

Unit Forum minutes

Monday 11th May 2009

1. Present

Ollie (Chairman), Kris (Awards Officer), Jake (Treasurer), Adam (AESL), Butcher (AESL) and Moz (ESL).

2. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm. Ollie welcomed everyone.

3. Apologies

Eddie (Secretary), Josh (Recruitment Officer)

4. Matters arising

Fundraising – Eddie not sent letter, Ollie suggested having a cake stall to raise funds for Kandersteg at events such as school fetes etc.

5. Programme Evaluation

Think u know – 7* - suitable for younger Explorers but not for older ones

Eskimo night – 7* - fish were too heavy! Would be better done with real snow

Wye Cruise – 10* - would be better with better boats, rapids were disappointing

Hobbies night – 7*

6. Treasurer's report

The Wye Cruise made a £35 loss due to Leaders forgetting it was a 3 night/4 day event rather than a normal weekend so food cost more. Balance as of the 4th May is £879.42 – of which: £420 is Kandersteg deposits; £66 is from mobile phone recycling (for Kandersteg); £25 is money paid for Ardèche CDs; £32 is money paid for merchandise; £195 is left over from bag packing to be spent on climbing equipment – this totals £738 allocated, leaving £141.42 funds.

Subs are due which will bring in around £500. Membership fees and rent is paid for year.

Moz asked to do Ardèche CDs so that £25 can be paid over.

7. Secretary's report

It was noted that Eddie was failing to do minutes and write letters due to him not having enough time. He would be asked if he can do the job, if not he could stand down as Secretary and someone else would be asked to do the job. However, everyone was of the view that he was a good Forum member so would be asked to stay on in another role.

8. Recruitment Officer's report

Josh was absent, but had suggested that investitures would be held at the church visit. Moz said that as the Unit now had a membership of around 40 that they Leaders had proposed that we'd only accept new members if they were aged 14½ or over. This was agreed by the Forum.

9. Awards Officer's report

Adam had emailed a database of camps for Dragon Award to Kris. Kris needs to keep this up to date.

11. AOB

Information has gone out about LINX09. Kandersteg was full, Baggie and Dean yet to pay.

The Forum was asked what to do about the Unit polo shirts, since HQ has changed the design of the Explorer polo shirts which now have an Explorer logo where the K2 logo goes currently. It was agreed that polo shirts of the same colour would be found from an alternative source if possible.