

82nd Group Exec Meeting
26 August 2020
Zoom

1 Welcome and Intro

Apologies from Monday Beavers

Welcome to Tanya Ramsay as new Secretary

2 Section Updates

Monday Beavers report in that Zooms not really working out too well so will be switching to Saturday outside meet ups instead in due course

Monday Cubs - nothing reported

Friday Cubs - have met and also surveyed, face to face preferred, aim to do outdoor until too dark on Friday evenings

Scouts - 2/3 attendance on Zoom, over summer met with parents and children of Cubs moving to scouts and scouts moving to explorers, plan to zoom outdoors on Friday nights and weekends here on, Easter camp and summer camp hoped for when green

Update re Adventure Abroad: Scouts have received 2/3 of their cash back (£9000), all parents contacted already, 2 parents donating their money back to scouts, £3/4K left to scout account and £2k in sea explorers account

Sea Scouts - nothing happening until next Easter if allowed
Name of new rip : KELPIE

Explorers - been zooming, some movement up and down, now at 4 leaders and 37 Explorers, aiming to start outside meetings, planning for next summer

3 Getting everyone back safely

Led by Mike

General risk assessment and COVID-19 risk assessment both written by Mike and immense thanks expressed by whole of Executive for his extensive hard work

Current status Amber at time of meeting

Max of 15 total outside only, no mixing of these groups each week

No scouting before risk assessment complete

Note distinction between Scotland and England amber/yellow status

Outdoor sessions can be 45-60 minutes max due to toilet breaks

Need to try to stop car sharing by parents

Re masks: follow school guidance?

PPE needed for first aid kits

All to email Graham with yes/no to agreement to risk assessment and any suggestions for change by Friday of this week

Close liaison with Kirk hall re hand sanitizers

Engaging parents re car share, hand sanitizers, new term letter (include request for potential leader recruits new term letter - there has already been expressed keenness)

4 Training

There had been large plans to change policy and approach to mandatory training

Scouting is voluntary but training is mandatory

Eg there are set modules within the first five five months as a leader or executive member and there are now new penalties for failure to do so

All modules now online: eg safeguarding, GDPR, safety

GC emailing everyone with requirements individually

Leaders: first aid - if expired in lockdown then from 6 month at the point of going green it will be deferred but there are online parts you can do eg theory

GC also emailing Exec members with new members online training

5 Changes to Policy

Be aware of changes as trustees

Very rare to have these issues

MT sending it around the Exec

6 Finance Update

Led by Lisa

£5320 in bank

2 gift aids completed

Equals +£5500 in bank

Thank you to Lisa and Claire by Graham for all their hard work

From 15 March there has been no fee for the hall (so £500 less from rest of 2020)

Recovery of gift aid from fundraising activity

Graham: £11k total

Subs for this year?

Graham: suggests we wait on decision making on subs/ rebate, concern in case we put anyone off returning, communication is key

Able to buffer ourselves for up to two years possibly up to £9000 in capitation with same number of youngsters

GC suggests we ask parents to continue to pay full amount for greater good due to our fixed payments but make it clear children will never lose out due to parents COVID circumstances etc

MT: letters should go out on the next week or so, he will send round his base letter

Donald Black: asked re gift aid on Santa's sleigh collections for the last two years

Likely needs to be done by end of this year?

Discussion on how/if this gift aid can be done as Explorers are a separate division to Scouts

More investigation needed

7 Camps and Fundraising Update

Already covered

8 AOCB

Reminder re comments on COVID risk assessment by end of this week
Stu thanks GC for ticking off his submitted badge work
GC congratulated leaders for how many have completed badges in lockdown

9 DONM

Sooner than normal, before half term:

EXECUTIVE: 14 October 2020

LEADERS: 7 October 2020