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AGM

Held 12 June 2015

MINUTES OF MEETING

issue 2

Present:

As Recorded on the Attendance Sheet

1. The Chairman, Craig Thompson, opened the meeting by welcoming all present stating that it gave him great pleasure to report back on another successful year for Denmead Scout Group.
2. The Chairman stated he had received apologies from:
 - Bernie Reid**
 - Alan Harwood**
 - Mark Powell**
 - Mike Wall**
3. Acceptance of the 2014 AGM was proposed by Angela Harwood as an accurate record of the business discussed, and was seconded by Mark Osgood.

4. Chairman's Report -

As the Exec committee, we look after the running of the Scout Group, the finances, events and the facilities (HQ) and all the other assets we have. We meet bi-monthly and I'm lucky to have a really good bunch of exec members along with the leaders who actively contribute to the success of the Group.

I'd just like to briefly reflect upon this year's activity.

Events

Again, this years has been pretty packed with numerous events including **Santa round the village**, **Denmead Christmas festival Bag packing**, **Double Glazing (£5k)**, **Replacement rear ramp** (Courtesy of Adrian Alderslade and the boys from HTC) **Intruder Alarm replacement** which is monitored, **Trailer purchase**, **Buying a second container**. Other events of note were:-

Dinosaur Derby (best year)

What a fantastic day we had. Blessed with perfect weather we have had the best Derby ever. We have raised over £7000 towards Scouting in Denmead and we are delighted to have hosted another great day out for the community. Our grateful

thanks go to all the Leaders, Executive Committee members, our Explorer Scouts (14-18 year-olds), parents and all other helpers and supporters to make this day such a great success. And finally thank you to everyone who came and spent their money with us. We hope you had a great afternoon out. It looked like it!

Fireworks evening

Despite having to postpone the firework display from Saturday 8/11 to the Sunday because of the awful weather, the display was, as usual, well attended. Wynn Williams, our firework master and his team once again outdid themselves with an amazing display in the hour of dry weather between the rain showers! Many people who attended commented that our display was better than the one at Cosham - high praise indeed! We hope to see you all again next year

Facilities

From an HQ perspective, we continue to make best use of the HQ. We are lucky to have Busy Bees day care during the day, with the various groups using the hall in the evenings and weekend.

This year we have invested in th

Solar Panels

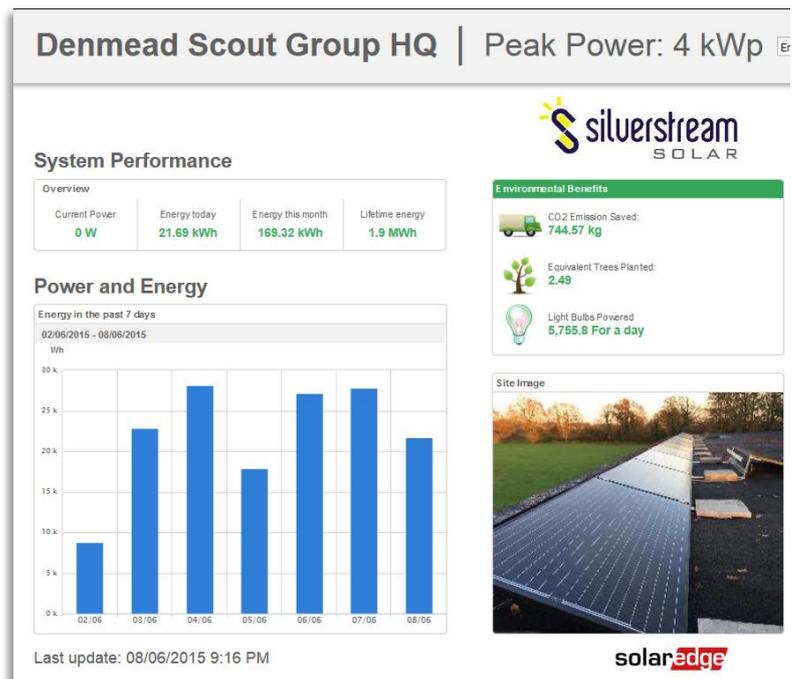
We now have electric solar panels installed and working on the roof of the HQ.

This project was commissioned and sponsored by our Executive Committee with a generous grant from Denmead Parish Council. We are able to generate up to 4kW/h of green energy.

