

1. Attendees - Jenny Downie, Peter Greenham, Janine Cumming, Wendy Tomlinson, Peter Hallyburton, Rob Davidson, Barry Hancock, Eleneth Woolley, Peter Willis, Angela Cappelli, Ben Cappelli

Apologies - Peter Downie, Sue Elliott, Ross Elliott, Rob Richards, Neil Anson, Chris Snell

2. Accept minutes from last meeting These were accepted.

3. Correspondence -We will be applying for a grant from the Banyule Council to help with the costs of running the Ball. This will be taken off the cost of hiring the room at the Ivanhoe Town Hall.

4. President's Report

The Data projector has arrived, as of 1st April. The grant application was successful and a letter of thanks will be sent to Cr Jenny Mulholland. Andrew Cumming has purchased a trolley to store the projector and its associated pieces. Now a storage container will need to be built. Andrew will be asked to discuss with Rob Davidson who is prepared to build it.

ACTION: Andrew C & Rob D to discuss

After the maintenance night, it was found that the row boat oars have cracks in them and will need fibreglassing.

ACTION: Boating Committee.

Row Boats - they are still having work done on them. There is no ETA for them. The fittings, such as the cleats and rollocks and other pieces of steel are rusting and some of the chrome plating will need to be re- done. It was agreed that the chrome plating will not be hugely expensive and to continue with this

A discussion on how much maintenance ( and potential cost) will be needed to keep the row boats seaworthy ensured. The row boats have an epoxy coating on them which will penetrate into the body. It's the glue inside that will continue to fail over the coming years. A maintenance plan will be requested from the repairer to ensure maximum care is taken to ensure longevity.

ACTION: Peter H to ask repairer.

A report and plan is required to get the donated 420's up to scratch.

ACTION: The Boating Committee

5. Hall Relocation- Peter Greenham - With a change of Victorian Branch Commissioner, a letter will be presented to the Branch property committee in June to ask for help with our move. Once this occurs, Peter Greenham will liaise with Banyule Council to secure a long term lease over the property in Hawker Street. The Heritage section of Scouts Victoria, is supportive of the move, but is waiting for Branch Property to secure an appropriate property to house their archival items.

## 6. Treasurer's Report-

In an associated item, to the hall relocation, the Treasurers are worried about the depleting funds that the group has, especially with the imminent move and the cost of that move. The issue is that we have recently spent a third of our monetary assets. It is believed that in the past few years we have raised money specifically for the items we wish to purchase. This year we haven't, as have had a number of unplanned costs.

Peter Greenham explained that these reserves were built up about ten years ago. A reserve was set at \$15000 for the possible purchase of our present Hall and the associated land. The Public Transport Authority was keen on selling the property, so a levy was added to the fees to start the accumulation of monies for the purchase. Vic Tracs took over and decided that they needed the property for car parking. The levy was then dropped. In the meantime, an ex-member donated \$5000 to help with the move. The money has since been sitting in the Bank account.

### major purchases in the past couple of years from grant monies:

The RSL grant bought the original 420 boat.

The Department of Infrastructure gave us a grant for \$5500. This went towards buying the rescue boat.

The Geelong Yacht Club has kindly donated two 420's, one of which is ready for use.

The other one can be fixed over the coming year in order to make it seaworthy.

The Bendigo Bank grant (\$4000) is now freed for paying a major part of the row boat's repairs, as we no longer need to purchase another 420.

The money from the first Ice-cream selling opportunity back in 2000 went towards that year's Jamboree. It gave those children, who attended, pocket money. It now is a major contributor to our fundraising monies.

The Centenary celebration committee has a budget of \$2000 as agreed by the parents committee earlier. The main expenditure is the scarves. All other activities will be self funding.

### Future expenditure:

Hall relocation is coming up. Peter Greenham believes that Bendigo Bank has funds which can be accessed for major projects. An application for a grant would need to be submitted to the Bank for help with the move which would include building a new shed to house our craft.

The up-keep of all the boats will be a continuing expense.

The group also needs to find funds for the covering the costs of the Jamboree (Approx \$4000) and Cuboree (\$800) which occurs every three years. This is for sending the Leaders to these events, so that they are not out of pocket and we can show that we appreciate them.

A budget for both ongoing expenses and new equipment is needed. The leaders will discuss at the next Group Council the future needs of the group for the parent committee to plan for.

