

3rd HAZEL GROVE SCOUT GROUP

Minutes of AGM Tuesday 10 May 2016

Present. Refer to the signed attendance sheet.

Apologies. Claire Jarvis/ Neil Phillips/ Derek Hesketh/ Pete Wood/ Rob Massey/ Hayden Jarvis.

In the absence of the Group President, the meeting was opened by Dave Phillips the Group Chairman. Minutes of the previous AGM were circulated and approved. Section reports for the year were read by the relevant Section Leader, please see attached.

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Lee Allsopp, the new District Commissioner for Ladybrook Valley. Lee gave the meeting a brief review of his background, mentioning the historical links and friendship between 3rd and 1st Hazel Grove. Other items presented, were the importance of good communications, sharing of good practice and his plans for the future. In addition, Lee outlined the new District plans and the importance of new Leaders. Presentations were made to Paula Hill on gaining her Wood Badge and a 30 year service award to Quentin. Dave Phillips received the Medal of Merit, plus a Thanks Badge was awarded to Matt Hill.

The Groups finances were again professionally delivered by Jan Gibson, see attached. Jan also gave the meeting the good news, that she would stand again for the position of Treasurer.

Nominations were invited for the posts of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. After a busy and successful time in office, Dave Phillips had decided to stand down but will remain on the Executive. Mike Wells was duly nominated as the new Group Chairman, both received warm applause. As above, Janice Gibson remained as Treasurer, as with Quentin Blagg as Secretary. The Executive was, was nominated en block. There were 2 new additions, Jonathan Mayo and Nick Griffiths.

The meeting closed at 20.50 with thanks for attendance, followed by Cheese and Wine, once again ably organised by Val Dooley. Thank you Val.

QB 7.6.15

Elected

Dave Phillips
Steve Holt
Rob Gibson
Alan Marsh
Simon Lees
Rob Massey

Nominated

Nick Griffiths
James Robinson
Mat Rooney
Caroline Austin

GSL's REPORT

- Welcome to all and DC Lee Allsopp

GENERAL

- As can be seen from the photo displays – yet again all sections have run well-established programmes with a good blend of training, fun and adventurous activities.
- Achievements
 - Most achieve section top awards Bronze, Silver, Gold CSAs
 - 1300+ core, challenge, activity and staged Scouting badges.
 - Gold CSA - Ellie Rowley, Joel Allard, Adam Sefton
 - YL Training – Chloe Hill, Imogen Milner, Becca Grant
- Census steady youth 137(136) +adult 28(28)

LEADERSHIP

Individual leaders will describe their section highlights. So - Thanks to all Leaders, Helpers, Explorer helpers and Parents on rotas for another year of dedication and commitment.

- Leaders from all sections are making steady progress with the WB training scheme this year with help from Gill B our local TA. First Aid, Safeguarding and on-line Safety courses taken.
- All sections running close to capacity so more leaders are welcome.
- Beavers – Good stable leadership from Angela and the Thursday team. Carrwood leaders Sharon Bebbington and Dan Phillipstone settled in nicely and progressing with their training! Allan Shaw now retired is helping too.
- Cubs – Stable team at Seneca under Gill. Becky has unfortunately had to step back recently with Ben's operation. Thankfully Ben's operation was a success and Jonathan Mayo has stepped in as leader at Shawnee so we wish both Ben and Jonathan health and success for the future.
- Scouts – Paul Barlow, Helen Rowley are keeping good numbers and providing an active programme with invaluable help from Rick & Helen R from Cubs.
- Explorers – Thanks Steve – Romania looks great.
- Thanks again – more leaders always welcome!
- Also special thanks to members, leaders & parents who have helped with our Community involvements – FOTP Duck Race, Work and Fun Days, St Ann's Xmas tree recycling, Xmas float..

SUPPORTERS/FUND RAISING/THANKS

- Usual fund raising events –Table Top sales, Car Boot etc. with FoHGHS (special thanks to regular helpers – more would be nice)
- Bullock Smithy (Steve Holt and many others), The 40th and Ultra-running event again in 2015!
- Bonfire (Unit) - good turn out again this year, Thanks to Matt Hill + team
- Group Dinner (success as usual due to Alan M). This year it was open to BSmithy walkers – and Friends of Torkington Park!
- Chairman Dave P – another very busy year - insurances, NEW GATES, table tops, floor, heating, van, District Execs, grants, admin etc. Tremendous load off the uniformed!