We will gain income from the Government's Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) for every unit of

electricity we generate, we will benefit from a reduction in our electricity bills and will be made an additional payment for electricity generated which we don't use!

The solar array is connected to our Wi-Fi network and we can monitor its performance online. We hope to have this information displayed on the website once our technical nerds have loaded the necessary software



Recruitment

I'm sure Ange will mention this in her GSL report, but again we are in need of additional leaders. We still have plenty of opportunities of positions in the Exec.

Web site & Technology

During the year, the DSG web site has been fully revamped and has become increasingly helpful to find out what's going on at camp via the blog. Please check it out- it's really good

Finances

We continue to maintain good control of the finances, and Mark Osgood will talk though the year in a bit of detail. The main benefits this year due to some of the revenue generating events and fundraising activities, we subsidised some of the camps (HOO14) by £40, and have continued to donate to charity

We are looking to the future in the way we budget and making sure that we have money funds to spend on the scout hut HQ when required.

Conclusion

Please enjoy the rest of the day, the BBQ, fun activities, and if you are staying over, I look forward to chatting with you later.

5. Group Scout Leader Report

Leadership

We currently have a brilliant leadership team who are providing great programmes for your children on a weekly basis. We had a mini crisis last summer when we lost a couple of leaders in the Scout section and had to run fortnightly meetings for the term. Thankfully Manning stepped up to the challenge of being a leader again after helping regularly as a troop assistant.

We now have a new challenge as some of our Cub leaders will be moving up to the scout section with their children, so we are not losing them as leaders but could definitely do with a couple of extra leaders in Cubs.

We have also lost a few of our leaders in beavers so they could also do with some extras.

As you can see, we need to continue to recruit so that as leaders leave, move away or retire we always have enough to carry on providing excellent programmes. So if you think you would like to have fun being a leader and are willing to commit to at least one meeting per month then please have a chat with me or one of the other leaders afterwards.

The Sections

All the sections have been busy this past year, with over 900 badges being awarded throughout the group. Including Dragon boating, Disability Awareness and Astronomers.

We have awarded 11 Bronze Chief Scout awards to beavers, 5 Silver CSA to cubs, 1 Gold CSA to scouts with quite a few more due soon and a gold D of E to one of our explorer scouts. We also have 8 of our explorers working towards their Young Leader belt and helping at the other sections.

The programmes across the sections have been varied and exciting. We strive to provide adventure for every member, for beavers this may be getting wet at the Fire Station, for our Explorers it can be the opportunity to visit another country.

We have also provided the opportunity for all our members to experience various nights away. The beavers stayed overnight at our HQ, sleeping in tents indoors.

Camping

Our whole group attended the County camp H0014 last summer. This was a fantastic experience for us all and we all tried lots of new activities.

The Cubs and Scouts have had quite a few weekend camps as well. The most recent was the Scouts "I'm a scout, get me out of here!" based on the TV programme. There is a video being shown of this camp so make sure you have a look afterwards.

The Explorers went to France in October and had a great week experiencing French life.

Camping is a big part of Scouting and we love it! However in order to provide lots of opportunities for camping requires the leaders to give up quite a bit of their holidays and weekends. With families and work commitments this isn't always possible. So we are looking to recruit a camping team, using parents, ex scouts etc who don't have the time or necessarily the inclination to help with the weekly meetings but would be happy to help out at camps. So if any of you think you'd like to join this team then come and see me afterwards.

Four of our Explorers are heading off to Japan in July for the World Scout Jamboree. And another 4 are going to an international camp in Iceland. You have probably noticed the vast amount of fundraising that we've been doing for this. With our help the group of 10 from the district who are going to Japan have raised a total of £43000! So well done to them.

We are looking forward to them telling us all about their experiences when they return.

Going forward, there are 6 Scouts going to Switzerland next summer and in 4 years time there will be another world scout jamboree in the US which some of you here will be able to apply for. We are committed to helping our scouts to raise the funds for these trips so that it is open to everyone, not just the ones who can afford to pay. To that end we are setting up an international fund in the group which we will be constantly fundraising for.

The raffle tonight will be put towards this. We also have the clothing bank in the car park which provides regular cash.

