



Northampton District Scout Council District Executive Committee Meeting

27th February 2019 at 1930hrs
Fernie Fields Scout & Community Centre

Present

Alistair Cochran (AC)	Malcolm Dyer (MD)	Craig Kidd (CK)
Elaine Farr (EF)	Gary Jackson (GJ)	Dave Watts (DW)
Caroline Lomas (CL)	Michael Lomas (ML)	John Sharman (JS)
Karen Simpson (KS)		

Apologies

Sarah Sheard (SS)	Tim Walker (TW)	Ben Sheard (BS)
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Minutes

<i>Item</i>		<i>Action</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. 		
2	Apologies for absence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These were noted as above. 		
3	Confirmation of quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the meeting was quorate. 		
4	Declaration of conflict of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC requested that if there were any conflicts of interest they should be raised at the appropriate time. 		
5	Adult Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan March has been appointed to Chair the Adult Awards Panel for the District. Alan distributed a handout outlining the Adult Awards Process and answered questions for the Executive. Alan will make same presentation to next GSL Meeting. 		



6	<p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 were agreed and signed by AC. 		
7	<p>Update on Action Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open actions register reviewed and updated. 		
8	<p>Matters arising – not occurring elsewhere on agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no matters arising 		
9	<p>Correspondence – District Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Secretary present - no correspondence brought to Meeting. 		
10	<p>District Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CK reported that Census figures for the year are down Beavers fell 9%, Cubs fell 4%, Scouts see a 10% rise. the District is 25 young people down. There has been no growth in the County this year and Nationally there is a concern at the drop in numbers. David Hamilton has stood down as ADC Network Senior Awards - the County has a Senior Awards Panel a need to be replicating in District. SNAPP - a County Scout initiative to reduce plastic pollution, to be launched to the District at next GSL Meeting. CK suggested that the Executive Committee sign up to be involved DC to action. Disney Trip 2021 - approved by District Executive. Scout Shop - Lou Ousley leaves as Manager at Easter. Chris Robinson-Smith has offered to manage Shop until Summer break which will include full stock take. It was agreed a pre-paid card should be obtained to assist stock purchase. Bell Boats - Darren Lewis has stepped away from the management of the Bell Boats. Beavers to be encouraged to use this activity. Bookings to be transferred to Overstone Booking Secretary. Mike England to be contacted re RA Bell Boats. Gang Show - MD will continue as SASU manager until after the present show. It was highlighted that there is a potential risk of £29000, however there is a determination and confidence from those involved that the show will happen and be a success. 	<p>DC</p> <p>MD</p>	



<p>11</p>	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitation 11 Groups have already paid their Capitation into the District Account. District needs to pay Capitation to the County to ensure discount. • BT Bill GJ to look at possibility of changing Fernie Fields and Scout Shop to Plusnet. • OSM This has been paid for present year. Increase in Groups Capitation may be necessary next year. <p>F & GP Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budgets AC stressed the importance of all District Asset budgets to balance. Spending needs managing to get best results for the Young People. • Nationwide Account A recommendation was made that this account of approximately £50000 should be renamed Property Maintenance Fund (ring fenced). • Property Inspections All Districts Property needs inspection to enable 5 year plan and long term commitment to be established. • Fundraising Fundraising could potentially develop District assets. BI to Chair Fund-raising Committee • Gold Account £1000 to placed in contingency fund (YP Experience Fund) 	<p>GJ</p> <p>Approved</p>	
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12	<p>Special projects report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roys Challenge - to order next piece of equipment deposit needs to be agreed. MD to order. • Cave Bus - ordering approved. • Radio Shack/Lodge - MD reported renovations in process by 'in house' team. Agreed 50% (£7500) would be realised to allow work to continue to progress. • Frisbee Golf - area cleared ready for Frisbee Golf. • Hammock Camp - equipment not yet ordered. MD asked if donation cheque from Thomas and Rosemary Greenhaig Trust had been received. CL to check. • Climbing Wall - project should be completed when materials for base ordered. Materials will be ordered together with paving materials for around Knights Lodge. • Archery Netting - completed • Overstone Keys - GJ is investigating the most efficient ways to increase security at Overstone including the use of key pads, swipe system. • Princes Trust - The Princes Trust have been working at Overstone as part of their Community Project. The have completed painting in the upstairs area of the Pack Holiday Centre together with cleaning and painting the toilet block in the Woods. MD reported that they had done an exceptional job. • St Georges Day Celebrations - to be held on Sunday 28th April, venue possibly Fernie Field. MD and DW to meet with Fernie Fields to organise. 	<p>Approved MD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>CL</p> <p>MD</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>MD/DW</p>	
13	<p>Buildings and Fire Risk Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This can be actioned internally. GJ and MD with support will action 	MD/GJ	
14	<p>County Executive Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Wellingborough DC - Keith Moore • AAC Senior Awards - Kay Aitken appointed • Cubjam cancelled now at Phasels Wood • Bwaise 25th Anniversary Project being organised 		



15	<p>Health and Safety Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crest Scaffolding provided the scaffold for replacing Archery netting. 		
16	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Explorer Unit to be set up in Hardingstone area after Easter. • District Jamboree Contingent have asked Executive for support regarding fundraising. • AC reminded the Meeting that the Triangle of land near Overstone is still a District responsibility. <p>Upcoming meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 27 February 2019 • Wednesday 17 April 2019 • Wednesday 19 June 2019 • Wednesday 18 September 2019 • Leaders weekend / AGM – Friday 19 July to Sunday 21 July 2019 – AGM Friday 19th July. 		

Minutes circulated:

Minutes approved as an accurate record of the meeting:

Alistair Cochran – District Chairman

Date: