

## 1<sup>st</sup> Lacock Scout Group AGM – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

### **Present:**

Jackie Mitchell, Keith Bennett, Rosemary Hayden, Michelle Hall-Barnett, Judi Mckendrick, Jane George, Ann Massey (Chaplain), Naomi Mills, Liz Dike, Jane Brett, Lisa Thornton, Samantha Gaisford, Emma Mitchell, Caren Horton, Peter Shewring, Tim Millsop, Tim Matthews, Tracey Bartels, Tania Galley

### **Apologies:**

Zoe Burke, Catherine Body

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

### **Reports:**

#### **Chair Report**

Jackie opened the meeting and took the opportunity to thank all leaders and helpers. She advised that Lacock Parish Council had awarded the group with £500 for the purchase of new tents.

#### **Treasurer Report**

We have had a very good year for fundraising with a sponsored walk, a table top sale, Lacock fair, a bag pack at Tesco, B&Q fundraiser and tuck sales. Also numbers have increased so subs collected were greater. All resulting in a healthy bank balance of £2,022.39. Some of this has been allocated to new equipment, in particular a new tent.

#### **Group Scout Leader's Report**

We have had a great year with intakes of new Beavers and Cubs. Kaa and Shere Khan received their Wood Beads. Cubs and Beavers have received lots of badges and also Silver and Bronze Awards this year which they worked really hard to get. Cubs and Beavers enjoyed their evening at Corsham Lake with canoeing for Cubs and a treasure hunt for Beavers where they found a great big toad. The sponsored walk raised £585.37. The Cubs and Beavers, parents and leaders walked from Chippenham to Lacock, one of the many hikes we did in the year. Cubs and Beavers had a great time at County Camp, Longleat. Thank you to all parents who helped to put up and take down tents. We had some great evenings over the park playing cricket, rounders and racing. We went to B&Q to fund raise for Scout Community Week, we made £465.70, of which 25% went to Scout Association. Last night of term we went to Corsham Lake with Cubs, Beavers, Parents and Alan and family came too as they were over on holiday for a great BBQ evening. Lacock Village Fair as our main Fund Raiser did very well, raising £453.22. Thank you to all the helpers who helped on that Bank Holiday Monday. Rev S Wilkinson held a special Harvest Festival in Lacock Church on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September for Cubs, Beavers parents and leaders who bought food for the old and needy in the Village,

and gave a talk about what Harvest means. Operation Christmas Child went well, we filled 21 shoe boxes for disadvantaged children overseas. Cubs and Beavers donated contents for the boxes. Remembrance Sunday was well attended – thank you parents and leaders. We had a table top sale in Nov which raised £563.97 - thank you for your support. Bag packing at Tesco's - Cubs, Beavers and parents, thank you for giving up your Saturday – this raised £381.75. We also had a great Christmas party. Mrs S Dyke came to take an evening with Cubs about emergency first aid as Mrs Dyke is a Paramedic. In May the Beavers had a great evening with her as well. Cubs had a Sunday at Halfords to learn about bikes and how to look after them. I have picked just a few of the things we have done in Scouting over a year. We could not do all these things without the help of our parents. Also a great big thank you for the three young helpers and our young leaders who come each week to give a hand. Big thank you to our Treasurer/Chairman/Secretary who help run the Scout Group. Great big thank you to all our leaders who give up their time throughout the year.

## **Beaver Leader Report**

### MAY 2013

Made Capes to take on camp in June at Longleat. We went on a scavenger hunt as it was dry out. Started to do work towards their Health & Fitness Badges. Made a necklace out of pasta shapes, and played lots of Games.

### JUNE

Showed Beavers how to Pack a Ruck Sack for Camp. Took Photos / Measure/ weighting for (Who we are). Made name Pegs for their Wellies for camp. Evening of making two different sandwiches then eating them for badge work. Pick an animal then made a mask of the one they chose to take to Longleat Camp. Everyone had a great time there. Thank you to all parents who help to take down tents.

### JULY

Finished Health & Fitness Badge work gained another badge. 3 Beavers started playing Cricket over park with the Cubs. Learned to play Rounders . Last Night over Corsham Lake, put up and took down a tent and went on a Treasure Hunt, then had Bar-B-Que with the parents and Cubs and Alan, his family over here on Holiday who was our G S L.

### SEPT

Had a Log Chew over Park about their summer holidays. Invested 3 new Beavers. Had a talk from Mr P Fennell about his job as a Policeman. Went to Church for a Harvest Festival where The Vicar did a special Service on a Friday night for Beavers & Cubs.

### OCT

P C Fennell came and took finger prints, then gave talk on safety. Started work on Imagination Badge wrote a short story about what the future will be like. Played Oxford/Cambridge and other games. Collected Recycling to make a junk model about the Future. 2 Beavers Join 1st Lacock. Started saving things for the Shoes Boxes Appeal.

## NOV

Margaret came to give a talk about Operation Christmas Child and how the Shoe Boxes get to the Children in another country for Christmas, then all the Beavers/Cubs/Leaders/ helpers pack the Boxes for her to take that night to depot at Melksham. Invested 2 more Beavers. Remembrance Sunday Parade which was very well attended. New Beaver Start. We all made Friendship Bracelets. Started making decoration for Christmas Tree for the Abbey this year it was all about Scouting. Keep fit session to monitor a heart beat. Made Friendship Bracelets. Had our Table Top Sale in Village Hall.

