

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stotfold Scout Group

## Minutes of the Leaders' Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**Present:** Nick Peace, Jan Peace, Julie Boughton, Clare Kilby (from 2030), Michael Le Sage, John Christopher, Rebecca Thurlby, Victoria Evans, Chris Moir, Gemma Waghorn, Siân Dent

**Apologies:** Peter Evans, Sarah Gayfer-Toms

### 1. Minutes of the last meeting / Matters Arising

The minutes from the last meeting (10<sup>th</sup> June) were agreed. An issue of poor behaviour in Cubs was discussed, Siân confirmed that this has improved after a recent review, and Louise is paying close attention to the individual involved. Nick suggested getting the involved leaders together periodically to remind them of the agreed process, especially this session.

### 2. Section News

**Cheyenne** – They had a good finish to the summer term and a great last evening at Standalone Farm. The summer Funday at Gilwell was excellent. Nick commented that the support for Michael and Cheyenne from other leaders was much appreciated.

**Chickasaw** – They have no problems. Again, a good finish to the summer term and the plan for this term is in place.

**Cubs – Cherokee & Comanche** – Making ropes (towards the new pioneering badge) and an annual water games night were highlights from the end of the summer term. A potential new ACSL (Martin) has been identified for Mondays who seems very keen. Sarah will stand down from ACSL to become Pack Assistant. They are camping at Boyd Field on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Nick will be interested to hear how they get on at Boyd Field as he and others have provided Boyd with a lot of feedback and will be interested to hear whether this has been acted upon.

**Scouts** – Summer Camp on the Isle of Wight was amazing, and they recently had an APL/PL camp which went well. A great program is in place for this term.

**Explorers** – No issues. Again they had a great Summer Camp on the Isle of Wight, and Chris passed on his thanks to the Scout Leaders for their assistance. This term they are focussing on the Platinum award and Chris hopes to have 5 or 6 through this by Christmas. Lewis will be starting as AESL soon; his CRB is completed and will have his district appointment interview in due course. Pete is still helping until Christmas and Jim when possible.

### 3. GSL

**Moving On** - The lists were discussed and corrected.

**New Website** - A sheet detailing the areas for leaders to check and familiarise themselves with was given out by Nick and discussed (this is attached with the minutes). Key points: report issues through Nick, not Graham; check thoroughly the 'static' areas for each section and amend through Nick as appropriate; Leaders to try adding new posts and new events; Nick gave out usernames and passwords for each section and requested that passwords are not changed. There was a discussion about whether leader phone numbers should be on the contacts page and it was agreed that each section needs to check their contact details and amend or add to this section as appropriate.

Several areas are still being worked on: i) how posts appear on the front page, ii) getting calendar events to roll into posts, iii) photos in 'carousel' form – Nick will send an email detailing how to do this once the process has been established and tested. Nick would like the new site to launch in October – feedback from leaders requested ASAP, and certainly within the next two weeks please.

**Compass** – All leader details from Backpack are being moved across, at some point this term we will be asked to move our young person's details over which can be done as a .csv upload, typed in, or as a one-off opportunity to export from OSM. Nick's understanding is that Compass and OSM will not be linked in the future, and commented that Compass has to be kept up to date as information for the Census will be drawn from Compass.

**Training** – Nick commented that leader training is going well. There is likely to be a Module 1&3 training session at Stotfold Scout Hut on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept or Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Oct (Nick to confirm dates in a forthcoming GSL Chat). Validation evenings are at Boyd Field on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct and Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**Other** – Victoria has taken on the role of Fire Officer. Nick will send out a GSL chat soon. Nick will be stepping down as GSL, most probably at the end of March, which will hopefully allow time for a new GSL to be in place by the AGM.

#### 4. **Supporters**

A total of approximately £1400 was raised by the Stotfold Stomp sponsored hike – all leaders agreed that this was amazing and thanked John McBurney for his efforts. There was a discussion about whether this should be an annual event or every two years. There was support from John C, Nick, Clare and Cub leaders to run the event next year, making the most of John McBurney's commitment and supporting him while he has the enthusiasm for the event, then reviewing next year how to proceed in future years. A Jumble Sale and Quiz are Supporter's events planned for this term. John McBurney will email out (via leaders) a Supporters Questionnaire to parents.

#### 5. **Stotfold Newsletter**

Nick is coordinating the Stotfold Newsletter now. Cheyenne are next in the rota, then Chickasaw.

The rota for this year is as follows:-

<b>NEWSLETTER ROTA</b>					
To be sent to Nick by the end of the month					
<b>2014</b>				<b>Issue Month</b>	
30 September		Cheyenne Beavers		Nov-14	
31 October		Chickasaw Beavers		Dec-14	
30 November		Group Remembrance		Jan-15	
31 December		Cubs		Feb-15	

#### 6. **AOB**

Michael brought up the request from the last meeting for a barrier could be put up to stop Beavers getting from the field to the front of the Scout Hut. Clare/Nick to discuss with Ray.

Nick to check when the 1<sup>st</sup> Stotfold Scout group was founded in response to a query from Rebecca.

Michael to buy his leader uniform once he's completed modules 1 and 3. Michael has completed his practise expedition in the Peak District, the real one is now planned for half term, which will then complete his Queen Scout requirements.

Siân noted that Andrew has requested information from leaders regarding proposed new equipment that should be considered for purchase to help him with his budget planning for next year.

Gemma requested that collecting Sainsbury's vouchers is pushed across all sections next time around as they are valuable for sourcing smaller items of kit.

Chris requested that the Explorers take an active part in the Remembrance day service and Nick agreed, commenting that it will be a similar format to last year probably, and will push for them to be involved in reading the names of the fallen, and prayers.

Jan is now in charge of the waiting lists.

John (on Peter's behalf) asked for meeting dates to be circulated – Nick confirmed that these will be in the next GSL Chat.

**Please note that the next meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.45pm at the Scout Hut**