- Treasurer Janice - Accounts, Subs, 100 Club, B Smithy entrants...
- Secretary Quentin – minutes – the job no-one wants to do!
- Maintenance - Alan Marsh – all things electrical.
- Thanks to all (unmentioned) supporters & members of the Exec. - Progress does actually happen!

HQ/Equipment

- Maintenance of camping equipment – QM Rob G – new tents and archery equipment this year.
- Repairs/improvements to heating, electrics, floor.

FUTURE

- Will be another year of quality and fun activities with well tested section programmes. Scouts are off to the Ardennes...Cubs and Beavers testing the water activities at Green Withens, FoTP Duck race....
- More Leader training + Camping and Activity Authorisations..
- Notices - District AGM 18th May @ 1st Woodford 20:00

CARRWOOD REPORT

Numbers are good – usually over the recommended size or 24 - currently 23 regulars as 5 have just gone to Cubs - more due to start off the waiting list.

Leaders Sharon Bebbington and Dan Phillipstone have settled in well and are providing an active programme for the Beavers. They are progressing well with their training too.

Thanks to YLs Melanie, Shaun, Luke, Jessica and Jenna.

Activities have included... Christmas party with Shawnee, Pantomime and District Fun day, Join-in Jamboree and Mellor Ramble. Last week Carrwood had a fun day at Crocky Trail adventure Park. Too dry – not enough mud!

Badgework – 5 D of E Bronze, lots of Challenge badges plus work for Activity badges such as Cyclist, Global Issues, Disability Awareness, Emergency Aid, Campcraft and Gardeners!

Next few weeks we have a trip to the Green Withens Water activity centre for bellboating and as usual I'm looking forward to the end of season Chippy walk!

PRINCES WOOD REPORT

This time last year I talked about how we were in a bit of a leaders crisis with Caroline finishing and Karen's illness. I am happy to report that we are in a much better place now. I have been joined by two parents Paul and Kathryn who have taken on the roles of ABSL and CA. They are starting their training, and are very supportive and I hope they are enjoying the experience. Karen has returned to work in the last month and we hope she will feel up to joining us soon.

So what have we been up to : We took the beavers to the Join in Jamboree county day last May the Beavers enjoyed all the Activities. They particularly enjoyed the climbing wall. We had a visit from Flipper to do Archery last summer and hope that we can do it again soon. In January the beavers visited the panto with the district to watch Snow White and the Seven dwarfs.

We held a joint sleepover in February with Carrwood Colony. As it was the week of BP birthday we had an afternoon doing scouting skills such as Orienteering, pioneering, challenges, camp craft, and the beavers all put together a camp mural, with all the things they thought would make a great camp. We had help from all sections include two parents. We had 31 beavers from both colonies stay with us overnight. I must admit I had the worst night ever on a sleepover/camp with not even a doze. But I had the most brilliant support from Imogen who was a great help with the beavers overnight. It was a very chilly night and the request from the leaders was the next one should be in the summer. Thank to Gill for being my permit holder once again, the good news is that I now have my own permit, but Gill I hope you will still join us. Thank you for the catering provided by Helen Ryan it was definite hit with all.

In March we had the District Fun Day with a theme of Space, they made a space ship out of junk, flying saucers that could fly, and lots of other fun and games

Just last week we went to Torkington Park for a wide game which was organised by Imogen as part of her YL training the Beavers had a great time following the clues to find where the parents were. They partially enjoyed visiting the allotment and planting potatoes with Mrs Dooley.

One of the best additions to the colony has been Rusty our Colony mascot he visits the home of the Beaver of the week, and has some amazing adventures, He has travelled to Barcelona, been in a racing car, planted trees at Norbury Hall to name just a few. He is very prized by the beavers and they love sharing him, and I think it has improved behaviour.

We have awarded over 144 Badges 4 of the new challenges 45 of the old, 47 activity badges and 46 staged badges. It is as I feared somewhat difficult to obtain the chief scout bronze, especially if a beaver joins us later and doesn't do two years with us.

