**Lilliput Sea Scouts All Parties Meeting**

**Wednesday 6th July 2016**

**Group Scout Headquarters 7:30 pm**

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| **1. Present:** |
| Simon Inge | Keith Redwood | Diane Newell | Steve Payne |
| John Haynes | Gill Redwood | David Kitcatt | Paul Yates |
| Yung Leung | Andrew Parkin | Nic Spiers | Paul Gray |
| Brad Farnham | Paul Robertson | Phill Hall |  |

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| **2. Apologies** |
| Paul Sparks | Geoff Funnell |  |  |

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| **2. Minutes** |
| 1. Minutes agreed
2. Diane Newell appointed as Secretary, Diane has been performing the secretary duties in all but name, so she has now kindly agreed to become the Group secretary. (No further action required)
3. Banking. We have successfully added Simon and Keith to the banking system and all is running smoothly. No further action required
4. Permits. Paul Rayner has put in some good work and we are now seeing permits be approved from the district commissioner.
5. Boat storage. After much chat over the last months we have decided to carry on as we were for the next winter.
6. Tractor. Our aged tractor has been relieved of 4 wheel drive which has allowed it’s continued use, we have also been approached by Mr. C.W.D Macey of Insley Fox Trust, the group are looking at local charities to help and may be in a position to help fund a replacement vehicle for the tractor. We are expecting word from the trust in the next week or so.
7. Yard Concrete. The original concrete yard is approximately 4” thickness and doesn’t appear to be reinforced. This was more than suitable when it was laid, but as the group has grown and we now store boats in the yard each winter, it has proved not to be strong enough for the job and we have a couple of patches were the concrete has failed. Investigation suggests that to replace the entire structure would be in excess of £10’000 on concrete alone, and we have been recommended for the short term to repair the patches by filling with metal and rubble and covering, effectively under pinning the current structure and giving extra strength.
8. Blanket Badge. Talking with Thursday Cub Leader David, he believes the section missed the opportunity to draw entries for the blanket badge, as we are close to the end of term and their plan is in place, he suggests we move on without contributions from Starboard pack. The final design of the badge has been agreed
9. T-shirts we have several designs looming, the meeting decided that the t-shirts should be navy, with the Scout logo on the left breast and the group name on the right breast, 2 local companies have been contacted and have offered prices:
	1. Aspire Professionals: £11.88 child / £13.98 adult
	2. Axent £10.14 child / £10.74 adult
10. AGM. This year’s AGM was an official disaster with only one parent turning up. We are duty bound by Scouting Policy to have parents on the committee; however with such a lack of interest on a standalone AGM night, we need to integrate the event with another activity. Next year (2017) the AGM will be held on the group family camp.
11. Any Other Business:
	1. Provisional dates for next year. Dartmoor 10-12 Feb. Family Camp 12-14 May or 19-21 May
	2. Maintenance day (Sat 9th July)
		1. Lane maintenance
		2. Down pipe and drain on lane investigation
		3. Pontoon (old, disposal)
		4. Glass windows inside canoe shed
		5. Front of house tidying
		6. Between sheds
		7. Life jack shed painting
		8. Safety boat trailers painting
	3. Knotting rope. Simon has provided a tub full of knotting ropes. This is only to be used for knotting practice.
	4. Paddle boards Simon has requested to the committee that the group purchases a set (10 off) of paddle boards. The committee agreed the purchase, and has left Simon & Brad to find the best option between solid and inflatable. Estimated spend £500 ea.
	5. A tribute for Roy, it has been suggested that the group places a small boat garden in the entrance and the boat will be named Roy’s toy, the committee agreed this was a fitting tribute, work will start on this coming maintenance day
	6. Pump, our soil drains go into a septic tank, which then pumps the waste up to the main sewer on Turks Lane. We have has a spate of blockages in the tank, usually caused by wet wipes, every effort is being made to stop wet wipes being put down the toilets.

When the pump trips, we have no method of knowing that this has happened, until the waste reaches a high level, and that triggers an alarm, it was discussed and agreed that the alarm trip point is set lower, so that we have a quicker chance to react. Simon is to talk to Chris Kevil* 1. Paul Yates has spotted old information on the website, Paul Robertson will amend
	2. Group NT Card. Nic Speirs has purchased a group NT card, it was discussed and agreed that the Scout Group will reimburse Nic and the Card be used for Group. £90 / annum

It was also suggested that we could hire the card out to visiting bunk house groups.* 1. Old website, it is reported that the old website set up by Nigel Chapman is still online. Simon is to contact Nigel and ask him to remove it.
	2. Leaders Summer BBQ will be on 13th August. Details to follow
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| All members of LSS are reminded that the bi-monthly meeting (next due 7th September 7:30 PM) is open for all committee members & scouters |