

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUTS

MINUTES OF ACTIVITIES BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2016

1. Members present: N. Pullen A Pilling T Bond M Woods D Ryan K Ryan D Wilkinson R Salisbury T Andrews
 2. There were no apologies for absence
 3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved
 4. Matters arising : The expenditure for the Silverhelme toilet block and wardens hut were approved at the District Executive. The new boiler at Silverhelme has been fitted and commissioned.
 5. Finance : The current balance on the CAF Bank account is £30,309.55. In addition there are further amounts deposited with Nationwide, £10,000 and with Skipton Building Society £30,000. Total funds are £75,309.55. Income for the last year is £51,507.78 which includes the mast rental at Silverhelme (£9,661.52) and the bequest from Peter Ellwood (£5,000) Expenditure for 2015 was £45,258.09. This includes Capital Expenditure of £6,032.10 at Littledale and the cost of the new gates £5,280. In addition Silverhelme has started to improve the Wardens Hut.
 6. Silverhelme Toilet Block. Revised details have been sent to the Planning Department at Lancaster City Council for the changes to the plans but no reply so far other than an acknowledgement of receipt . Nigel will contact them again. Once approval has been received full details will be produced and estimates obtained for the specialist components of the works.
 7. Health and Safety. The smoke alarms at Littledale in the bunk rooms are suspect, Ray said that he would contact Chubb to arrange for them to add Littledale to the contract for the alarms and extinguishers similar to the arrangement at Silverhelme. A survey of the fire doors at Littledale, in particular in relation to the doors between the kitchen and the hall would also be requested. He would also obtain quotes from other companies at the appropriate time. The accident books at both sites were regularly checked by the Wardens, and by Nigel when he made his visits.
 8. Silverhelme Report. The recent bad weather has caused the drive to become bumpy due to the run off of water. The heavy winds have resulted in a tree being blown down but it is not in a dangerous position.
 9. Littledale Report. The Lodge is being prepared for internal painting. The bunks have all been repaired and are now sturdy. The mattress covers are to be cleaned . The ceiling in one of the bathrooms will be lowered Bunks are to be obtained for the Wardens Hut to replace the double bed. There have been problems with gas delivery but a delivery has been promised for the 19th January. The supply pipe to the gas tank is to be fenced to protect it.
- The break-in resulted in the loss of the rifles, axes and adult archery equipment. Mick to let Ray know what has been taken so that an insurance claim can be progressed.
10. Bookings. There are 6 outstanding fees for 2015 these are being chased. For 2016 we have 30 bookings for Silverhelme and 15 for Littledale so far. Ripley School have made enquires for their D o E scheme . The deposit system is working well. Dorothy said that she had received many

compliments from users of both of our sites. It was decided to have books at both sites to record the numbers in each party arriving to camp, stay in the Lodges or for a day visit as sometimes the numbers booked are not the same as those who arrive. This will help with the usage figures.

11. A.O.B. Two extra chairs have been delivered to each site, Spare fixing bolts are to be obtained for the chairs. As we are not able at present to offer activities it was suggested that we could put groups using our sites in touch with facilities in the area offering activities which can be easily reached from our sites ,for example Borwick Hall. It was decided to produce inventories of all the equipment held at each site as this has not been done for sometime.

12. Date of next Meeting. To be held on Monday 14th March at 7pm at District HQ, subject to availability, I