

Minutes from AGM 16th April 2018

1. Present: Sharon Minter, Karen Swift, Catherine Hesmer, May Haswell, Phil Masters, Sammie Taylor & Mark Andrews
2. Apologies: Freda Temple, Debbie Wraight, Amanda Lawrence, Tracy Hindmarsh, Lin Gatward, John Haswell, Joan Hesmer & Wendy Andrews.
3. Minutes from last meeting agreed by Sharon Minter and Phil Masters
4. Catherine Hesmer and Sammie Taylor both stepped down as Trustees

Catherine Hesmer and Sammie Taylor were both voted back in as Trustees by Sharon Minter, Karen Swift, Mary Haswell, Mark Andrews and Phil Masters.

Positions as follows:

Sharon Minter – Chairperson & Joint Treasurer

Catherine Hesmer – Vice Chair & Joint treasurer

Karen Swift – Secretary

5. *Chair Persons report for AGM 16th April 2018*

“Last year I said how busy we had been, but this year has been even busier! All in a good way though. We have had a much more stable year, a year where we have gained a new Trustee and we have all worked so well together. We re-did our membership form which enabled us to not only update the actual form but to have a clearer picture of our membership and its needs. Our total of members now stands at 232 families which although a lower figure than last year it is made up of active families. This year has found us being supported by the local community far more than previous years. All our venues, old and new, support us and enable us to continue to offer such a fabulous range of activities for our members. I would like to personally thank (in no particular order) Uncle Bumble,

Santa, our lovely face painter Sam, Councillor Charles Clark, Kate from Bexhill Sainsburys, Athena from Eastbourne Asda, Wendy from Hastings Asda, Joanna Brundle, Tracy at Bexhill Football club, Paul at Bexhill Athletics Club, Sussex Community Foundation, The Big Lottery, Carole from Festival of the Sea, The Catholic Women's League, Bay House Care Home, Co-Op, All Saints Wives fellowship, Abbey Lodge Masons, Stamco, Bexhill 100, Charities Aid foundation, Pendragon Parties, Treasurers charity shop, The Park Lane Group, Zoe & Sam and Santander Bexhill branch for all their support and very generous donations over the past year.

Our own fundraising events continue to be successful and this is only due to the help and support of all the Trustees, their partners, the members that help us and the general public who donate to us so generously and take part in our fundraising Bingo and Quiz nights. The funds raised this way allow us to try new venues as they open and when needed to double up on an activity to ensure as many members who want to come have the opportunity to do so. We now have a Facebook raffle group which has been hugely successful this year, raising over £1200 in just 2 months! Huge thanks to Karen who runs this for us and to everyone who has taken part.

We have been very fortunate this year to have been awarded funding from both Sussex Community Foundation and The Big Lottery. These grants have not only allowed us to continue offering the much needed activities for the children but extras like a laptop which means we can spread the work out amongst the Trustees which is vital as we continue to grow, a parent event and new uniform for the Trustees so we are visible at all our activities. Our parent/carers meals continue to be much needed and appreciated. Continuing to make sure we have 1 lunch and 1 dinner each month in a variety of locations has meant many more parents have been able to attend over the year.

Our coffee mornings continue to be popular with current and new members; we regularly have speakers including Class+ who we have a visit from each half term. We have enjoyed many a yummy cake and posh coffee as we chat about everything under the sun!

Our activities are assessed after each visit with our feedback forms, this allows us to continually evaluate which activities are working well, which need adapting further or which are not so popular and need changing. We are regular visitors to Urban Jump now and we have also including Nerf Wars at 1066 Target sports. Our parties needed a new venue and we now have an excellent venue in The Cooden Beach Hotel and we are in the process of booking our Christmas party with them after a very lovely Easter party.

Our coach trips remain as popular as ever and 2018 sees us having 7 coach trips including our ever popular overnight trip to Drayton Manor.

As our relationships with all our venues continues to grow and strengthen so does our positive experiences, this leads some members to be able to access these venues when open to the general public, safe in the knowledge that the staff are aware of their needs and are ready and willing to help if needed. Our very first activity was a private hire of Froggies soft play at Knockhatch Adventure Park, this remains, over 7 years on, as one of our most popular activities. It was the support shown to us by Knockhatch that enabled us to found Special Kids Bexhill and we will always be eternally grateful for their ongoing support.

