

1st Corby Glen & South Witham Scout Group Executive Committee

Minutes of the Group Executive Meeting held on
18th October 2006 at 7a market Place, Corby Glen,

1. Present

Deon Fischer, Howard Nelson, Fiona Fischer, Tracey Lamming, Susan Hodgson, Yvonne Coyle, Phil Harwood

2. Apologies

Jason Overhill, Michelle Nelson, Sam Leadeham, Michelle Cooper, Helen Lythgo, Michelle Hazelwood, Gavin Arnold

Deon commenced the meeting with an update on the communications between himself, Howard and Mike Newman, copies were issued to those present (copies available on request, for those not present). Deon wanted the whole Committee to be aware of what had occurred. Howard made two comments; 1. the Group is there for the children and 2. this whole issue had been very time consuming. Those present agreed and hopefully this will be the last we hear of the matter.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Bingo – Phil will advise the progress on this event at the next meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and proposed by Howard, seconded by Tracey.

4. Financial Report

Howard had received the accounts information from Mike, had carried out an audit and found that some information was still outstanding so the information is not totally accurate. Howard stated that the account system was very complicated, with 6 bank accounts being in existence for the 3 sections, following a discussion it was agreed to rationalise and to only have 2 accounts to serve all sections, this would entail closing some accounts and leaving a current account and a savings account with the Norwich & Peterborough. Until a permanent Treasurer can be appointed Howard has agreed to provide his services and will produce a summary report at each meeting.

5. Beavers

Beavers have 14 members with 7 children on the waiting list. Some members have had their moving up to Cubs delayed until the leadership issue has been resolved. The current leader is Michelle Hazelwood, with assistant leaders Susan and David Hodgson, Yvonne Coyle and Gavin Arnold. Meetings have moved from Ingoldsby Social Club to the Village Hall. Tonight (18-10-2006) the leaders arranged a quick Children in Need fund raiser with the members paying to wear yellow clothing and the sale of cakes - the Colony raised just over £40.00.

Training has been an issue, the leaders do not receive any form of communication from District and when they are notified it tends to be last minute. Yvonne and David have only recently been notified of their warrant but have been qualified for some time. Howard will try to improve this situation with District and has scheduled a meeting with the leaders for Wednesday, 22-11-2006 to establish training requirements.

Another fund raising activity had been the Big Bounce; this had taken place towards the end of the summer term and had been in aid of the Cystic fibrosis Fund where the Colony had raised around £300.00. There are plans to hold a Race Night where the funds will be raised for the Colony. Wednesday, 29-11-2006 the leaders will take the members bowling at the Grantham Bowl.

6. Cubs

There are currently 12 members attending on a regular basis. The leadership for the Pack is still an issue, Howard will not be able to continue as the leader due to work and Scout leader commitments, Sean Leadeham is keen to stay on but would be more suitable as an assistant leader for the moment. Those present agreed that we would like to keep the Cub Pack going and based at Corby Glen. Following a discussion Tracey offered to take on the responsibility of the leadership providing she could attend meetings on a part time basis, i.e. sharing leadership at each Cub meeting, Howard offered to help, on the short term (until we are able to appoint another leader) and it was agreed that Sandy Hill, (a mother of 1 of the Cubs) would be approached. The leadership would then work on a 3 week rota basis potentially with the appointment of another 2 leaders, 1 to relieve Howard and the 4th to spread the duties to a 4 week rota. The leadership would be discussed with the parents at a meeting on Wednesday, 13-12-2006.

The Cubs have done work on their Scientist badge, during the first week they were attempting to burst balloons using household chemicals. Work has been done on the Artist badge. Sunday, 26-11-2006 the Pack will be meeting at, and walking through Twyford Wood, as work on their Hikes Away badge. Friday, 01-12-2006 the Cubs will be joining the Scouts at Grantham Bowl for bowling.

7. Scouts

This Section has retained their 10 members, 8 girls and 2 boys, with 3 girls on the waiting list. Once the Cub leadership has been resolved Howard is planning a big recruitment drive in the villages around South Witham. There has been a volunteer to take over the Scout leadership, Matt O'Dell recently moved to south Witham and had read about the Scout Troop in the Witham Word (village newspaper).

There has been positive feedback to the camps for the Scouts and Cubs this year. The first, Winter Camp at Gilwell Park, Scout HQ from 5 to 7 January 2007 (Scouts only). Second is the Bourne & Stamford Centenary Camp, Burghley House from 25 to 28 May 2007 (Scouts and Cubs). This will be the District's celebratory camp marking the Centenary year of the Scout Association. The third is Summer Camp, Hampshire, near the New Forest from 29 July 2007 to 4 August 2007 (Scouts and Cubs). Fundraising is planned to take place through out the year and this will go towards the costs, Bag Packing has been a successful event in the past.

8. Fundraising

The Entertainment Evening will go ahead, the Cubs and Scouts will put on short performances and this will go towards the Entertainer badge. It was suggested that leaders and committee members put on a 'surprise' last act at the end of the evening! Tracey had found that the hire charge for the hall at Charles Read Secondary School, for a

Friday 7:00pm to 11:00pm would cost £27.80, to hire the hall with dining/kitchen facilities would cost £55.60, with a possible reduction to £45.00. Following a discussion it was agreed that the Entertainment Evening would take place on Saturday, 10-03-2007, with performances taking place 6:00pm to 7:00pm and this would be followed by a family disco from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. With luck this should be an enjoyable fundraising event. Tracey to book the venue.

Susan has offered to do a Race Night for the whole Group, it was agreed that this would take place on Saturday, 03-02-2007, to take place at the Ron Dawson hall in Corby Glen.

Other fund raising suggestions were a car wash, but this could prove difficult to control. Bag packing possibly combined with a tombola stall at Morrisons in Grantham or Stamford, or Sainsbury's Grantham – Fiona to write and see who will give us a date.

9. Any Other Business

Howard must complete a census for the Group, he will need the details of all members from each section – Sarah offered to follow up with the Beaver membership details.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 18 January 2007 at Tracey Lamming's house, in Corby Glen.

With no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 21:30.