Community

I am proud to say that we are very active in the community - our Dinosaur derby is the biggest event in the Denmead calendar, we continue to organize the annual open air Carols and our Santa round the village has become a tradition. The firework display each year sees more and more people attending. We also help out at various other events run by other groups. So I think we are demonstrating the best side of scouting to Denmead

We are lucky to have a very supportive Executive Committee who take care of all the administration of the HQ, insurance etc, so that the leaders can concentrate on having fun with the children!

We currently have a total of 152 young people between 6 and 18 experiencing scouting in Denmead, which I believe makes us the largest group in Waterloo. Hopefully we can continue to grow and do our best!

Here's to another successful year

Presentations

Chris Hiron: Chris has been managing our HQ bookings for a good many years but has now handed this over to someone else. We would like to thank her for doing a great job.

The GSL concluded her report with a plea for additional Scout Leaders, particularly for Beavers as the current leaders were looking to move on as their children progressed through the Scouting Organisation.

6. Treasurers Report -

Can I start by thanking the Section Treasurers - Debbie, Claire, Ange, Andy and Alan - for their hard work during the year and for getting their accounts ready for audit.

The accounts have been finalised and audited (although they are still be signed by the scrutineer, for logistical reasons) and they are available for inspection.

I am pleased to say that it has been another successful year and we have continued to build on the stable financial base that has been created in the last few years. Another very profitable Dinosaur Derby and all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers paying their membership, together with the strong financial position at the end of last year, has allowed us to start investing in the assets and equipment of the Group, so that the Group has a long term stable financial base.

1. **Monetary assets**

Start of the year: £29,542.33 (£17,977.61 Group and remainder is Subs/Sections)

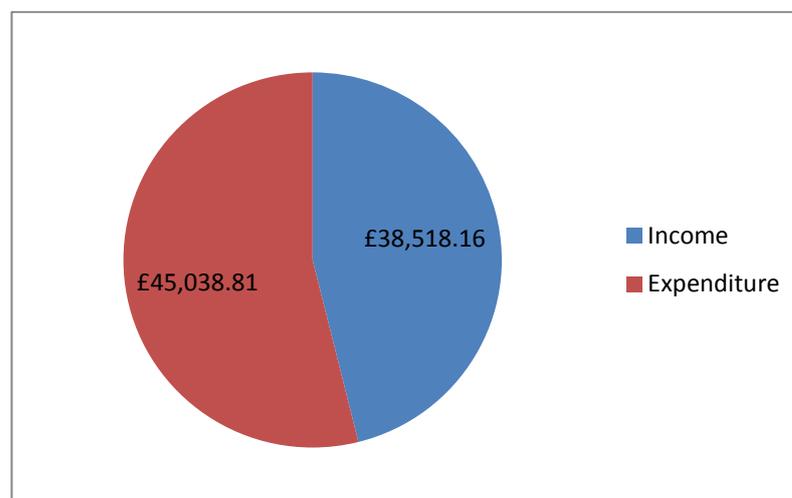
End of the year: £16,898.03 (£13,127.64 Group and remainder is Subs/Sections)

2. **Liabilities**

Start of the year: £5,994.04 (of which £5,162.60 is the District Capitation payment)

End of the year: £1,022.26

3. **Income and Expenditure for 2014/2015**



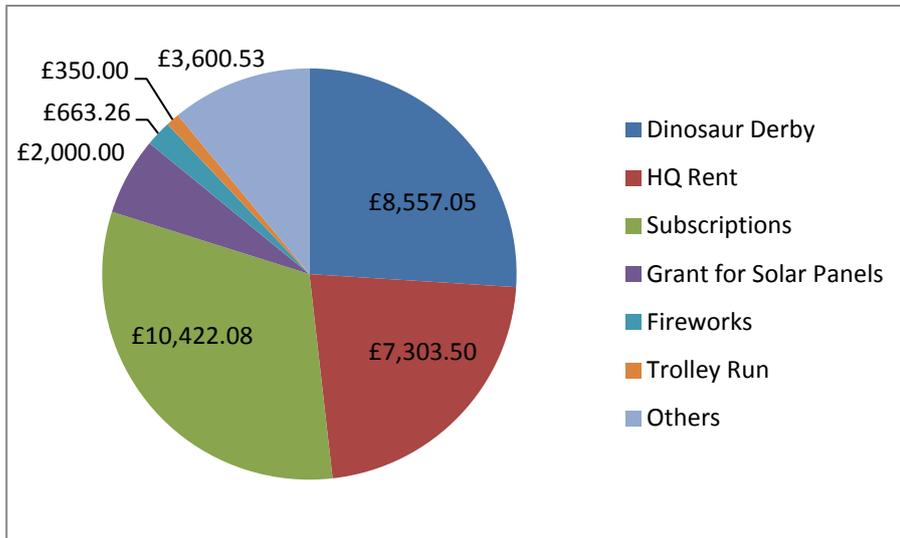
Group Income 2014/15

Dinosaur derby: £8,557.05 (up from £6,544.10 last year)