So what's coming up in the Beavers 30th year I feel quite privileged in having someone with me who was here with the beavers at the start 30 years ago. I am hoping to do some programme nights from the first beaver meeting (yes I have the original files) We are looking forward to the beaver birthday party at Linnett Clough in July. I plan to do a sleep over away from the HQ in the hope they will sleep better in proper beds, can't quite do the summer but hopefully in the autumn term

We have much more support from parents than last year, for which am very grateful. I also would like to thank Jan in particular she stepped in last year when I had no help, and has been an invaluable help to me, on a weekly basis and also with the gentle persuasion (arm twisting) in getting adult help and or new leaders. I am also grateful for the support from the YL Hayden, Dan and Imogen, who continue to develop their leader skills. I would also

like to thank Gill and Paul for their support. We have spent time trying to plan and provide good links between the sections and I think we are getting there now with the transition from Beavers to Cubs.

To finish thanks to all who have been a part of this year of scouting from the leaders for their time, the Exec and Dave for their support, the parents for not only bring the beavers along each week, but for being so supportive. The young leaders for their youth and energy, and of course thanks to the ones we do it all for, the beavers we could not do it without you all!

SENECA REPORT 2016.....

OR..... 100 Reasons why Seneca Cubs had a Fantastic Year

Young People

1. 26 cubs in May 2015, 38 currently on the register
2. Sixer's becoming more competent at leading
3. Cubs know that becoming sixer is not a right of age or time in scouting but that it is earned

Nights Away & Days Out

4. Join In Jamboree May '15 @ Linnet Clough
5. District Cub Camp Sept '15 @ Linnet Clough
6. Visit to Speedwell Cavern, Castleton (Devils Arse) & Sleepover Oct '15 @ Scout Hut
7. County Beach Party Feb '16 @ Blackpool Pleasure Beach
8. Snowshine with the Scout Troop 'Feb '16 @ Kibblestone Scout Camp

Special Ceremonies & Events

9. Remembrance Day Nov '15 (19 cubs attended)
10. District Swimming Gala Jan '16 (3rd place)
11. District Totem Pole Competition Mar '16
12. St Georges Day Parade Apr'16 (23 cubs attended)

Badges & Awards

13. 58 Challenge Badges
14. Including 2 Chief Scouts Silver awards
15. 91 Activity Badges
16. 62 Staged Badges
17. 32 Core Badges
18. 34 Occasional Badges
19. 277 Badges in total issued over the year

Activities

20. Archery
21. Shooting
22. Jacob's Ladder

23. Cavebus
24. Climbing
25. Hike Preparation
26. Been on Local Hike
27. Learnt the Countryside Code
28. Been Orienteering
29. Mastered the Adventure Playground at Lyme Park
30. Learnt about our pulse rates
31. Grown cress in different conditions
32. Made and thrown boomerangs
33. Made and flown kites
34. Made and fired rockets
35. Made and eaten pancakes
36. Held a Lego team building night
37. Got all our 6 through a postcard – yes really!
38. Made a rope out of toilet paper – and pulled the minibus with it
39. Learnt about Bullock Smithy & the Bullock Smithy hike
40. Learnt how to make an appropriate 999 call
41. Completed a baked bean challenge
42. Did some Chinese Cooking
43. Made marshmallow & spaghetti towers to hold a egg
44. Spelt our names in Braille
45. Made sandwiches one handed
46. Learnt how to spell our names using sign language
47. Completed a guided blind trail
48. Done several quizzes (Chinese New Year, Baden Powell)
49. Held a Christmas Family Night
50. And a Joint New Year party with Beavers

More Activities

51. Held a healthy Eating night
52. Made our own lava lamps
53. Made simple compasses out of needles and cork floated on water
54. Made paracord keyrings for Father's Day
55. Decorated and planted porcelain pots for Mother's Day
56. Lashed our own A frames and held races with them outside
57. Been on a wide game in Bramhall Park
58. Did some firelighting (made Dampers & Smores)
59. Carved our own pumpkins
60. Did some apple bobbing , had doughnuts on a string and flour challenges for Halloween
61. Been on a Buddhist Temple Visit

