attendees: Louise (new parent rep for beavers), Adam, Matt, Sarah, Claire, Sandra (via zoom) Paul, Donald, Graham, Helen, Rebecca, Steph.

1. Apologies & Minutes of last meeting

Mike Traynor, James Kistruck, Jane.

Minutes of 17/11/22 agreed. **AP:** HS to add to website.

2. Matters arising

Gift aid/bank account signatory/ HMRC website - see treasurer report below

Funded group camp idea – see below

Friday beavers £5 overpayment – adjust for with next subs payment

Road markings in hall car park - **AP:** SN to make request to refresh these

Problem with parents dropping off children too early - **AP:** section leader will send email reminder to parents

Longcraig whole-group session. **AP:** PR to consider further now that bookings are open again.

3. Section updates

183 members in all sections, scouts and below (explorers are counted separately as they are a regional group).

Beavers Monday (Adam) 23 members. Support from young leaders a bit patchy. Usually for good legitimate reasons but they could do with more cover as they are down to 2 now that one has moved on, **AP:** Donald to look for another explorer. Good term planned.

Friday(Jane) - doing 3 badges faith, First Aid, and environment. Hoping to sleepover in Dynamic Earth for all beavers in Autumn. Small group from both sections going to Bonaly for the new Ken's Den sleeping lodges, 82nd will be one of first groups to use these. Ekaterina new parent rep for executive committee. Also have 3 new beavers coming at Easter and parents seem keen to get involved. More trips in better weather.

Cubs Friday Rebecca - 29 cubs all easygoing. Visit from police, Chinese new year, home help badge. Forward look: camp in May at Canty Bay being planned by Emma, Bonaly booked for September. No update from Monday cubs.

Scouts (from Mike via email) 72 Scouts – sometimes having to split group – medium/long term plan is to create two smaller sections if can find leaders and location. Discussed but no clear solutions identified. 8 Leaders – support from parents this term and potential new leader Andrew Scott(?). 4 YLs – two leaving end Feb, and others in June. **AP:** Replacements requested from Donald. Programme – Chinese Burns Night, Gravity Trampolining, and Meteorology Badge done. Forward look: Fresh Start visit and Sleep Out, visit to Blackhall Mosque, evening hike and Easter Camp prep. Youth Service: 6 Scouts as flag bearers – Leonard Small Award recipient agreed at Leader Meet - will present at service. Camps – Easter Camp Lapwing Lodge x 24, Summer Camp Loch Lomond x 29 (with the 21st)

International Camp 2024 – Scout Leader has made a decision not to progress this given other Scout and personal commitments (unless another leader wishes to take it on).

Explorers (Donald) 46 explorers only usually see 40. A few turning 18 soon. 6 leaders. 9 girls in unit but no female leaders, which can be a problem. 17 signed up for summer camp, navigation theme for this term, burns night ceilidh with pink panthers was a lively success. Dinner at 10000ft, explorer vs leader bowling (Hector won). Next week visit to FloWave at Edinburgh University.

4. Group Development Weekend – key actions

Graham - the weekend meeting was at the end of November to work on the group plan looking 3 years ahead on rolling basis. 19-20 leaders at this one, lots of lively discussion. The Group agreed that we should attempt to consolidate and strengthen what we have presently, focussing on the following actions and ensuring each existing section has a strong leadership team with some progress towards succession planning, before we start to think about additional sections such as an additional Scout section and the introduction of a Squirrel's Dray section. 8 key themes:

Parent engagement Adam leading on this, discussion re getting parents more actively engaged, **AP:** Graham & Emma to discuss. poss of help for cubs section from parents of beavers.

Engaging young leaders/explorers to be future leaders Donald, Hannah and Mike takin g forward

Storage and Equipment thanks all round for help so far, Stuart and Angus to organise a session(s) to make storage/equipment more efficient, Paul organising sea scouts cellar.

Group Camp – proposed for 2023 but No progress with this, no capacity to organise it for this year. Perhaps plan for 2024. Org committee with rep from each section. Would be good for leaders who need to get nights away permits. Steph keen to get involved with organising this – **AP:** to discuss with Graham.

Group Orienteering - James H to organise an event at Cammo, possibly on the coronation weekend.

Document storage - Grant has agreed to take this on (plus redeveloping the website). Shared-access location for all leaders to add useful documents e.g. equipment, permits, useful contact points Emma has produced a "Good people to know" database in Google Docs for local places of interest. Discussion around asking parents if they can do sessions on their own areas of expertise for activities and badges. Possibly use OSM to find out about parents' hobbies, profession etc. **AP:** Leaders to take forward.

