

Executive Meeting – 17th May 2008

Present: Dick, Lyn, Elaine, Debbie, Neil, Del, Wendy, Dave, Felicity, Paul

Apologies: Vicky, John M, Nigel, Keith, Gary, Lynn, Maggie, Jim, Carolyn, John C, Nigel,

1. Approved Minutes from last meeting

2. AGM 21st June 2008

We have sent a letter inviting the Mayor for 4pm.

Other **invites to be sent by Dick & Lyn** to District Commissioner, Tom Maddison, Des Harris, Neil Gearing. Activities – Archery, Climbing, Rifle Shooting (Only Scout age and above Must have signed parental permission) Open to parents/siblings as a ‘Have a go’ session Sessions will run from 2pm–4pm Official Business 4.15pm–5pm Activity Session 5pm–7pm with BBQ for selling burgers/hotdogs during last session.

Debbie will do note and distribute to section leaders. Rough Idea of Instructors/helpers **Dick & Paul to confirm final list/times**

Shooting

Archery

Climbing

Dave Monteith

Lyn

Paul

John Mc

Danny C

Brian

Gary

Dick

Del

Lynn

Jim

Nigel

Maggie

Keith

Elaine

Jason E

+ Assistants for each activity

3. Finance

We have been audited by the Charities Commission and has brought up the need to have consistent receipting / book-keeping across all the sections.

Leaders to mull this over to be discussed in depth at next executive meeting. **Neil to look into what is exactly required by the Charity Commission.**

4. Hall

The last working party was excellent. **Section Leaders please thank parents that attended**, it was good to see them and much appreciated. Dick now has now managed to compile a complete list of tentage. The new Marquee is still outstanding but hopefully will have arrived by Family Camp. We need to purchase/acquire fire extinguishers urgently (Dave Collins?) Need to move scaffolding from crush hall. **Next working party planned for 22nd June 2008**

5. New Hall – This was discussed as a possibility and the financial implications of trying to maintain the current hall or if now was the time to consider taking this on was. It was voted and agreed by unanimously by those present that the old building was no longer cost effective and to move forward we need to have a new hall.

Points raised during discussion;

- Separate funding would need to be found. Current fundraising pig roast, race night, webb ivory would still be used for day to day running costs and new fundraising activities be found specifically for this.
- Parents fundraising committee to be set up. Questionnaire to be set up (online?) Why parents don't attend, what they would attend, contacts, jobs (match funding Post Office, O2, Barclays) skills (legal, architect, surveyor, finance?), Web based survey is better option asking, send letters to parents asking them to opt-in (data issues)
- New Grants to be sourced for example the construction industry have a 'Fund for Youth' which specifically offers grants of £5,000 to £10,000 to building projects
- New committee would need to be set up just dealing with this issue. Dick (GSL) Paul (AGSL) Neil (Chairman) Need to look outside the group for other committee members? Possibly old 5th Dartford Members? Previous Supporters of the 5th Dartford? Local companies/builders?

- Seek advise from Field Commissioners (Paid Scouters) who help groups to do exactly this

6. Past Events

ST Georges Day – Good overall, Need a lead singer (Person from JOTT was really good) Neil said that from a Parent point of view the ‘service’ part is disappointing, (parents placed behind the speakers) but parade was very good. Better PA system needed.

JOTT – Really good day. Debbie said that in future she would have numbers/money from people before the day. Too much at Westminster Fields.

Target Shooting Comp – Really good day. Parents seemed to enjoy it. Do 10m shoot next time. Trial run for District Comp.

Edinburgh Chase – Really good only 1 explorer team but several veteran teams. Several parents have asked about taking part next year.

7. Forthcoming Events

Family Camp – Around 90 people attending. Activities booked. **Loading Van Wednesday Evening 7.30pm**

Carnival – 5th Dartford have been approached about organising the pioneering for the carnival (12 structures) Several leaders from other sections have offered help. As this will have an impact on the ‘stall’ we can do and involve most of our leaders (some from 7.30am!) in some way do we get half the profits as the other groups will? **Dick to ask Angela.**

Race Night – Tickets given out to Section Leaders. Paul asked if everyone could look for race sponsors £20 and horse sponsors £5 as well as selling the actual tickets £5 Adults £3.50 Children Inc Supper

Summer Camp – Dick took rough numbers for Summer Camp so that ferry bookings can be made Approx 1 Van, 2 Cars, 30 Foot Passengers + bikes around 50 people. Camp meeting will be on **Friday 4th July** when outstanding money will need to be paid.

Next Meeting will be
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AGM 21st June 2008