

6th September 2012

Friends of Picnic in the Park Meeting

Minutes from last meeting approved

Welcome to Cathy ~ John's partner and Graham ~ Julie's partner

Attendance: Kelly, Katherine Jaqueline, Stephen, John, Alan , Alan, Debbie, Brian, Roy, Nichola Hurst, Christine, Angela, Becky

Apologies: Julie, Caron, Sonia & Jay, Kirsty, Sharon

Absent: Karen Maurice, Amanda Last

1) Dragon Boat Discussion (moved to top of agenda due to time constraints): DM & BM "Cool Runnings"

- volunteer use of their dragon boat as it would be free promotion for their team, hoping to recruit new members
- £30 incl. car & trailer transportation to & from
- a few experienced hands would be available to help
- 10 on each side + cox steering
- suggestions:
 - company driven event with time trails against each other
 - Money earned for entry fee (can charge as much as £250 per boat in proper dragon boat races)
 - Time trials due to one boat
 - "tug a dragon" (two teams of 10 facing each other trying to paddle in opposite directions)
 - Dragon boat taster trips for adults and children on Gala Day
 - Dragon Boat vs. Viking Boat
 - Dragon Boat vs. any boat
 - Gala Day ~ winning team from the regatta vs. the Cool Runnings team
 - logistic discussion:
 - insurance considerations (waiver forms?)
 - life jackets can be provided
 - End of May?
 - would need a flat mooring for loading/unloading
 - 10-15 minute race slots
 - short sprint with a turn around
 - safety boats & buddy system needed
 - will have to inform the proper water authorities NRA, Environmental Agency, GOBA
 - BS suggested contacting Huntingdon Boat Club
 - KMF suggested contacting First Strokes for volunteer lifeguards
 - AH said it would be a good event due to low/little outlay
 - Vote: all in favour of exploring and developing the Dragon Boat idea and creating a Godmanchester "Regatta"

2) Bucketteering: £2873.93 BANKED

- £2934.24+ unofficially collected
 - Bucket turned in by KMF and AS from various collections in venues ie. Comrades Club Bingo Bonus ball
 - Total Fundraising: BANKED Deposit made by Dr. L £50

BANKED Deposit made by Dove Trust £60 (charitygiving.co.uk)

UNOFFICIAL easyfundraising £56.09

UNOFFICIAL charitygiving.co.uk £168.00

- SS congratulates everyone for accomplishments
- KMF suggests carrying buckets to the pub etc.
- **ACTION:** NH to take one to a party Sat pm at Bearscroft GMC Rovers Grounds

3) Petitions: 4 in the bucket turned in tonight

50 at home with BS

172 online

1277 counted & collected by SS

It won't benefit us if the signatures on the petition are from out of GMC – TC bias

AH suggests waiting to submit the petition until one month from next C Meeting to gather more signatures to show majority of GMC

SS suggested it all be presented at TC meeting Sept to prepare them for the Oct budget, grants made in December

Compromise made KMF to speak to TC at **Sept 20 Meeting 730** informing TC of PiP's intentions and next month spent gathering as many signatures as poss with official presentation in Oct.

ACTION: the next 4 weeks gathering as many signatures as possible to show a majority response

ACTION: BS/JB said as many PiP members as poss should also attend and meet in carpark, **Town Council Meeting 20 Sept 2012 730**

ACTION: AH to speak to town clerk

ACTION: SS to stand outside COOP, JO offered to stand outside Costcutters, volunteers needed for primary school playgrounds

ACTION: Donation boxes and petitions to be put in local shops/businesses for the final push, KMF ordering boxes, volunteers will be sought to approach the shops etc

KMF asks for a vote to approve donation box expenditure – passed

4) Facebook: encourage more friends to join the group!!

- AH suggested we use the group more actively to gain interest.

ACTION: He will post photos asking people to tag themselves in a “where's waldo” type way

ACTION: KMF to post the fundraising results in a general way ie. 1/3 way there and thank you

- Roy Dodson suggested asking followers their opinions of our ideas
- 5) Round Table Letter: KD has written to the Hunts District Round Table, awaiting a response
- 6) Corporate Sponsorship Letters: KD working on this,

ACTION: final approval and edit from SS

7) Halloween Party: ALL AGREED

- *Wednesday 31 October 630-9 ages Toddlers to 12, must be accompanied by an adult
- *decided £2.50 per child, £1 per adult
- *please note there is a fire & safety capacity limit. We will have to check with AS
- *activities: parachute, pumpkin colouring contest (as part of the ticket), costume competition, wrap the mummy, bat races, mad professor laboratory, bouncy castle, disco games – musical tombstones (chairs), musical corpses (statues), certificate for all costumes, cheap medal for winner
- *decorations: old sheets, bun liners, personal decs on loan, beg/steal/borrow
- *food: nothing prepared H&S, sweets and drinks only
- *additional money making ideas: things for sale, raffles
- *coop, etc. to be asked for donations before we spend any money on it
- *entertainment: can use the CC sound system
- *publicity: double sided A5 schoolbag stuffers (one side fireworks, one side Halloween party), early publicity, posters as of 19th Oct no later,
ACTION: CTH to help design poster

- tickets available at schools and maybe shops TBC,

ACTION: AH o ask BarryM to create a stick on for the unused car park signs left over from last year

Facebook

- SS says, it might not raise a lot of money but it will raise awareness of PiP

ACTION: KMF to be seeking volunteers for jobs, tasks via email

- Meeting solely for **Halloween planning, Wednesday 26 September 8 pm, Comrades Club**

- 8) Hog Roast/Winter fest-TBD at a later date
- 9) Race Night: Friday 26 October at the Comrades Club

- 8 races for sale at £25 each – name 8 horses
- PiP committee bought a race

ACTION: All members to send name suggestions via email to Kelly ASAP to be voted on

Each race, horses for sale and winners to bet on, money awarded for winning horse owner and winning bets

Time?

Publicity TBA, AS says posters and signs

ACTION: KMF – Facebook

MUST make public aware you do not need to be a member of the Comrades Club to attend

- 10) PiP downloadable for cars: group agreed a good idea, maybe the size of a tax disc? JB/NH suggest approach insurance companies and DVLA for free wallets
- 11) PiP downloadable house window sign: not discussed at length
- 12) AOB:

Godmanchester Regatta – Could become an annual event! More discussion after the October fundraisers

- -Pedalos on the causeway (racing or for hire) SS looking into pedalos, paddle boats, water trikes
- -Viking boat vs. dragon boat spectator event
- -electric model boats
- -bathtub races (homemade floatation devices)
- -discussion to take place re: when and logistics,
- legalities
- Possibilities of purchase for the town? Added revenue: seasonal hire like at Ferry Meadows etc.
- SS emphasized that the water is the focal point of GMC, so we should definitely capitalize upon

Adjourned

Next meeting of general matters to be decided at the Halloween planning meeting 8 pm 26 September, Comrades Club