

# 53rd St. Barnabas Scout Group

## *Minutes of Parents Meeting Held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016*

**Attendees:** Group Scout Leader Tracey Vlamis, Isaias Ioannides, Andonis Florides, Andreas Moraris, Ann Karekla, Georgina Adams, Bitte Lager, Estelle Kousoulidou, Charlie Thackeray, Johny and Paola Frangi, Stelios Antoniou, Marios Zavos, Anna Poyiadjis, Vicky Natsaridou, Georgia Galati, Shane Rozario, Maria Morari, Stephe Thackeray, Maria Athienites, Eva Triantafyllidi.

### 1. General

Parents were welcomed and advised that new committee members are welcome. It was emphasised how important it is to have a strong parents committee to be able to help support the leaders and raise funds for the group - no-one gets paid anything in the group and equipment for the children is bought from monies raised by the Parents Committee.

A run down was given of recent events: Thalys challenge was completed with Ventures hiking 80km in 4 days, Yermasoyia 2 day camp was a big success, there were 3 overseas trips by the group to Crete, Mini Jamboree in Monaco and Roverway in France, the annual summer camp at Platania for cubs and scouts was a big success, as was the Akamas camp for Ventures.

With funds raised by the Parents Committee the following jobs were done:

Fixed the road and ceiling at Yermasoyia

Generator was repaired and photocells in lighting were set up at the Yermasoyia Scout Hut

Soil moved at Mouttayaika

Purchased laptop, a second GPS and fridge for the group

Cub room was painted by the older Explorers before leaving to study

2. Copies of the annual accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 were distributed to all present and Georgina, accountant, gave a detailed explanation of all the expenses / income. The accounts were unanimously approved and Georgina was thanked for her efforts.
3. Due to a change in Cyprus law regarding signatures for the group cheque book, it was proposed that Isaias and Georgina be the signatories, which was approved by the committee.
4. The group membership currently stands at 50 cubs, 40 scouts, 25 Ventures and 6 Leaders, with another 4 undergoing leadership training.
5. 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!
  - 28/10 Halloween Party
  - 29/10 KISC Presentation for those going to Switzerland in 2017
  - 19/11 St. George's Day, Paralimni
  - 10-11/12 Christmas Camp
  - 03-04/02 Annual District Family Weekend
  - 25/03 Caledonian Hike - families welcome
  - 18/03 Sponsored Walkdown by Parent & Friends (32km)
  - 03-05/06 Polis Family Camp (Kataklysmos weekend)
  - 30/06-04/07 Dhekelia Summer Camp (instead of Platania)
  - Lots of hikes to get ready for Switzerland.

6. Forthcoming Fundraising suggestions:

- Christmas Dinner Dance/Disco 3<sup>rd</sup> December - venue to be decided. Help with getting a good location/prices is welcome, last year was at the Ajax which was an excellent night.
- Fete - Easter was suggested but as many people travel, it was decided to hold it again in May.
- Sponsored Walkdown for Parents, Ventures and Supporters 18<sup>th</sup> March
- Car Boot sale - planned for 5<sup>th</sup> November, at Linopetra, helpers needed (no experience necessary)
- Calendar - various ideas were suggested, possibly each page having a sponsor, which will be looked at further when prices are obtained.

7. Proposed Financial Targets:

- Mouttayaika hut - as there is a possibility that scouts from overseas may visit eg Gibraltar which the group made good friends with at the Mini Jamboree this summer. A stand-alone metallic structure is needed for upstairs storage (eg kayaks) in the scout room and will also serve as a false ceiling to keep the room warmer in winter. Outdoor taps are required with a corrugated iron shelter above and a concreted floor. A shower is also needed. Plumbing and electric circuits need to be checked and fixed where necessary.
- Yermasoyia hut - only any necessary work will be done for this year.
- Cub tents need to be replaced this year, but no other big equipment.
- Second GPS has been purchased as there are now 25 Ventures for geocaching
- Purchase of Dutch ovens - this is a new idea and will allow scouts to try the old-style cooking outdoors

Parents were asked if they knew anyone who can help with any or the works at a good price to please let the group know. No one had any objections to the above plans, so they were unanimously agreed by the committee.

8. KISC - July 2017 will be the group's third trip to Kandersteg, Switzerland, and 38 are so far going at a cost of EUR 1300 each. Leaders and cooking team subsidies have already been paid from last year's funds, an emergency fund will be needed to take. The cooking team will be in training in the winter and at Dekhelia camp. It was also requested by the Leaders for one further scout to be sponsored which was unanimously approved.

9. Future trips:

2017 KISC (Kandersteg, Switzerland)

2018 Mini Jamboree Faro Islands

Roverway, Netherlands

Easter Trip to Karpenisis, Greece. (climbing, river rafting, etc.)

2019 Jamboree USA - roughly estimated at EUR 2300 per person with EUR 400-500 sponsorship, to be discussed in the future.

10. Other business mentioned in brief:

International Award - still pursuing and will hopefully have good news to begin by March in which case more leaders (and possibly parents) will need to attend training.

Possible 10km walk / Troodos 4km trail with geocaching and/or cookout for parents as fundraiser / bootcamp for parents?

11. Next Meeting - 22nd October at 16.30 to plan the Christmas Dinner Dance. DJ Marios from last year will be approached to see if he is available.

Ann Karekla. Parents Committee Secretary .

Approved by Isaias Ioannides on : 19.10.2016

53rd Parent Committee Chairman