

Minutes from general meeting on 21st May 2015

1. Present: Sharon Minter, Paula Chapman, Catherine Hesmer, Emma Beardshaw and Diane Dean.
2. Apologies: Joan Hesmer, Richard Chapman and Grace Horn.
3. Minutes from last meeting agreed by Paula Chapman and seconded by Catherine Hesmer.
4. Code of Conduct:

Rules on non-members – “Non-members may be admitted to events at the discretion of the Trustees and may be asked to pay the non-subsidised price.” To be added.

Swimming: “at our swimming activities all children under 18 and anyone with special needs of any age must have an appropriate adult in the water and actively supervising them at all times at a ratio of no more than 3:1 adult. Any child under 18 or anyone with special needs without an adult in the water that is actively supervising at this ratio will be asked to leave the pool. This may jeopardise their chances of attending future swimming activities.” To be added.
5. Fundraising:

Bingo evening: £600.24 was raised, mostly by non-Special Kids members which has been a huge success.

Bag pack 30th May Tesco Bexhill: So far we have approx. 7 volunteers. Emma Beardshaw will re-advertise to see if we can get more volunteers. We will be there 10am – 1pm.

Sponsored swim: total donations on the MyDonate website is currently at £1155, which is brilliant. Dominic Harvey from Battle Abby School will be taking part again, but swimming separately.

Quiz evening: Thomas, David and Paul Minter want to organise a quiz night September/October 2015.
6. Funding Update:

Big Lottery application: we are still waiting to hear back from them.

Sussex Community Foundation: We will be sending the application on June 25th 2015 – the closing date being July 17th 2015. We will be asking for money to provide Drayton Manor Coach and stay, 2 sessions of Archery, 2 coaches for a museum trip, 2 coaches for a chessington world of adventures trip and a year’s contract for the Special Kids Bexhill mobile phone.
7. Drayton Manor:

Trip is planned for May half term 2016. Expression of interest forms will be sent out Friday 22nd May 2015. This will not be booking a place, merely giving us an idea of the number of members who would be interested in attending this trip.
8. Advertising our charity:

During the transfer from non-profit organisation to a charity we lost 52 members. We should be advertising at libraries, Dr’s surgeries, Hospitals and schools (such as new horizons (juniors), South Downs, Torfield) after May half term 2015.
9. Places we can leave Membership forms:

Bexhill, Hastings, Ore, Eastbourne, Langley and Pevensy Libraries. After May half term 2015.

10. AOB:

Grace's DBS check has now been received and is clear.

Clambers adult parties are available from the age of 13 and over.

11. Next meeting:

Thursday 2nd July 2015 7.30pm at 1 Constable way, Bexhill, East Sussex TN40 2UH