

**48th Fife Scout Group Executive
Minutes of Meeting held on 1st May 2014**

Present Jeremy Lancaster (Chairperson), Jeremy Meakin (SL), Peter Merckel (CSL), Steve Morton, Elaine Pert (GSL), Pat Ritchie, Gordon Stevenson (SL), Barrie Wilson (CSL).

Apologies Paul Field, Eric Ross, Iain Stevenson.

Finances The Group has funds of £37,438.91 with outstanding commitments of £12,500 (this includes £5000 emergency fund and approx £3,500 of camp money)

The bill for the Council bin contract has been paid and full rates relief of £1,400 has been received

Eric has made an application for Gift Aid under the bucket money scheme on £400 collected at a bag pack for camp funds. An application for Gift aid has also been made on membership subscriptions.

Camp fund received a grant of £844 from HBOS.

The Group received a grant/donation for £90 from the District as our share of a Shell grant to the District which will be used for health and safety.

The "rogue transaction" reported at the last meeting has been resolved.

Hall Letting No problems

Chernobyl Children It was agreed that the minibus would be available to them during their visit except for the last day as it is booked for camps.

Minibus and trailer Booked for gala.

Group Scout Leaders Report Beavers have moved up to Cubs and new Beavers are now starting. The District camp was held on 25th to 27th April and was very successful. The Service was taken by Iain Stevenson.

Jim Thompson has gifted wood carvings of beavers with the river names to both Beaver colonies. These are now displayed in the hall and much admired.

Two leaders of the Group received awards in recognition of their service.

Gordon Stevenson has been awarded the Silver Acorn and Elaine Pert awarded the Bar to the Silver Acorn. Both Leaders were congratulated on these achievements.

Memorial Bench On going

Website Jeremy continues to liaise with Derek Walker regarding the old website. Jeremy will contact Paul to discuss development of the new site.

Folding Chairs On going

Mailbox Installed

Maintenance Issues raised at last meeting have now been addressed

Photoboard This will be completed and installed for the AGM

Thanks Badge It was agreed that Sheila Hanlon and Mark Forrester would be invited to the AGM to be presented with a Thanks Badge.

AGM This will be held on 29th May at 7.30pm. Each section and the Executive will have a table for a display.

Project COMPASS Introduction has been delayed.

Equipment It was agreed to purchase new tents, 2 gas urns, gas fridge, groundsheets for patrol tents (Gordon will source groundsheets). It was also agreed to replace the projector. Barrie will look into this.

Gala The Group have booked three stalls for the gala which will be held on 7th June.

1. Bottle Stall
2. Circus Stall Hire equipment from Fordell
3. Promotional Trailer. The promotional trailer from Fordell is not available so it was agreed to use our own trailer as a promotional trailer.

Jeremy will send out letter to parents requesting bottles for the stall.

Biomass Boiler The pipe has now been installed and a fan unit Will be provided free of charge to the Group This will be situated on the rear wall and may need to be protected. Energy from the biomass boiler will be the main source of energy for heating the hall and charged at 5p/Kwhr. Consideration was given to whether there would be a written agreement to these terms and if a safety check would require to be carried out. Peter will check with the installer what is required. If any additional wiring is needed it was agreed to ask Clive Nisbet to do this.

Tent Hire. The Bowling club has requested the hire of the mess tent on 11/5/14, 18/5/14, 25/5/14, 28/6/14 & 11/8/14. It was agreed that payment should be made prior to hire following problems recovering payment in the past.

Hand Washer in Toilet The sensor on the hand washer is not working well and it was decided to change this to an instantaneous heater

Date of next meeting AGM 29th May 2014 7.30pm in Scout hall