

## North London District Executive Meeting Minutes

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

Held at Scout Park

Present at the meeting: Brian Hosier (chair), John Cronin (DC), Dennis Rowen, Andrew Illman, Aileen Barry, Chris Thorpe, John Walker, Martin Linsey, Marlon Marton-Bell (arr. 8.15, dep. 9.10), Jack Timbrell (arr. 8.50)

1. The meeting began with a few moments for personal reflection
2. Apologies: Sally Symons
3. Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive were approved and signed by the chair
4. Matter Arising from minutes of the last meeting:
  - a. Appointment of Treasurer: no treasurer has been appointed. Members are asked to seek a suitable person for this role
  - b. Accounts of former Haringey district are with Charity commission  
Accounts of former CCI district are ready to go to charity commission (since discovered already filed).  
The legacy has not yet been received
5. Reports from sub-committees
  - a. Finance: Papers showing finances and notes had been circulated before the meeting
    - i. Management accounts: major expenditures are repairs and improvement to Scout Park and District Camp (see below). Income from Scout Park is good, the shop is doing well, Brian H is to write to thank Jackie and Louisa. Improvements at Scout Park should generate more income.
    - ii. Explorer accounts: these are part of the district management account but were shown separately for this meeting. There have been lots of transactions. There is still some monies to be paid in for summer camps. The Executive committee is also the executive for each Explorer unit. Brian H is to meet with Wild Wolf and Kings Cross units to go through accounts with them.
    - iii. District Camp: this has run at a deficit which was larger than expected. It was noted that this spend had not been approved by the executive. A number of groups who were expected did not attend or attended with lower numbers than expected which accounted for some of overspend. John C is to seek feedback from non-attendees. It was reported that it was a good camp. The committee were concerned at deficit and felt this should not reoccur.
    - iv. Accounting date for North London District: 30.6.15 was proposed and agreed by the committee.

- v. Annual account from groups are required; some have already been submitted.
  - vi. Pantomime: the finances are not shown in District accounts as currently money is sent to district by Pantomime organisers. This is not correct procedure as it is a joint venture with Southgate. Accounts will be requested and the figures put into the District accounts.
  - vii. Holloway Road: Brian H has been advised that the flat should be charged at £500 per week for rent. A deal of £9K to furnish and manage that flat was proposed; if the same company furnish the flat for worker this will raise a discount. Executive approved Aileen B and Brian H to review, negotiate and action on behalf of the committee.
  - viii. Subscriptions: The following amounts have been circulated in regard to subscriptions for 2016: HQ: £25; County £12. Subscriptions will be for youth members only. It was agreed that for this year the district would not be asking for any additional subscriptions from groups. There was some discussion as to the rise in the county subscription. It was pointed out that this pays for adult leader training and the development manager; and that the county do not fund raise.
- b. Property:
- i. Scout Park: notes were circulated at the meeting in regard to projects completed in the last 12 months and those proposed.
    - The committee were asked to approve the project to rebuild the Sheridan Hall. Proposals with a specifications, drawings and quotations for cost from three builders were circulated. If this work is to be completed to desired schedule it would need to be approved and actioned before the next meeting. It was agreed that John W would work with Martin L to review the project and that they would send a recommendation out to members of the committee for an email approval or disapproval so as to keep to preferred dates.
  - ii. Holloway Road: The date for the property to be handed over has been put back to mid-September 2015. It was therefore proposed to postpone the official opening date until January 2016 . This was agreed. John C is to contact those already invited in regard of the change of date. John C and Brian H to set the new date for January.(now confirmed as 15<sup>th</sup>)  
Signage on the windows to be confirmed. Agreed to install telephone line as Broadband will be needed.
  - iii. Rammey Island: Martin L has meet with Mark Butterick re the health and safety which is now in place. Another meeting is to take place in August. It is proposed to include the booking system for this facility into that of Scout Park, and to include links to it on the

web site so as to improve the promotion. Mark Butterick has asked for funding for his training. It was suggested that the avenue of funding through HQ be explored with Julian Fulbrook.

- iv. District Stores in Canonbury: has a wasp nest; and a possible leak reported.
- c. Appointments: The committees for the north and south of the district have met and the minutes of the meetings circulated prior to the executive meeting. There were no matters arising.
  - i. John C reports that there are some GSLs who are by-passing the system by putting people onto the data-base; he is to address this. There is now a process where by any adult put onto the database must have a DBS check in process within a month or the appointment is closed.
  - ii. The committee for the south of the district is seeking more members
6. Explorer/ Network Report: given by John C.
  - a. There is expectation that a new DESC will be in place in the autumn.
  - b. Hampstead unit hope to have a new leader in Autumn
  - c. Kings Cross request £100 towards a cup designed by the unit and to be made with a 3D printer. Sponsorship has been gained. The request agreed to by the executive.
7. SAS Report: it was reported that the SAS had had a successful bar-b-que.
8. District Camp: It was agreed that Phasels Wood be booked for the camp in May 2017. It was agreed this event must expect to break even on costs. The district are to explore provision of transport to the campsite.
9. District Commissioner Report: John C gave an overview of where new leaders has or were expected to start.  
The Pantomime is seeking a Director of Music and encouraging more young people to participate.
10. Chairpersons Report:
  - a. It was noted that the Finance and Buildings sub-committees had not met and it is hoped these will do so before the next meeting.
  - b. John Mazoni died in June. Some members attended his funeral.
11. Dates for future meetings:
  - a. Next meeting 28.10.15, 7.30pm at Scout Park
  - b. The dates of meeting following this to be decided at a future date. Days that would be best were discussed; it was felt that alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays would be the best option although this would still mean some members could not attend on one of these days.
12. A.O.B
  - a. It was asked if the county are still paying for OSM (online Scout Manager); answer no
  - b. Marlon MB requested a grant of £2,100 to support an Explorers and Network cycle expedition from London to Paris. 22 members are taking part and the grant would support cost for those who have low income. Any equipment purchased would become part of Scout Park stock.

Committee agreed. John C and Dennis R are to explore Jack Petchey awards as source for the funding also.

13. Meeting closed at 10pm