62. Sung Camp fire songs
63. Watched late night movies
64. Slept in tents , dormitories and on the floor of the hut
65. Mastered grid references using Chris's 'Grid on The Floor'
66. Made Diya lamps and sand Rangoli patterns for Diwali
67. Made and played our own table football
68. Held a table tennis competition
69. Played Hungry Hippo's
70. Dodgeball !!!
71. Played Rounders
72. Been consistently asked to play the skittle game
73. Played various relay races
74. Played Cat & Mouse
75. Carefully played Stepping Stones using chairs
76. Played Cut The Cake
77. Followed some simple trails
78. Been swimming
79. Done some simple map reading

Scouting Principles

80. Grand Howl
81. Flag Down
82. Learnt to respect these
83. Learnt about our founder, Lord Baden Powell
84. Held 2 Pack Forums
85. Set our Personal Challenges

Those I Couldn't Do Without

86. Rick (Kaa)
87. Claire (Raksha)
88. Chris (Chil)
89. Alison (Jacala)
90. Helen (Bagheera)
91. Margaret (Hathi)
92. Amber (Mang)
93. Dan (YL) (Rikki)
94. Rob (YL)
95. Other Helpers (inc. Hayden YL, Les & Jenifer)
96. Support of Mum's and Dad's
97. Angela (Princes Wood Beaver Leader & OSM expert!)
98. The Exec
99. My husband Paul (Flipper)

Most Importantly..... 100. WE'VE HAD FUN DOING IT ALL!

SCOUT TROOP REPORT

TROOP CURRENTLY RUNNING AT 35 REGULAR ATTENDEES ON FRIDAY NIGHTS.

WE HAVE JUST LOST A FEW SCOUTS TO SUMMER SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION TO THIS THERE ARE ONLY TWO REGULAR LEADERS, MYSELF AND HELEN ROWLEY, WHO DUE TO THE VARIETIES OF SHIFTWORK IN HER DAY JOB, CANNOT ALWAYS ATTEND ON TROOP NIGHTS.

HOPEFULLY WE CAN ALWAYS COVER THIS WITH REGULAR HELP FROM HELEN RYAN (SENECA CUBS) AND NICK BLENCH WHO IS MAKING THE TRANSITION FROM SHAWNEE CUBS TO SCOUTS.

ALSO THANKS TO RICK MASSEY (SENECA CUBS) WHO REGULARLY HELPS OUT ON CAMPS. SOOOOO, IF ANY ADULT WANTS TO CROSS TO THE DARK SIDE AND BECOME A SCOUT LEADER OR EVEN JUST HELP OUT, PLEASE COME AND HAVE A CHAT WITH ME AFTER.

Main camp last year was held at a very well hidden little field, where we also visited for survival camp, in the village of scarcliffe near Mansfield.

The scouts visited Sherwood forest, went cycling for a 12 mile tour of clumber park national trust, a visit to one of the only prehistoric sites open to the public at creswell crags, two visits to the local swimming pool in Mansfield, and the highlight for most people, a day paintballing in the forest, an activity only just opened to scouting!

As mentioned before we also went to scarcliffe woods for survival camp, a night spent in a bivouac made by the scouts themselves before nightfall, and constant eating over six hours, cooking food on open fires, which were kept burning overnight, to carry on eating even more food cooked on their fires on Sunday morning! One scout even went as far to complain of being hungry when we got home, a remarkable feat considering how much food we actually consumed!

No mountain weekend last year as it was deemed unfair for parents to pay out a large deposit for our forthcoming international trip, and pay another large amount as we always use indoor accommodation in November.

This years operation snowshine was held at kibblestone international scout camp near stoke on trent. In a camp where we invited Seneca cubs to join with us as scouts were not forthcoming to go on camp (who knows if the international camp costs were a factor?), but we had a total of 44 on camp and both scouts and cubs enjoyed an Australian themed camp, where we made boomerangs, and took part in archery, shooting, climbing, Jacobs ladder, problem solving and the cave bus.

Thanks once again to mike wells and jim potts for the superb catering!

Plans move ahead swiftly (sometimes a little too swiftly!) for our forthcoming trip to the de kluis scout centre in the Ardennes in Belgium. Its now only 11 weeks away! Places have been confirmed, trips and excursions are confirmed, its now just the logistics of collecting outstanding money, oh and a few passport details from people who forgot to renew their childrens passports! I have promised not to name and shame!!

