

Minutes of Group Executive Committee Meeting on 9th September 2007

1. Chairman's Welcome

The participants were thanked for their support and welcomed to the meeting. Present were:

Richard Parker (Chair); Nick Milbank (Group Scout Leader); Sandy Wilson (Treasurer), Moira Bailey (Secretary), Neil Burrows (Scout Leader).

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jane Milbank (Beaver Scout Leader), Deborah Wilkes (Cub Scout Leader) and Jan Dear.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were tabled.

To be amended by deletion of "notes from last meeting" following actions table otherwise accepted as accurate record.

4. Review of actions/Matters arising

Actions

No.	Actionee	Description	Progress	Status
1/2	Richard	Investigate activities which can be sponsored to raise funds but also have beneficial impact, e.g. enhancing local environment.	The next Spring Clean will take place at the end of March or beginning of April 2008; arrangements will be made as soon as a date is finalised	Ongoing
2/4	a) All	Gauge level of interest in band night and/or theme night, pursue possible venues	Boswell's hall being refurbished and not expected to be available until early 2008. Other possibilities include the WI (Nick to pursue) and the Springfield Parish Centre and Marconi Social Club (Richard to pursue).	Ongoing
	b) Richard	To contact Ian re unavailability of Boswells	New action	Ongoing
2/6	Nick	Continue to interface with Council re site availability for HQ	Keeping an eye on Rugby Club planning application at Coronation Park – old club house may become available. Would need to identify whether for sale or lease if becomes available	Ongoing
3/1	Sandy/	Co-ordinate details of	Sandy is creating a	Ongoing

	Scout leaders	membership and payment status.	membership list and will provide this to the leaders, who will provide updates as appropriate. As new term is just about to begin leaders should send back update as they occur.	
3/4	Nick	Invite Jan Dear or her representative to next meeting	Invitation issued but Jan has yet to attend a meeting; Nick to maintain contact.	Ongoing
3/5	Moira	Coordinate with Jonathan re ratified minutes on website	To send Exec Minutes and AGM minutes to Jonathan Wentworth who will place on them website.	Ongoing
4/2	Scout leaders	Engage parents with a view to joining exec. committee	To take to next leaders meeting	Ongoing
4/3	Richard Moira	Confirm details regarding Boot sale Draft notice for next leaders meeting	Provisional details obtained, to be confirmed with organisers. To find out level of interest and support	Ongoing

5. Treasurer's Report

No new issues to report; the financial situation was as reported at the AGM.

6. Group Scout Leader's Report

Equipment Status :

- A party tent had been purchased from the World Jamboree.
- Following the summer camps GSL will replenish gas bottles
- Insurance claim for storm damage at Centenary Camp is still ongoing
- Neil would like some lightweight hiking tents for scouts 2 X 3 man tents.
- The Colemans will need to be replaced by lightweight tents for Cubs to use.
- The cast iron burners were a great improvement for speedy cooking and it was proposed to invest in more to reduce the use of the blue stoves.

A clear-out of non used stoves etc needed to be done to free space in the barn. Some tentage may possibly be disposed of. To be discussed at next leaders meeting.

Recruiting:

Gary Standing (Scouts) will have an interview shortly.

Victoria Scamell (Beavers) chose to take training in Scout Leadership in the context of her Duke of Edinburgh Award and is now keen to pursue this.

Paolo had been invited to attend Cubs planning meeting.

The group still needs to find a female scout leader and also akela for Royal pack.

Neil reported that Mary Walkinton was helping with scouts

Nick suggested placing an 'advert' on the police intranet to see if any interest (CRB checks needed for all leaders etc)

7. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

8. Fundraising

The quiz night held in January was a great success and it will be discussed at the next leaders' meeting whether to hold another one

9. Group HQ

No further updates

10. AOB

It was agreed that the Group should continue seek parent representatives.

The group has several Chelmsford Star CO-OP community Cards which raised points for every £1 spent. For each 1000 points the group will earn £5 which the CO-OP will double. Cards can be used in any Star CO-OP and Quadrant store.

Richard asked if any other member could host the meeting. Moira suggested maybe try a local pub to see if a quiet room was available.

Date of Next Meeting

11th November 2007. Venue to be confirmed