

**Minutes of a meeting of 1st Bradley Stoke Scout Group
Executive Committee Meeting was held at Holy Trinity Church
on Friday 5th May 2017 at 19.30**

Attendees:

Nick Nelson (Group Chair)	Clive Mason (GSL)
Hugh Thorpe (Group Treasurer)	Dave Pace (AGSL – Cubs)
Ian Bakewell (Group Waiting List Coordinator)	Kath Robinson (AGSL – Beavers)
Matt Calloway (Youth Representative)	

Apologies received from:

Barbara Holliday (Group Secretary)
Belinda Hodgson (Group Fundraising)
Dan Shadbolt (AGSL – Scouts)
Alan Chinnock (Group Quartermaster)
Jo Bland (Group Administrator)
Tomi Hernija (Water Activity Unit)
Mike Carr (Water Activity Unit)
Scott Warburton (Youth Representative)
Gareth Hardwick (Explorer Scout)

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies received from Barbara Holliday, Belinda Hodgson, Dan Shadbolt, Alan Chinnock, Jo Bland, Tomi Hernija, Mike Carr, Scott Warburton and Gareth Hardwick.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting and Action List

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Action List was agreed as correct but required each member to update the secretary as to current progress.

3. Group Update / Issues

CM explained that he would be attending section planning meetings in future, principally to give them a situational awareness of the Group's members and its direction.

He reported that there were now 12 leaders holding Wood badges with many completing their training. He would be pressing for all section leaders to complete as soon as practical.

There had been a recent meeting to examine the North Fringe area (of which Bradley Stoke is part) and see what could be done to meet demand where it was low whilst better meetings areas (like Bradley Stoke) where demand is

<p>significant. Discussions continue but it may be that this area separates from Brunel District and forms a new District to allow better leadership. CM is supporting all this work and will update at future meetings.</p>	
<p>4. Youth Rep Update</p> <p>MattC explained that the Youth Reps wanted to visit each section once a term to understand what program ideas young people had, including likes and dislikes. There was a discussion that there needed to be a theme so that they could better inform section planning. AGSLs were requested to facilitate these meetings with sections and to come up with the theme (likely to be separate for Beavers , Cubs and Scouts).</p>	<p>AGSLs</p>
<p>5. Development Plan</p> <p>There had been no comments on the development plan, despite adding leads to the majority of items and requesting confirmation that individuals were content. NN to circulate again to the Exec.</p> <p>CM outlined the Summit 17 and Beyond initiative, which is the new strategy The Scout Association is developing in looking beyond 2018 when the current strategy expires. He had added a hyperlink to the agenda for info and will be setting up an evening for adults involved across the Group to both inform them and gain their views.</p>	<p>NN</p>
<p>6. Finance Position</p> <p>HT explained that Dunkley’s were already reviewing the accounts for last year.</p> <p>The management accounts showed that we had acted prudently throughout the year and there was a small surplus at year end against budget.</p> <p>The budget for the current financial year had been circulated and was agreed.</p> <p>The new subscription method – using OSM – is going well. After a discussion on young people moving between sections which will stop any subscription agreement, AGSLs are to set up a new subscription when they accept them into the new sections. The Treasurer team would maintain their oversight of the process and would step in if anything was missed.</p> <p>CM enquired about Gift Aid and HT explained that after receiving one year’s Gift Aid, the team are now working towards the final four years’ worth which is very mandraulic requiring paper records that align to OSM records. However at the end of this financial year, the move to online subs will mean it will take minutes to complete the paperwork.</p>	
<p>7. Quartermaster Report</p> <p>NN explained that AC will not routinely attend the meeting in future but will provide him with an update. AC is taking forward the disposal of items from the</p>	