Programme over this past year has included problem solving, pioneering when we built trebuchets and fired bean bags down the hall, thanks to chris Jarvis for his help with this, a cyber bullying information night held by my assistant helen, Fire safety, a very well performed (even if I say so myself) panto which raised money to bring down the cost of the Belgium trip, pancake night, and a night hike culminating in a stop at a local chippy for some well earned food.

We have just recently done some work on the outdoor challenge badge which included another night hike to raise awareness of the countryside code, Most of the scouts have taken part in an indoor archery evening and on another couple of nights we have done work on the photography badge.

This week we are outside again perfecting our firelighting skills, where no doubt there will be a few toasted marshmallows making an appearance!

Forthcoming nights include a wide game and something else new to scouting, geocaching.

This years badges include.....

Adventure

Personal

Teamwork

Community

Creative

Fitness

Global

Outdoor and outdoor plus

Promise

Entertainer (for the panto, a total of 30 scouts gaining this)

Fire safety

Sports enthusiast

Survival skills

Hikes away

Nights away (21 varying award including 1 of 50 nights away)

4 new PL'S

2 new APL'S

AND 3 CHIEF SCOUT GOLD AWARDS FOE ELLIE ROWLEY, JOEL ALLARD AND ADAM SEFTON.

A remarkable achievement for these 3 scouts.

All in all a total of 166 badges given out over the last 12 months

EXPLORER UNIT REPORT

Currently 17 members.

Transylvania July 22-31 2015

Flew Liverpool- Bucharest. 180 mile drive to Sibiu to camp in an orchard. Activities included 35 C walk/ High Ropes course/ bear watching in the forests/ visit to a Romanian Scout Centre/ mud baths/ 2 day expedition to Fargaren Mountains to include the 7th highest peak @ 2508 metres.

Achievements.

Chief Scouts Platinum Award- Dan Beales/ Dan Havercroft/ Hayden Jarvis/ Shaun Walters.

A number of other members completed YL training.

D of E. 4 ready for bronze/ 2 on silver/ 2 on gold.

Other activities.

Snowdonia Weekend. Hikes and skiing.

County Winter Weekend at Linnet Clough.

Steve Holt. Explorer Leader.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 12TH MAY 2016

Welcome to our new District Commissioner – Lee Allsopp

Brian and the section leaders have all reported on the scouting activities.

This has been another good scouting year for the group and we should all be proud of the Group achievements.

ENW have at last replaced the main gates under the terms of the lease for the sub-station.

Some general improvements to the premises remain necessary

The main items are:-

- One new garage door
- External painting
- Repairs to a roof leak in one of the garages – the Group Executive have decided to have all three garage roofs re-covered
- Re - cover the roof on the old hall
- Improve security by improving the locks on the gate and main store

We still need to replace the heater for the old hall before it wears out – we have received a grant of £1,000 from SMBC towards the total cost of approx. £6,000 and now need to raise more so that we do not deplete our reserves. We are in discussions with the suppliers and installers to determine the most appropriate heater.

We still have our long term aims to improve the kitchen and toilets

I would like to thank all members of the team especially

- Our GSL – Brian Dooley
- Alan Marsh for all his help in and around the premises – especially the electrics etc, monthly checks on the emergency lighting and other equipment
- Leaders, assistants, occasional helpers and Young Leaders who deliver the training and development programme so effectively (and provide invaluable assistance at TT sales) BUT We still need more adult help
- Treasurer - Jan Gibson
- Secretary - Quentin Blagg
- Angela Massey for her work on the welcome pack and OSM
- Simon Lees for his work in developing a new and more up to date website
- All other members of the executive committee for their support
- Parents who have helped out on activities, especially table top sales.
- Claire Jarvis for her efforts at FofHGHS, without which we would quite likely lose the income from TT sales
- Steve Holt and the many people who help on the Bullock Smithy hike.
- These two activities are our major fund raising activities.
- Rick Massey for controlling and co-ordinating the purchase and distribution of badges
- Val Dooley for organising the cheese and wine

TREASURER'S REPORT

A YEAR WITH THE TREASURER -1/01/2015-31/12/2015

Once again I have the pleasure to present the group accounts . These have been audited by Mr Sandy Lee and accepted by the group executive.