ACTION: Wendy T to discuss with leaders

We also need to follow up all viable grants including those from the Scout Association, Bendigo Bank, Banyule Council. We need to follow up all the applicable grants to make sure that we are optimising this source of income.

In the interim, we are asking Bendigo Bank for a grant to cover the costs of purchasing new oars for the new kayaks, as well as upgrading our helmets, so that they meet safety standards.

It was discussed that there was a need for a levy of \$10 per family to cover the costs associated with these things. This would pass the cost on to the people who are going to use it. We have held the fees for the past two years but the annual registration fees have been raised by \$6 by Scouts Australia and we need to cover this cost. This would still make our fees comparable to other groups in the district, even though we have more infrastructure.

Therefore, a motion was proposed by Eleneth Woolley to raise the annual registration fees by \$5 per child and \$10 per family fee.

The motion was seconded by Wendy Tomlinson and was passed unanimously by those who were present at the Meeting.

Membership Fees be raised to:-

\$205 per Youth Member

\$100 per Family fee

The breakdown for this is as follows:-

Branch: \$116 per Youth Member per Membership Fee

Region: \$20

District: \$10

Which leaves about \$60 to Leader Registration, Youth Member scarves, badges, misc.

The next item concerned the ability to access GST exemption. We are able to access this for items that are \$250 or more, that the Group needs to purchase. The buyer needs to get an invoice for the item. The group will send a cheque to Scouts Victoria, who will purchase the item and when it is processed, we get the GST back. Items which can be seen as a capital purchase are the only things that can be claimed, as they are seen to then be an asset.

It was suggested that with a budget in place, the group can prioritise the requirements and that the GST exemption can be fully utilised.

The group wishes to thank both Eleneth Woolley and Peter Downie for all the time and effort that they have put into organising the budget.

7. Maintenance Report-

Jan Bryar would like the ceilings of the girl's toilet and the galley to be fixed; as a possum has taken up residence and is making a mess of all the equipment stored both of these areas. Seeing that these items include cooking equipment, it is seen as a priority.

ACTION: Rob Davidson is willing to do this next week

8. Newsletter- this is still available on the web.

9. Centennial Committee- The scarves have now arrived and have been distributed. Both the embroidery and scarves have had the accounts paid. The badges are on their way. The banner was done free of charge and a letter of thanks is to be written to the donor.

Banyule festival was a hit, with 1st Ivanhoe leading the floats and the activity running smoothly.

Publicity- We have features in the Leader and The Heidelberg Weekly, also there has been a photo in the Leader with 1st Ivanhoe accepting the data projector from Cr Jenny Mulholland.

The web page is to be updated and an email and letter to the current families are to be sent out concerning the main weekend.

The dance is to be self funding. Janine Cumming is waiting for the confirmation of food lists. She has requested \$500 from the group for copying of items and for archival costs. This was agreed to.

Bruce Draper is updating the history of the group and will have this ready for sale, as a booklet, in time for the Celebrations at the October weekend.

Janine needs a list of VIP names.

ACTION: Wendy to discuss with Leaders and source some funding for covering the costs of the VIPs.

It was thought that there should be an expression of interest form sent out to show who intends to come to the dance. This could take the form of a letter with a tear off section to be posted back. Maybe postcards or business cards could be printed in order to hand out to people, who are not part of the current family members, as a reminder to when the dance is to be held, contact names and numbers, etc.

A discussion was held as to whether we need a format for the night and an MC.

We could also have lucky door prizes etc. Also, we could sell 1st Ivanhoe labelled wines on the weekend, as well as etched glasses.

ACTION: Committee to report back.

A power point presentation that covers the various decades and memorabilia are to be included on the night.

10. Fundraising-

Jenny Downie is to source prices for the wine and glasses to see if they are a viable option for fundraising.

We are on the Bunnings stand by list in case some other group drops out at the last minute.

Woman in black - Heidelberg Theatre Company have donated 20 tickets to this performance, which is being held on the 19th November. The cost for each ticket will be \$20 a head and this will include champagne and nibbles on the night.

**Other Business:**

The group made a special thank you to all of those who attended the Cuboree, which was held under an extraordinary circumstance. These Leaders and helpers being-

Jan Bryar, Cheryl Borg, Jules Hogan, Wendy Tomlinson, Jennifer Carter, Ben and Angela Cappelli, Marissa Cappelli, Julianne Bryce and the Scouts/ Venturers who also gave up their holidays.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting: 6th August 2008 Annual General Meeting