## DEC

Made Calendars out of recycled Christmas cards. Wrote out new Prayers. Christmas party with the Cubs had lots of games and lots of FUN.

## JAN

Pass the slipper game. 4 Beavers swim up to Cubs and 6 Beavers Start. Planting Bulbs. Had a fire Drill in the hall. Started Air Activity badge work. Chinese New Year (Taste new Food) did fire drill outside and sent up Chinese Lanterns.

## FEB

Made Sweets and boxes to put them in. Keith Bennett came to invest 6 Beavers and Cubs also give out Bronze Awards/ Wood Beads. Made Valentine Sandwiches shaped like a Heart. Design a blanket. Learn to Skip then race, then some games.

## MARCH

Talk and play a game about Recycling. 999 game. Mr S Treharne came and gave a talk about Aeroplanes, make and show how to fly a paper plane. Make Magnet fishing game to learn how a magnet works.

## April

Read out the story about the Plane/ and show pictures of the plane they chose to everyone. Cooked Easter Nest/ Easter Holidays. Beaver Hike Ford to Castle Combe. 2 new Beavers start. Follow a Trail to Church, grave rubbing trail back to hall. 23rd May 2014 A G M Coffee evening. 24th May 2014 Table Top&Pop up Cafe in Village hall Lacock 10am to 5pm .

## **Cub Leader Report**

Some of the things that the Cubs have done this year are:-

- First Aid stages 1 and 2 to reinforce or do with Cubs new to Scouting. Stage 3 to be reviewed again
- Challenge Badges – various tasks to complete the 6 of 7 required to work towards Silver Award and most achieved Outdoor Plus
- Paper boat design and making and raced in the ford in Lacock and retrieved.
- Completed a sponsored walk
- Map reading and compass work
- Very successful indoor summer fair in June
- Scout Community Week fundraising at B&Q in Chippenham – meant we were able to donate over £150 to support Scouts with disabilities and additional needs

- Attended Longleat Camp County – we had fun putting tents up in a gale for the Cubs to sleep in on the first night! All got to hold snakes, lizards, scorpions and tarantulas.
- We ran 1<sup>st</sup> Challenge Camp tailored to finish silver award for oldest 5-6 Cubs, which resulted in 4 silver awards.
- Another 5 silvers nearing completion before the next go on to Scouts, Air Scouts and Cadets
- This year's Extreme Challenge Camp was in complete contrast to last year when we battled the heat of 30 degrees and had to ensure the Cubs were hydrated and had sun cream to high winds and heavy rain.
- Kite making, pioneering with 8' poles and toasting marshmallows, discussions about global and environmental issues, staying up late with a hot chocolate and cooking
- Worked hard to complete CIY badge, making wooden boxes for their treasures at home. Despite giving the Cubs saws, nails and hammers everyone still has their fingers!
- Bag pack at Tesco, Trowbridge
- Christmas party
- Tower building competition with spaghetti and marshmallows. Most avoided the temptation to eat.
- Chef in to direct the cooking of chicken and ham pies with veg and Eton Mess.
- Scrap heap challenge – own qualifier and district
- Sophie Warner and her Olympic torch
- Irish dancing demonstration and visits from hamsters and meerkats were very exciting.
- Halfords bike maintenance workshop
- PGL weekend with 6<sup>th</sup> Devizes – canoeing, archery, Jacobs ladder, vertical challenge, problem solving and crate challenge.
- Sainsbury's Active Kids – done well but can still bring to Scouts.
- Mini pioneering challenge to build a tripod, floor mounted to catapult water bombs.

## **Election of Officers**

Chair – Jackie Mitchell

Proposed by Tracy Bartels and Seconded by Tanya Gally

Treasurer – No Volunteers

Secretary – Lisa Thornton

Proposed by Judi McKendrick and Seconded by Tracy Bartels

Beavers Parent Representative – Matthew Keating

Proposed by Emma Mitchell and Seconded by Samantha Gaisford

Cubs Parent Representative – Cynthia Broderick

Proposed by Judi McKendrick and Seconded by Tracy Bartels

## **Any Other Business**

Leaders have proposed a change in meeting times from 6:30pm – 8:00pm, it was felt that this would give a chance for everyone to get there in time. This change is not proposed for next term, but would start from September.

Sign-up sheets are now available for the pop-up café on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and the B&Q Fundraiser on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Parents were encouraged to sign up to a slot to take part with their Beaver/Cub. Donations were also requested – things that worked well last year were book stall, guess the weight of the cake, Volunteer auction. The B&Q Fundraiser is taking place as part of Scout Community Week – last year 25% was given to groups to support disabilities and additional needs – it was thought it would be nice to the same again.

August Bank Holiday Monday, Summer Fair – volunteers are needed to donate cakes and help out.

People were encouraged to apply for the Treasurer role on the Committee. They would only need to agree to attend 4 meetings a year and the AGM and would take about half an hours work a week.