Before you there are two formats . Form A is the detail sent to CC and the spreadsheet B has the more detailed specifics of the expenditure and receipts

For the purposes of this meeting I intend to refer to B

I am pleased to say that we have maintained our positive progress with the group funds and we have at the end of the year £ in total

This is of course a strong position to be in. This is mainly due to the consolidation of the collection of subs. As I stated on previous occasions we have in the past not maximised this revenue. The £13 000plus collected using OSM, is a significant receipt. For the last two years we have only been £36 outstanding across the sections at year end a stark contrast to the previous years when it has been 100s.

Since the loss of Playworx in 2014/5 we have not had a regular playgroup in the hut but it has been used for private lettings and the sum of £2376 received including the fees paid by the guides and brownies is encouraging. I would like to thank Brian Dooley for managing the lettings on our behalf.

We received £1990 in donations this year. £1000 off SMBC to ,£900 via the £4£ scheme run by Barclays bank and 90 via the carnival and a private donation

We also made a two year gift aid claim amounting to £ 2913.32 and we aim to claim a further 12 months money later this year .I wish to thank all the parents who completed the gift aid form this year as you can see this brings significant benefit for no extra cost to yourself . if you haven't filled a form please take advantage of this . The forms are by the cheese and wine

This year we have been fortunate in having some successful fund raising events

Bullock smithy hike 4500

Firework display 3020

Friends of Hazel Grove High School 1785

Plus the 100 club and the group dinner

All these combined to give us the basis to maintain our premises and transport and to allow our leaders to provide the full interesting and active programme for our young people

Expenditure

This falls in the main in 3 areas..

Programme

We pay Capitation to District, this is calculated from the census put together by our GSL .this year it amounted to £ 5412

The first calls on our funds are of course the sections . They have a working float to maintain their weekly meetings. They also request funds to provide more specific resources such as Xmas, Easter crafts and also to support activities beyond the weekly meetings. The Resources and floats for sections amount to £1840

Equipment

Our QM maintains our equipment and stores . This year QM has spent £509.07 mainly on repairs and gas for camps . The scout section have also purchased 2 new tents .

Training is key to the improvement of our programme . This year £ 482 was used to pay for an archery a shooting and first aid course.

We are proud of our scout hut and we endeavour to keep it maintained to a high standard The Repairs/Improvements totalled £4831.26. This was used to service the boiler , repair part of the roof and other repairs and checks . Thanks to Alan Marsh for keeping his expert eye on the upkeep of the premises

Insurance £2655.31 this is a slight increase from last year . We are confident that we have full coverage on our policy

Heating costs have remained stable at £2400. The improvements the new boiler and the user awareness of the system means we are now more fuel efficient ,. Dave Phillips monitors this to ensure we always have the best deal.

Water/rates have remained the same £1049.39 but I have received notice and have registered on line for a review of our rates in the next financial year .

Transport

Obviously we are in a very fortunate position having our own minibus. We have £10000 in our building society account which can be accessed if the executive needed to replace the vehicle , this year for Repairs /Keeping the bus on road we spent 1855.55 £600 of which was to repair seats which had been mal treated. Fuel was also £408.01

Other costs incurred by the group included..

Fund raising costs £3360 these are higher this year as with Bullock Smithy's 40th anniversary we presented each participant with a china commemorative mug.

uniform 72.3

badges 1017.65

So as I stated at the outset all considered we are at the present time in a comfortable situation. And at this point I would like to thank the leaders and Brian for their support and patience. Particular thanks first to Angela Massey who guides me through OSM and facilitates the easy collection of subs and other such monies . I cry help and she saves me .Thanks Angela

Also to Rick for his organisation of the badges . He gives a first class service to the leaders . Once again in the past we had a significant surplus of badges but Rick's prudent management has eliminated this.

Claire Jarvis has also to be thanked for her work with FOHGHS this is not an easy task but the rewards are there for all to see. Special thanks to Hayden and Rob Holland who regularly help set up for the table tops .

My final thanks are to Dave our chairman who has more patience than any one I know . He has been a constant support and has been a guiding hand through my years as treasurer At this juncture I would usually ask you to accept of the accounts. But first of all I would like to propose a rise in the subscriptions. It is two years since our last rise. I would suggest a two pound per term rise to be appropriate. This amount would consolidate our situation as I anticipate rises in both gas electricity water and also the new rates.

