**Exec Meeting Monday 22nd Aug 2022**

**Minutes**

**Attending**

Graham, Sarah, James, Paul, Mike, Stuart, Claire, Rebecca, Jane, Helen, Stephanie, Sandra

1. Apologies from Donald, Graham informed us that he had received confirmation from Tanya (Secretary) that she was stepping down from the role due to work commitments.
2. No matters arising from last meeting
3. **Section updates:**

**Beavers**

Monday and Fridays running the same programme, Friday have 19 and Mondays 24

**Cubs**

Friday have 31, +4 leaders and 3YLs, going back 9th Sept with camp at Fordell booked for W/end 23rd Sept 48 cubs going and 7+ leaders/helpers

Mondays have 240+ 6 coming up from beavers

Graham following up with Grant re more helpers

**Scouts**

68 scouts plus 9 leaders and 4YLs

Already booked to go to Eden Rock and hopefully the gang Show this term . V successful summer camp ran a superb canoe expedition that was greatly enjoyed by all who went on it.

Easter camp 2023 already booked.

Looking to run a Summer camp 2023 with the explorers.

**Sea Scouts**

3 days at Longcraig lots of beginners all enjoyed being on the water, 11 going on power boat course at Cramond boat Club

Paul requested funding of £160.00 for fuel, agreed by Exec.

Scottish Sea Scout regatta at Lochgoihead at the end of Sept.

**Explorers**

46 + 8 new explorers in from Scouts + 5 leaders

Summer camp at Moffat, great weather, camp was TOP GUN theme.

Explorers camp in October for 2 nights.

1. **Recruitment – Executive and leaders**

Agreed that we all must try to recruit more parents for the exec, especially among the Beaver and Cub parents.

Helen Smith expressed interest in the role of Secretary and was duly appointed, proposed by graham and seconded by James. Helen will be a great asset to the group as secretary having been on the exec for a number of years.

A development weekend for Leaders has been planned for the end of November, Mike will send out an invite to Exec members as well.

1. **Finance**

Group accounts have been finalised and Sandra will send these to Ian Smith. Currently have a balance of £16597, this include funding from Benevity of £1789.00, re Plant sale, this amount will be going to Hannah Kistruck to help fund her trip to Korea next year as part of the international service team.

Section allowances were discussed and it was agreed to increase the allowances to £500.00 per section and £1000 for Scouts

Gift Aid for 2021 is still to be claimed, Sandra will need to contact Lisa about this as she is still named as the contact for Cramond on the HMRC portal. Gift Aid for 2022 still to be claimed Sandra to action .

Insurance renewals are in and to be paid

Hall Fees have been increased by 50% bringing our annual costs to £3000, it was agreed by the Exec to increase the Subs across all sections by £10.00.

Claire will draft a letter to explain the increase to parents along with information to ALL parents how to contact us if they are experiencing difficulties in any way. It was agreed by the exec and all leaders present that no youngster should miss out on their scouting experience due to financial difficulties.

1. **Fundraising**

Agreed that we would support the Xmas fayre at Cramond , running the Mulled wine and Hot Dog Stall. The date of which is not yet known. The exec will organise this.

Santa Sleigh will again go ahead, Explorers to organise

Plant sale 2023 will go ahead organised by Hannah Kistruck to add to her funds for Korea.

1. **AGM**

Agreed to be held on Friday 7th October with a BBQ afterwards, Hopefully Molly Hughes will attend Jane to organise?

1. **Equipment and Storage**

Mike expressed a need for new Leaders Tents, Dining shelters, Storm havens and Gas Burners, agreed that these are required and the group will agree funding. Mike will let the exec know prices etc although it was discussed that it could be a good time now with sales etc.

1. **Exec health Check**

Governance **Amber** -Requirement to secure more Parent Executive members from Cubs and Beavers

Operational matters **Amber** – requirement to secure gas storage behind the manse

All other matters **Green**

1. **Parent Queries**

None received

1. **AOB**

Rib service is due, Date of Christmas party TBA

1. **DoNM**
2. 17th November 2022 7.30 pm at the Church hall