Permit situation – activities and nights away. Mike to send details of a) current permit situation across group and b) details of process for getting permits Concern from Paul re permit signatory on recent request **AP:** (Graham?) ensure permit that has been put through to Mark who has stood down get signed off by J.

Parent Social Emma leading on this

5. Fundraising

a. Reports

Kirk fair hotdogs and mulled wine stall - £182 taken, donation to Kirk's charity of £50. Thanks to Sarah, Donald, Helen, Sandra, Tanisha. Sold out quickly. Suggestions for next time - contactless payment gizmo, banner and aprons with group logo. Donald suggestion - toasted marshmallows and hot choc next year, teas and coffees (confirm with Kirk nearer the time that they are comfortable with this). **AP:** Donald to get Stu to do 2 banners and aprons - suggestion to use 75th anniversary logo. Paul reminded leaders that there are sticky badges for kit still available. **AP:** Sandra to speak to the bank and Mike re contactless. Sumup kit is £30, 1.6% handling fee.

Santa sleigh £3,300 raised. Gift aid to claim (£1,600).

b. Forward Planning

There's less need/impetus now that Scouts aren't planning an international camp in 2024, but Hannah is still looking to complete her fund-raising for Korea this year.

Plant Sale - will run to coincide with the Christian Aid Fair - Sunday 14th May. Volunteers needed. It worked really well having Scouts doing deliveries last year. **AP:** leaders to issue emails in due course

- Stall at the Kirk on Sunday: Sarah will run this again with volunteers. Sold out last year - more plants?
- Deliveries on Sunday: Last year we had about 50 delivery slots, so 25 pairs (scout plus parent driver) would be 2 slots each.
- Volunteers needed for handing out booking forms and put in order of service at youth service. And could send to RHS for their bulletin. **AP:** get James/Hannah to consider these - Sarah to speak to them
- Agreed Hannah to get any matched funding James receives from employer.

Duck Race - this is a good event and well liked in community but James doesn't have the time to organise it. He would be happy to advise if anyone else wants to run it. After discussion, agreed not to run this for 2023 but would like to do again sometime.

6. Finances

a. Treasurer's update

Sandra: bank statements yesterday £11,200 in credit, after paying capitation of £10,584 and hall fees of £1,087 nothing more to pay out just now. Money due in: 2020 - 2022 gift aid, will be done once Sandra has access to the HMRC portal. **AP:** Donald and Sandra to confirm explorers position. Probably about £7000 more to claim in total. Insurance and equipment insurance renewal due soon. How to spend? Group camp next year could use a lot. Bonaly proposed for event - good venue and puts on activities.

b. Subscriptions update

Claire: there a few outstanding and some odd payments this year. Explorers are well behind due to late comms to parents, **AP:** Donald to chase up. Matt cleared up why £50 received from some Monday beavers – this is a reduced rate for the ones who joined after Christmas. One hardship fund request sent to Graham - agreed. **AP:** Claire to email leaders with a short list of the ones which are outstanding.

Other costs - One or 2 bits of equip needing repairs, or replace. Sea scout kit hasn't been touched for a few years - may need replacement. Need to get some rebuilding of storage in sea scouts store. **APs:** Adam to give names of joiners to Paul/Mike, Donald to ensure we get invoice from painter.

Section allowances - **AP:** Graham to refer back to section leaders to confirm that costs of activities are to be met from section allowance.

Leader visibility: An order for Logo sweatshirts for leaders came out of group funds recently. Consider getting more as a stock for the fresh batch of leaders if they come online and e.g. parent helpers to use on the day. Similar for kneckers. **AP:** (who??)

7. Updates:

- a. Recruitment – Executive & leaders covered above
- b. Equipment & storage see above
- c. Executive Health check - defer to next meeting. **AP:** Helen to put on agenda

8. Group website review

per above Grant has kindly volunteered to look at this. Helen noted that all pages are very out of date. Most recent section photos are from around 2013. James K happy to advise anyone who wants to take it over.

9. Parent queries - none

10. AOB

a. Youth service Sunday 5/3 at 10am. Section colour parties and readings. Leonard Small nominee Bradley S.

b. Subs - will be discussed at next exec. **AP:** GSL message to parents prior to this inviting comments, vote on subs at AGM.

11. D.o.N.M

Next leader meeting is 18 May. Agreed Exec meeting on 1st June 19:30 **APs:** Graham to book committee room, Helen to circulate to exec and leader distribution lists and put on group webpage.