

1st Broughton Astley Scouts Group

Executive Meeting

8th February 2023

Held at Broughton Astley Scouts Hut

20:00

Attendance

Executive Members – Phil Burton, Jennifer White, Jessica Rayns, Nicola Turpin, Richard Stephenson, Ruth Burton, Ali Sheffield, Martyn Snow

Apologies Lisa Konrath, Jenny Row, Pete Nicholson, Adam White

The meeting is declared as quorate.

Finances

The current position of the group in terms of Finances were shared with the committee. The group are projecting an overspend by the end of the year although this is nothing to be overly concerned about at this point. There have been increased Subs due to the Squirrels group opening and a significant increase in activities and badges following a full return to scouting post covid.

There are some payments which are due to go out for large events such as Yachting and the costs to go to HQ which we hope will all be done by the end of the year.

Jenni White shared with the group that we had received a very generous donation of £15,000 from a gentleman in the village. This should be spent on whole group activities which benefit the wider group.

Thanks were expressed by all and a letter of thanks to be written by GSL.

Exec Agreement

The executive were happy with the latest information about the finances

Future Subs

The GSL shared that it now costs the group £137 per young person every year which falls well short of the current £90 subs taken. We currently use the money raised through the Santa float to fill the gap which results in lower opportunities for paid for activities.

The Executive looked at a number of scenarios about subs for the future which would all support the group long term.

Exec Resolution

It was agreed by the Executive committee that individual subs should be raised to £12 per month. This is in keeping with a number of groups locally and still provides excellent value for money at a round £3.50 per week. This will be effective from September 2023.

This new funding also means that the way we fund the sections has changed. Each section will now get £5 per young person per term based on the number in the section rather than a set amount. It was felt that this was a fairer way to fund sections.

It was also agreed that the group would ensure that a suitable hardship fund be set up as there has been an increase in requests. The GSL will produce a template form where parents and carers can request funds to support with subs and activities. These requests shall be looked at on a case by case basis with the Section Leaders and GSL. The Treasurer will be informed for the accounts.

The funds raised from the Santa Float will then be considered additional to the operational costs and be available to run group events and subsidise section events at the discretion of the Executive committee.

GSL to prepare a letter to Parents explaining the new changes

Health and Safety Policy

The new policy and fire safety guidance was shared with the executive along with a Fire Risk Assessment. There was opportunity for questions.

Exec Resolution

The H&S Policy and associated documents have been adopted by the group and shall be shared with everyone.

The GSL shared we had 4 first aid incidents this year – no further action was required.

Purchases

The executive approved the purchase of various items that had been requested during the leaders meeting. PB and JW to arrange the purchase of.

No Further Discussion – Meeting Closed