I would now like to wish comment on the findings of an exercise completed with the executive members earlier this year.

I believe we as a group have come to a crossroads and we need to decide our next steps with a clear vision -.Consequently the executive were asked for their wish lists/vision . We looked at both material demands and demands on leaders. The former is of specific interest to this group.

MATERIAL needs...

The list fell into three groups

1. General purchases to improve the quality of the section nights

We have acted on this,,

- Two large white boards

- GAMES EQUIPMENT FOR THE YOUNGER SECTIONS = Bean bags, hoops, cones and a parachute

- Cleaning materials

- Music licenses

.....Completed

Roof repairs soon to be actioned quotes accepted

2 Ongoing camp equipment to be purchased by qm-stoves boiler ,gazebo ,frying pan

we have found at least 6 broken Tables and chairs to replace . cost 560 approx

Information board in entrance hall for parents to meet our leaders an d exec members

New locks to improve security and ensure all key holders are known

Gazebo for bonfire night

Wifi access we are looking into a contract for this

Social network consolidation facebook twitter website

These have been costed and within this years accounts all should be completed

3. The third group, however is to bring our premises into the 21 st century

We need to decide what we want at the scout hut. it is fit for purpose as a scouting venue but do we want more.

We are keen to upgrade the premises and have a community use in the day time. You might not be aware that our GSL has made attempts to access lottery funding but with our post code his applications were not accepted

SO WE NOW NEED TO LOOK AFRESH TO PROVIDE

New kitchen

Cooker

Toilets including disabled

Shower

This will be a significant cost to the group. We need to mobilise supporters to raise the money.

Historically Leaders have been involved in fund raising but to be more effective we need in the first place a supporters committee.

We will need a building manager who can guide us through the planning process.

SO we are looking to engage you the parents to join the leaders in this vision

We are voting in a new executive new parents who i am sure will drive this process if we decide as a meeting to take this step

You can be part of this journey do you have skills we can tap into?

Does your firm have a £4£ policy we take advantage of?

There are so many ways you can be not only involved in our present but also our future

So first of all we need to vote to accept rise in subs

And to ask you all to consider the ideas above

I know ask you to accept the accounts and to confirm our auditor for this year

Last year I stated this would be my final year I would like to work with our next treasurer for at least 12 months while we move hopefully to this new era

I am not an accountant we have quite a few in the group . I volunteered because I valued what was on offer at 3HG . I think my perspective has been different and has brought a positive slant to the day to day running of our group

If you want to be part of this journey and you feel you could contribute and take on this roletalk to me

Janice Gibson May 10th 2016

PRESENTATIONS by Lee Allsopp DC

PAULA HILL – Wood Badge,

QUENTIN BLAGG – 30 Years Service,

NEIL PHILLIPS – 25 Years Service,

DAVE PHILLIPS – Award for Merit

Chris Mycock, Matt Hill, Sarah Grimes - THANKS BADGES

AWARD FOR MERIT Dave Phillips

Dave has been a valued and extremely committed supporter of 3rd Hazel Grove for over 35 years.

Initially he joined as a parent supporter, helping out with the Cub football team when his eldest son joined back in 1979 and in 1982 became an Executive committee member.

Since then, and with 3 sons going through Scouting into Venture Scouts, he has been involved with all supporters events including summer fairs, social dances, HQ maintenance and fundraising events such as monthly table top sales with the local high school, our annual Bullock Smithy LDWA hike and bonfire nights.

David's occupation (now retired) was with insurance and for 30+ years he has been our specialist on the Executive Committee advising and managing all Group insurance matters. He takes a keen interest in safety, child protection and safeguarding aspects and keeps the Group operation and leadership compliant with HQ regulations.

For the last 6 years David has been our Group Chairman and has tenaciously resolved some long standing legal matters involving the ownership of our HQ by our Executive committee and the installation of secure gates and rental agreement for the electricity sub-station on our premises. He represents our Group on the District Executive committee.

David was given a Thanks Badge way back in 1985 and has continued giving consistent support to our Group.

Thank you for your dedication to Scouting!