

# 53<sup>rd</sup> St. Barnabas Scout Group

## Minutes of Parents Meeting held Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Attendees:** Group Scout Leader Tracey Vlamis, Isaias Ioannides, Skip, Andonis Florides, Estelle Kousoulidou, Christos and Eva Triantadyllides, Marina Varnava, Anna Provdenko Alexandrou, Stavri Loizidi, Georgina Adams, Bitte Lager, Maria Athienites and Irina Makarova.

1. The accounts of the group need to be approved by the parents committee before dissolving of the present committee and vote for a new committee. Every three years the committee needs to vote for a new committee.

The parents committee (2015-2018) helped the group subsidise the following:

- The world jamboree Japan with some help from the previous parents committee. Also helped with the emergency fund of €5,000 to take with those going.
  - KISC, Trip to Switzerland 2017 – subsidised the leaders €5,000 in order to do all the activities.
  - Scout going to the mini jamboree in Monaco 2016. Raised €3,500 at short notice.
  - One leader for roverway 2016 subsidised
  - Two leaders for this years roverway 2018 subsidised
  - Work at both scouts huts – Stairs at Yermasoyia, tent, concrete, scout room with all the wood, internet, sockets, roof and painting. A lot of work was done to make things safer.
  - The walk down in 2017 helped raised money, three dinner dances, three car boot sales, three fetes, all these activities helped with funding to training leaders and family camps and DOE.
  - Already started subsidising for the world jamboree in the USA, this is on-going.
  - Buying new tents for Rover way.
2. The leaders thanked the parents committee for their support for helping with the fund raising. Without a strong parents committee a lot these activities cannot be done. It was also pointed out that anyone wishing to see the accounts they just need to ask to see them.  
The committee went through the profit and lost that was made for the fete. The fete made a profit of €2,400. This year's fete was most likely the best yet. A lot of people donated a lot of things and things. Also a big help were the flyers – 500 flyers were made. The flyers were a big success. A thank you to Anna Poyiadjis for designing and sorting the flyers.

3. The committee went through the accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 until 31<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

Activities that raised money and money spent on various things:

Money made on selling of the ration packs, Halloween party, magic mugs, dinner dance lottery tickets. The sale of the boat engine, donation from Chris Skordis and self-defence classes. Money left over from the Greece trip.

Expenses go from various activities supplies for meetings, repairs and renewals, cyta, water board, training and the all expense of the minivan (service, repairs, road tax).

Sponsor money – leaders rover way 1,500 – leaders WSJ USA 1,400, 60<sup>th</sup> Badges, sponsor for the scouts WSJ USA 1,200, thinking day pins.

The group raises approx. 16,000 – 18,000 each year. The money has always managed to raise money for the group's activities. The group and the committee need to raise approx. 2,400 until the end of the Scouting year, 31<sup>st</sup> August. Also the group/committee has not managed to raise the money which the committee agreed to sponsor 200 each scout going to the WSJ USA. The group needs to try and raise that.

It was explained on how the group decides on how to sponsor the scouts going and which leaders to choose to go. Scouts that have already been sponsored will not be sponsored again. Also in choosing leaders it takes time as they need to be trained up and prepared for the trip. The leaders will then be subsidised. The committee approved all accounts including the fete.

4. It was also noted some of the emergency fund was used due to an accident. The insurance covered the €1,000 of the cost and the group covered the remaining €1,200.
5. The chairman mentioned that the group is one of the best groups with the activities that we do here in Cyprus and the trips aboard. The leaders that run the 53rd put so much time and effort into the group with the Parents committees' support. There was a research in the UK and the best groups that make scouting better get support from volunteers who give their time as Leaders and are supported by the parents committee.

Both the 53<sup>rd</sup> and 246<sup>th</sup> committees were dissolved.

6. The parents voted for the new committee as follows:

- 53<sup>rd</sup> Chairman – Isaias Ioannides
- 246 chairman - Eva Triantadyllides
- Vicechairman - Andonis Florides
- Treasurer – Georgina Adams
- Ass. Treasurer – Maria Athienites
- Secretary – Estelle Kousoulidou
- Assessment Manager – Marina Varnava
- Committee Members – Bitte Lager, Stavri Loizidi.

7. Target for the year until 1<sup>st</sup> September. The activity coming up on June 1st is the three peak challenge in the UK. Highest peak in Scotland, highest peak in England and highest peak in Wales. The highest peaks in the UK. This challenge will be done in 24 hours. 17 persons are participating. Skip, Isaias and Andreas will be going to help with the driving. It's 500 miles driving. There are two cars to take them all and another two for back up. Taking part are former members of the 53<sup>rd</sup>. The way it's been arranged it will cost 100 pounds per person to do this activity. The cost has been kept down. It's a registered challenge. On the Sunday evening everyone will be meeting up for a reunion meal in Manchester.
8. Roverway 2018 tents and emergency fund. The tents needed need to be water proof. Cost €1,200. They will be bought in the UK and brought back with those returning from the Three Peak.
9. Funding for the WSJ. If it's needed to speak with the scouting association to help for late payment.
10. Summer camp for Scouts will be 21<sup>st</sup> June until 25<sup>th</sup> June up in Troodos. Cubs summer camp will be 6<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> July at Yermasoyia hut. Reason for this the leaders do not have any more time to spare.
11. The programme will be updated on the website until the 1<sup>st</sup> September so everyone knows what is going on.
12. There is not family camp due to low numbers.
13. Twining with the Gibraltar cannot get themselves together. Another group from UK are interested in getting involved with the group.
14. Christmas dinner was brought up to book something sooner due to not finding a suitable venue. 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> December. DJ will be needed. Bring suggestions for the Christmas dinner. Next meeting for the Christmas dinner 9<sup>th</sup> June.

15. Yoga lessons are going on every Tuesday and if wanted will carry on until the end of July.
16. Family treasure hunt will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> June. It's starts at 9am from the Moutayiaka Scout Hut with a paper and it finishes around 12.00 at the Yermasoyia Scout Hut with a BBQ.
17. Ideas for next year such as having the fete before mother's day in order to have special items for sell for scouts to buy. Xmas cards were also talked about. It was talked about the package of SMS!!! But some parents weren't really interested for keeping parents up to date and to involve more parents.  
New ideas will be discussed in September the new scouting year.
18. With the group celebrating it's 60<sup>th</sup> year. The group will have a boat trip either on the Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September to celebrate this event. The budget is €3,500. People needed 150 - 200. There will be snack food - buffet, light drinks and disco. The cost approx. €25 per adult and €20 per child including a "t" shirt. Leaving the Old port at 5pm until 9-9.30pm.

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**Approved by Isaias Ioannides on: 26.05.2018  
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