



Group Exec

Date: 7th november 2019

Venue: White Lion Pub, Weston

Attendees

Nic Cartwright (AGSL) NC
Genevieve Narey GN (parent)
Michael Denith MD (parent)

Helen Nemeth HN (parent)
Alex Stubb AS (GSL)
Jayne Stubbs JS (treasurer)

Sean Stubbs SS (Chairperson)
Elizabeth (Liz) Halfpenny LH (secretary)

APOLOGIES Daniel Short DS

Minutes taken by Liz Halfpenny

Item 1

- Previous minutes approved

Item 2

- Introduction and welcome to Elizabeth (Liz) Halfpenny- taken on the role as group secretary, with an aim of developing the group and increasing numbers.

Item 3

- Finance- update- JS
£3366.87 in the bank, insurance/capitation is due in January, approx. £40 per head.
- January 2020, monthly fees will be increasing, as discussed and agreed at AGM (June 2019) information to be cascaded to parents at Christmas
- The claim of Gift Aid from parents is taking time, suggested that a 'polite reminder' to parents, and the possibility of an example with % to encourage parents to sign up

Item 4

- **Beavers update – NC**
- Currently 17 beavers, have had 7 new members, 10 on the waiting list for future members
- GN commented that the new beaver parents are “very pleased” th
- NC needs to introduce Daniel to the beavers ready for their transition to cubs, Daniel is attending the Remembrance parade on Sunday.
- Near Future events- Remembrance Parade 10.11.19 Crewe AM, Remembrance service at Weston Church in the evening to help to promote the group
 - Amerton Farm 30.11.2019
 - CUBE camp 1.5.2020-3.5.2020 in Knutsford, ran by County
 - Family Camp June 2020 (see ****)

- **Cubs update AS and NC**
- Currently 16 members
- Daniel has met the cubs at a session, seeking advice from the District in terms of how to help him settle and develop, and also to ask him what and how he would like to be introduced
- There has been some issues with the Silver Awards, the guidelines have become stricter and not always fair, example of not being able to attend camp.
- AS wants to introduce a 'helpers rota' to help support Daniel and the cubs, AS, NC, JS, Serena (parent)

- **Scouts update AS**
- Currently 10 members
- The scouts enjoyed the dinner they had at a local Indian Restaurant to celebrate Diwali, where parents also attended,
- MD commented that the recent camp had been good, he had seen many positive comments on Facebook, that the children "loved it" and were "made up". AS stated that next time there needs to be some changes/amendments; -children not to choose their own beds
 - kit list-needs updating- issue with sweets, dishes/cutlery not needed, no jeans, an appropriate sleeping bag (at least 3 seasons?)
- In June at the AGM there were 35 young people, there are now 42. Capacity is Beavers 20, cubs 18, scouts 16

Item 5

- Activity calendar shared with families
- Activity payment deadlines: parents are backing out of payment and attendance at the last minute, need a new payment cut off date- 3 weeks prior to event.
- Future ideas/activities - JS and AS have contacted Wymbumbury angling- new purpose built classroom- ideal for summer- pond dipping- wildlife- suitable for all ages. Cycle workshops. BSL workshop
- ****Beaver family camp- need to ensure all adults have a DBS- AS suggested the idea of workshops/stations for parents in the new year on a Saturday- parents bring the correct documentation. All need to be completed by March 2020. HN said Saturdays are not favourable. With the DBS checks, parents need to be helping and volunteering,

Item 6

- Email addresses for sections need updating- and allocating to leaders as some parents are not getting emails.

AOB

- Banner for the group- outside the village hall, SS to contact Rob at the church hall,
- Bag packing fundraiser at Morrisons 8.12.19, need a warranted leader there (AS or NC)
- LH to complete the Christmas newsletter, ready to send to parents 20.12.19, therefore information needs to be sent to her by 2.12.19