

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

## Minutes of Parents Meeting held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Attendees:** 53<sup>rd</sup> GSL Tracey Vlamis, 246<sup>th</sup> GSL Richard Vlamis, Isaias Ioannides 53<sup>rd</sup> Chairman, Eva Galati Triantadyllides 246<sup>th</sup> Chairperson, Andreas Moraris, Maria Moraris, Georgina Adams, Estelle Kousoulidou, Maria Styliannou, Bitte Larger, Volodymyr Bukreyev, Irina Makarova, Shane Rozario, Stavri Loizidi, Andri Anastasiou, and Marina Antoniou.

### 1. General

The Chairman of the committee welcomed new parents and advised that new committee members are welcome. It was emphasized how important it is to have a strong parents committee to be able to help support the leaders and raise funds for the group - The leaders of the 53rd do not get paid for what they do it is totally on a voluntary basis. Anything that is required for the group, such as equipment and activities for the children the monies come from the funds raised by the Parents Committee. It was asked if any new or old members of the parents committee could give new ideas for fund raising.

### 2. A run down was given of last year's events:

We started off with running through the accounts of expenses and funds raised from various activities from the group and the parents committee. K1.5 is one of the group's main fund raisers. The overseas trips the group went to Greece at Easter and The Three peak challenge. The parents committee helped sponsor some money for the three Peaks which was planned by the 53<sup>rd</sup> network from ( older scouts that have left Cyprus to study but are still interested in being part of the Group ).

Roverway 2018 in the The Netherland, the parents committee sponsored two leaders to go to accompany our Explorers. Thalys challenge hike across Cyprus was done. Two republic awards were given this year, a few more next year. The Duke of Edinburgh awards has started at the different levels, bronze, silver and Gold. The Fete was a great success the group leaders thank the parent committee for their help. The more people that come the more lubricate it is.

The group celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> year. The sunset cruise was organised to help celebrate 60 years of Scouting for the 53<sup>rd</sup> . No money was made on this but it was a very successful event.

### 3. The marching band is practising now ready for the lantern march the end of October which will be held 27<sup>th</sup> October around Yermasoyia.

### 4. The annual Christmas dinner dance will be held on the 1st December. Everyone was happy with the venue last year. The DJ has been changed. It's important to invite as many people as possible to the event.

### 5. Copies of the annual accounts for the year ending 31st August 2018 were distributed to all present and Georgina, accountant, gave a detailed explanation of all the expenses / income. The sale of the boat engine, donation from Chris Skordis. 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 expenses of the minivan (service, all repairs (breaks, suspension), road tax). The tarring of the road down to yermasoyia. Building work at moutayiaka. Badges for the 60<sup>th</sup>. Duke of Edinburgh training. The parents committee subsidises some of the leaders in order for the group to go on trips. It was made clear that scouts are subsidised only once when going on trips. There is a lot work that is needed from the group and parents committee to raise money. The cost of the internet was asked if can be made cheaper the group's leader said if someone could bring the group an offer they are willing to look at it. The same was also said for the group's van's insurance. Two people outside of the group will be checking the accounts before going to the district. The accounts were unanimously approved and Georgina was thanked for her efforts. Anyone wishing to see the accounts can contact Georgina.

