

Scout Executive Meeting
23rd February 2012: Cramond Brig

Attending :

Jonathon Heaney, Graham Cullen, John Adlington

1. Apologies, Minutes and Matters arising

Apologies were given from Russell Shoulder, James Hancock, Marjory Naylor, Ian Morris & Vivienne McNiven. No matters were outstanding from the previous meeting.

2. Section Updates

Scouts

- Scout numbers holding steady.
- Good number going to Easter camp.
- Leader numbers are good with a redistribution of responsibilities ongoing.
- Within the Scouts, the feeling was that greater emphasis now required on planning activities rather than fund raising i.e. let's enjoy all the new gear we have!

GSL

- Russell reported by correspondence that the unit is operating smoothly, with good leader numbers throughout. The Parent Executive does however, need both new members and a new Secretary and Treasurer. Leaders will be asked to encourage parents to come forward, particularly amongst Beavers and Cubs.

3. Equipment

- A box trailer has been gifted to the Group and Inverleith DoE Explorers. It will be stored behind the Manse. It will require servicing (John Kenworthy looking into this) and insurance – an initial quote of £98/year has been obtained. James H and Rhoda to liaise over insurance. The previous owner has requested use of it for 1 week in the summer – dates to be agreed.
- New windsurfing equipment will be arriving shortly and storage in the cellar is very limited. Agreed that an approach to the Kirk be made to enquire if any further storage space is available.

4. Finance

- There is £11,086.65 in the bank as at end January balance, less outstanding cheques, plus outstanding deposits. Overall receipts and payments are just about balanced this year.
- Gift Aid still to be claimed while insurance and Sea Scout expenditure to follow.
- Balance includes receipt of subscriptions and payment of Capitation. Balance does not include Trinity House monies of £3,500.
- Only 1 Sub is outstanding from the start of the year - Irene Stevenson has done a great job

- The one non-payment was also the only one outstanding last year. Last year we chased both parents on several occasions and got no response. Irene has tried the same this year. It is recommended that the Exec and Leaders bring this to a head as it seems inequitable that someone should continue to Scout for free when we have to pay capitation, hall hire, etc. The Exec agreed it was unfair to penalise the Scout in question (especially given the difficult family situation) but that the GSL, Chairman and leaders should approach the parents for some payment.

5. Fundraising

- Plant sale – Sunday 13 May. Given very healthy financial situation of the Group, agreed that Scouts could take over this year's plant sale as a fundraiser for Switzerland.

6. Recruitment

- Leaders healthy
- Parent Executive requires new members, especially from Cubs and Beavers and a new Secretary and Treasurer after the AGM
- Suggested that Chairman and GSL send out a letter via sections and leaders continue to make enquiries.

7. Web site

- James Kistruck has kindly agreed to take over web site management with assistance from Paul Rogers. Thanks to both.

8. Next meeting dates

- Group Exec - Thursday 24 May 2012 – Cramond Brig
- AGM – weekend of 22-24 June @ Bonally Scout Campsite