Huge thanks to everyone who has supported us this year, we look forward to the next year with great excitement and enthusiasm."

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Income and expenditure accounts 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018

Balance on 31st March 2017 £12,217.75

Financial year is April 1st 2017 to March 31st 2018

Total income for April 1st 2017 to 31st March 2018 is: £42,991.65

Income made up of the following:

1. Members payments for activities £10,559.73
2. Donations £125.70
3. Fundraising £6152.95
 - Bingo evenings £346.00
 - Easter Craft Fair £194
 - Supermarket collections £1355.30
 - Facebook raffles £2040.00
 - Boot Fairs £275.29
 - Quiz Nights £165.00
 - Sackville Craft Fair £27.50
 - Eastbourne Craft Fair stall £60.00
 - Easter Party Raffle £93.00
 - Funday on a Sunday £399.32
 - Festival of the Sea £466.30
 - Bexhill 100 stall £108.51
 - Eastbourne Arndale Centre £183.18
 - Bexhill Town collection £128.64
 - Table sale £98.80
 - Collection Boxes £99.01
 - Raffles at collections £113.10
4. Councillor Charles Clark £170.23
5. Bay House Care Home Garden Party £115.10
6. Easy Fundraising £99.14
7. Co-Op £3879.46
8. All Saints Wives Fellowship £350.00
9. Abbey Lodge Masons £1805.00
10. Catholic Women's League £500.00
11. Stamco £284.00
12. Bexhill 100 Charity Partner £2500.00
13. Coffee Mornings £157.90
14. Sussex Community Foundation £4806.50
15. Big Lottery £8638.00
16. Overpayments by members £16.00
17. Members clothing £109.50

18. Charites Aid Foundation £500.00
19. Pendragon Parties Christmas Party £160.00
20. Treasurers Shop £125.00
21. Cancelled cheques £115.00
22. Refund from Azur £100.00
23. Asda Green token Eastbourne £500.00
24. Asda Green token St Leonards £200.00
25. Park Lane Group £472.04 (£500 donated via PayPal so fee paid)
26. Zoe & Sam 2 Christmas Funday's £201.00
27. Santander cake sale £174.70
28. Santander Match funding £174.70

Total expenditure for April 1st 2017 to 31st March 2018 is: £29,527.08

Expenditure made up of the following:

1. Activities £23,451.22
2. Mobile phone £304.38
3. Insurance £341.82
4. Stationary £219.82
5. GP Promowear £494.22
6. Equipment £2157.51
7. Fundraising supplies £680.75
8. Website £95.61
9. Vistaprint £60.15
10. Lottery Licence £20
11. Refunds to Members £14.50
12. DBS checks £10.00
13. Courses for Trustees £438.00
14. Accountant £480.00
15. Coffee morning supplies £85.20
16. Return of overpayments £16.00
17. Bounced cheque from member £15.00
18. Facebook raffle prizes £642.90

Balance on 31st March 2018 £ £25,682.32

Suggestion was made for one Monday a month for the Coffee mornings to have cream cakes.

Income and expenditure accounts we had more in this year than last year.

7. Activities are filling much faster due to a lot more members.

Swimming is being reduced as less people being interested. Hailsham Pool is now going to be tried.

Nerf Wars was done for the first time and this went well, a few adjustments are needed but nothing huge.

Cooden Beach Hotel for the Easter Party was very good. We are going to tweak the food for the Christmas party and have extra space with our own bar. Look at cooked meals for next party.

David Lloyd will not be booked for a while, Hailsham bowling is new activity and very popular.

8. Sainsburys Bexhill collection 2nd June

Asda St Leonard's collection 26th May

To apply for Sainsburys charity of the year again.

Plan a bingo night for September/October

Tesco and Sainsburys Hastings still to book.

9. Sussex Community Foundation grant runs until September

Big Lottery Grant runs until January.

Apply to both again

10. Contact Chris from CG Electronics who gave us his card at the last collection regarding sponsorship.

11. Date of next meeting is Monday 18th June 2018 7.30pm at 1 Constable way, Bexhill TN40 2UH