HQ Rent: £7,303.50 (up from £6,875.00 last year) - Busy Bees, Scout Shop and

Scout Groups Subscriptions: £10,422.08 (up from £9,304.22 last year)

Parish Council Grant: £2,000.00 - for solar panels



Group Expenses 2014/15

Capitation: £5,411.60 - (up from £5,162.60 last year) paid as an annual subscription to Waterlooville District to support scouting

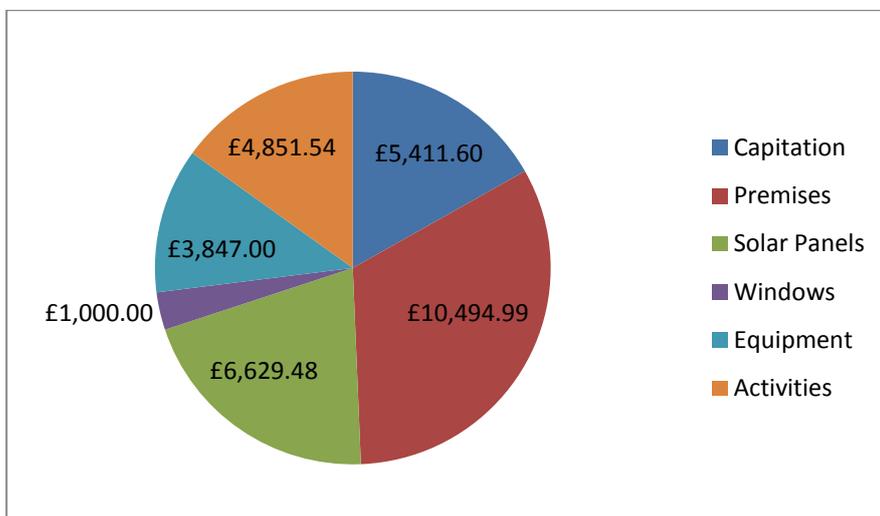
Premises costs: £10,494.99 (up from £9,128.18 last year) - to include Insurance, Utilities, Maintenance

Solar Panels £6,629.48 - capital expenditure

Replacement Windows (deposit) £1,000.00 - capital expenditure

Equipment purchase £3,847.00 - Container, Trailer and other equipment

Activities: £4,851.54 - Group activities and to support fundraising



4. Budget

The Executive Committee is now working to a provisional 10 year budget focusing on the following three areas:-

- a) Annual costs
- b) 10 year Maintenance Plan
- c) Equipment Purchase Plan

The intention is to set aside at least £3,000 per year to cover future maintenance and equipment purchase, so that money is available when needed.