<p>container that were beyond economic repair and labeling assets against the inventory list.</p> <p>AC has ensured that the 14 Vango five man tents are all complete (outer, inner, poles, pegs and bag) ahead of Group Camp. NN pointed out that we have a significant number of tents that we were previously unaware of on the new inventory list (extract circulated separately). He would be investigating their fitness with AC.</p>	
<p>8. Fundraising Update</p> <p>NN had an update from BJH.</p> <p>Sainsbury vouchers have now finished being issued and any remaining must be in the collecting box by the end of June. AGSLs to advise what equipment they would like to procure.</p> <p>The Swimathon in November continues to gather pace, working closely with MikeC. Her work is helping with promotional material fro Children in Need (one of the charities we are going to support) and we so will have a Pudsey Bear costume to borrow. Volunteers to wear it!</p> <p>Bag packing was booked for 30 September. Tea towels for Beavers and Cubs will also be in September so could AGSLs look to add this to that terms section planning.</p> <p>Whilst Town Festival is later, BJH is looking at options for van hire for both that and Group Camp. CM had a suggestion for another company to try (contacts provided separately).</p>	<p>AGSLs</p> <p>All</p> <p>AGSLs</p>
<p>9. Water Rats Unit Update</p> <p>NN had an update from MikeC.</p> <p>A very successful leader fun day had recently taken place (many photos on the leaders Facebook page).</p> <p>The Water Rats programme is now fully booked with many District Groups also attending. Still receiving requests for more including from – ahem – Girl Guides!</p> <p>There are 15 Scouts attending the Scout Regatta (10 June).</p> <p>A new helper to the team requires an occasional helper form and interview.</p> <p>Four non-Water Rat leaders from the Group have attended the County raft building training and they will be assessed over the coming season.</p> <p>MikeC has recently attended the BCU 3 star touring course and the BCU coach</p>	<p>CM</p>

<p>level 1 course recently, which will further extend the program in future.</p> <p>MattC asked whether they had considered Zorbing opportunities on the lake. Water Rates to consider costs and likelihood of agreement.</p>	Water Rats
<p>10. Marching Band</p> <p>KR advised that an inventory of equipment would shortly be sent to the Secretary and that two new members had joined the band after the recent membership event. There are now 12 members who are working towards their next event at the Town Festival.</p>	
<p>11. Independent Learning Resource for Managers and Scouting</p> <p>CM explained The Scout Association had just refreshed training and this now provided significant training for Exec members to draw on. He would circulate the link.</p>	CM
<p>12. District AGM</p> <p>This has now been moved to 21 September. AGSLs and Exec to consider attending.</p>	All
<p>13. Events</p> <p>Town Festival</p> <p>CM has asked the council to ensure the fencing is delivered nearer to us this year (last year we had to walk this across the site, which was slow and tied up resources).</p> <p>DP made a suggestion to invite Little Stoke Scout Group to be part of our stalls. They might run a game in one of the tents whilst drumming up interest rather than young people coming to Bradley Stoke.</p> <p>BJH has asked for everyone to think about ideas for game</p> <p>The poor signage the archery was discussed and CM will obtain some proper signs this year, which the Exec were content to fund.</p> <p>Group Camp</p> <p>With the limited time available for Water Rats at the lake, we may not go forward with this option (but a slide may be considered instead) and the consequent need to utilise the 1st Thornbury minibus. A meeting the following week has been convened to review Group camp preparations.</p> <p>France 2017</p> <p>As a remembrance visit would be included, the Exec agreed to the purchase of a wreath. CM to look at options.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>

<p>14. Wish List</p> <p>The Exec agreed to the purchase of a flag pole, two large drinks dispensers to augment our two small versions (which are also old) and three griddle pans. These would all be used to support Group camp.</p>	<p>CM</p>
<p>15. Health and Safety / Lease Holder Issues</p> <p>NN advised that he had reviewed the Accident Register, there were only minor injuries with no trends of concern.</p> <p>He had asked the council to explain why the tables had been moved out of the hall in Brook Way and was awaiting a reply. However he had spotted a radiator missing from one wall and the inference is a flood over the Easter period.</p>	
<p>16. Any Other Business</p> <p>CM explained there had been a discussion with the Town Council on the redevelopment of Brook Way, looking at permanent storage rather than using containers. He would share this.</p> <p>NN had a request from BarbH to remind AGSLs that their annual report entries are required by 12 May 17.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>AGSLs</p>
<p>Date of Next Meetings</p> <p>June 2017 (date to be confirmed) 12th July 2017 AGM</p>	<p>BarbH</p>