6. The subs were talked about and how long it takes to check due to the amount of kids the group has and who comes and who doesn't. It's a difficult job to keep track of. Georgina can agree with the difficulty of this job.
7. There are some letters of thanks that the group and parents committee would like to send out – Kelly for the art gallery, Jane Michalides, Christopher's mother for her donations, Christos Skodis for his help on the Caledonian walk down in which he got paid for but the money was given back to the group, Maria Constantinou donation from body balance and the donations for the three peak challenge.
8. New members were informed of how the group and previous parents committee have raised a lot of money to build up the huts and to maintain and keep the huts a safe place for the kids to be around.
9. The group membership currently stands at 140 persons. 70 Insurances have been passed and hopefully the group will hit 100 so it's going well.
10. Leader training is going well. Cyta is sponsoring half price for each leader for the training.
11. The group's two chairpersons Isaias for the 53<sup>rd</sup> and Eva for the 246<sup>th</sup> were involved with the meetings with the district after the fire in Greece. Eva worked out a deal for school bags to be donated to Greece. Each group was charged a certain amount. Our two group's price was 200 euros which the group paid.
12. Proposed events were given, although these are subject to change, especially to be flexible with the District events - check group web calendar page, usually updated to show next month or two! K1.5 Hike 7/10, Christmas Camp at Platania 15-16/12. There will be smaller camps so there can be more training with the kids. Also Explorer's three day hike right now. Four of the explorers started today. Today they will have done 17 km and tomorrow 18 kms and finish on Monday. Helping at St Barnabas church on the 24th November. Also there will be a gang show this year on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Christmas dinner will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.
13. New committee members Shane and Irene have requested to be members. Irene couldn't be here today. They were approved.
14. The web site was talked about has a parent said he could help. Maybe a facelift. A member of group needs to learn to update the website. Also it can be done for mobiles. This can be discussed at another time.
15. Fund raising activities the parents committee are arranging – there is the Christmas dinner dance on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, Yoga being held every Tuesday at the hut, this year's walk down on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March from Troodos to Yermasoyia, 42 km for adults, parents of the 53<sup>rd</sup> and friends. Training hikes will be done as well. 11<sup>th</sup> May for the fete the day before mother's day. A mother's day stall. A cake stall at the gang show or souvlakia, something more can be done. The chairman of the group suggested doing an event eg. Cheese and wine after the lantern march on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for parents to socialise and to learn more about the group.
16. A suggestion was given regarding the newsletter to give it out in different languages but it's difficult as it needs to be done before the Saturday and the letters are usually completed either Thursday or Friday night.
17. The 27th October has been given for the going up parade and something here can be organised to involve the other parents to help raise money for the group and their activities. A cheese and wine making it a social event at the Moutayiaka hut. Letters can be given out in different languages.

18. Expenses for this year – in the summer the group sold the four big kayaks for €800 which is in the group's bank account – the group want to replace them with smaller ones. The group is looking out for special offers for the new ones. Brand new €550 each one, even second hand. Needs to be sorted out by April/May.

The record book which needs to be replaced – the group is looking for prices – cost around 500 -600 euros. 200 to 300 copies are needed to be made. The sample was handed around as a couple of parents will look for better prices. Cut-off date is 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Two sinks are needed for both huts. 300 euros for each sink. The price is for made to measure. Measurements can be given in order to see about better offers.

Electric box at the Moutayiaka is needed to be moved outside the cost is 450 euros. Earthing of the generator at yermasoyia cost 300 – 400.

The group needs to move the 20ft Container in Yermasoyia. Due to the amount of kids in the group and can't fit them all in one place. A 40ft container has been given. The base that has the 20ft needs to be made bigger in order to put the 40ft container. Also the cost of the crane to move the containers and two bases is approx cost €1,500. This needs to be done in the next 2-3 weeks.

The parents committee sponsored those going to WSJ USA 200 euros from last year's fund raising and this year the request is a further 300 euros and for the leaders to be paid for. The chairman said we would sponsor the leaders but play it by ear for the 300 euros. After some objections and discussion, we agreed to sponsor the 300 euros.

District are organising a trip to Kanderstag in 2019 this is open to the Explorers. The group may ask the parents committee for sponsorship for the Leaders if some of the 53rd go.

Woodwork at Yermasoyia. Andreas has already knocked down the storage room making the hut bigger. He found a floor with a design fault, nearly lost the roof. This has now been made safe. The window shutters need to be replaced.

The bowling team, the registration is 70 per year. The committee agreed to pay this.

19. Next parents meeting will be held on the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October to discuss what will happen on the 27<sup>th</sup> October.

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