5. New accounting package

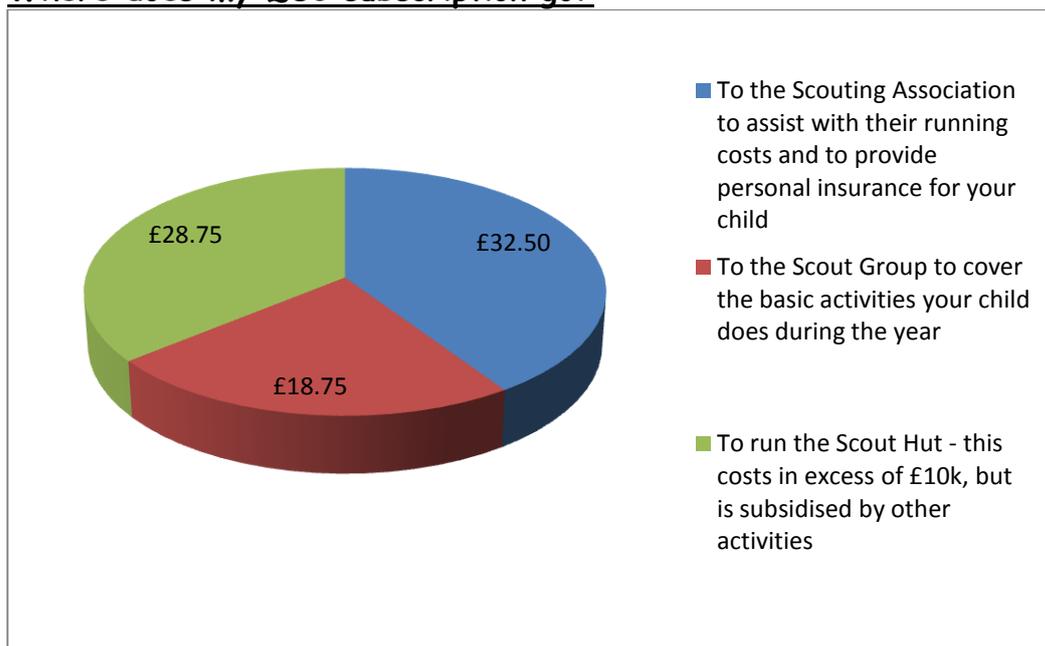
We have updated our accounting package to make it a lot easier for budget planning and maintaining financial control, especially in light of our Maintenance and Equipment planning.

It has the added advantage of making it easier for a new Treasurer to take over...!

6. Summary

We are in a very good financial position, we are investing in our premises and equipment and we are able to plan for the longer term to give our children a safe and sustainable environment to enjoy their scouting.

Where does my £80 subscription go?



7. **Election of Chairman for the Executive Committee 2015 - 2016**

Angela Harwood nominated Craig Thompson for continuation in the post. Craig agreed to remain Chair and the nomination and the nomination was seconded by Angela Cottrell.

8. **Executive members/leaders standing down**

Craig stated he had received notice that Phil Rowe would be standing down from the Executive Committee

9. **Election of members on the Executive Committee 2015 - 2016**

All current members of the Executive Committee present agreed to remain on the Executive Committee

10. **Election of Officers**

Group Treasurer - Mark Osgood is standing down as the Group Treasurer and proposed the position be filled by Pam Allsop-Smith. This nomination was seconded by Mark Osgood

Group Secretary - Angela Harwood proposed Bernie Reid remains in post as Group Secretary and this nomination was seconded by Angela Cottrell

Subscriptions manager/treasurer - Angela Harwood reported that Henriette Reinders had agreed to remain in this post therefore she nominated Henriette to remain in this position. This nomination was seconded by Pam Allsop-Smith.

11. **Group Auditor** - Mark Osgood stated the Group Auditor would again be Jim Sims.

12. **Group News**

The GSL gave a brief overview of what had been happening in the Group. Currently there are 5 Explorers going to the World Jamboree in Japan this July and a further 4 Explorers of to Iceland at the same time.

Given this wonderful opportunity, it has been agreed the Rag Bin in the car park would continue for the foreseeable future to continue to raise funds for an International Fund that will be set up this year to assist members of the Denmead Scouting Group to be able to participate in future International comps.

The whole group participated in the HO14 camp held in Dorset last year and a good time was had by all - photos on the web page

The GSL also reminded everyone present of the 'Easy Fundraising' website where anyone could raise 'free' money for the Group in everyday internet purchases and it will cost nothing, encouraging everyone to sign up.

13. With no questions from Attendees, the Chairman then closed the meeting for official business.

14 Group Presentations and Awards

The County Commissioner, Mr Adam Jollens, presented Angela Harwood with the Scouts Silver Acorn Award for 25 years' service to Scouts.

He also awarded Richard Garrard for 20 years' service, Mike Gaskin for 25 years, Susan Reid for 25 years' and John Theobald-Morgan for 5 years' service.

Other presentations made were:

For building hire secretary - Chris Hiron
Sailability Bravery Award - Claire Harwood for remaining calm whilst her sailing instructor decided to take a cooling swim.

I'm a Scout, Get Me Out Of Here! Eating Challenge - Pippa Urry

I'm a Scout, Get Me Out Of Here! King Of The Jungle - Adam Cottrell

Awards won by the group this year include

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Spring Ahead Challenge Land rover Pull

Pickaxe Explorer Challenge

Langstone Sailability Challenge

With all Scouting business complete, the Chair closed the meeting for all attendees to enjoy the BBQ

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