

Days Out With Dad Committee Meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2013

Present: David, Mark, Martin

1. Review of, and Proposal to approve minutes from last meeting

Health & Safety Policy – Huw still has this and needs to get it signed

Minutes were approved.

2. Leaflet

David has spoken to the Council who have agreed to match fund the printing costs and he can get numbers of students in each school from the Council. It was suggested that in the first instance 5 leaflets be sent to each school along with a letter to the Headteachers introducing DOWD and asking them to request further leaflets if they so wish.

Action – DM to draft a letter and send out with leaflets through the 'Green Bag' man

3. Recent Events

The camping weekend went ahead in July and positive feedback was received

The St Weonards activity weekend in August was also very successful

The Llama walking event attracted 17 dads and fun was had by all – they even managed to avoid the rain showers!

4. Future Events

There are currently no planned events on the website

Huw is still to explore the idea of a canoe event although this is likely to have to take place next year due to the changes in weather.

Action HR to explore this possibility

David has been in contact with the Teme Valley Archers but they were unable to make the suggested date.

Swimming Event – Had a number of false starts. Rob Sedman knows a Swimming Instructor who could be of use. Using the pool at Monmouth would involve providing our own lifeguards. Martin suggested hiring Ross pool where lifeguards come as part of the hire.

Action DM to contact possible instructors

Action MT to look into the hire of Ross pool

A possible future event could be a mini triathlon – possibly down at Monmouth. However this would need marshalls. Some more thought will need to be given to this idea.

Orienteering – MB said there was a course already marked out at Dinedor. This could be combined with a possible barbecue

Action MB to explore this possibility

Golf Driving Range – Another idea was to have someone to give some basic instruction to us. Martin suggested speaking to Richard Ballard

Action MB to explore this possibility

A Tennis day – January is a quiet time of the year for the club – Madley?

Action DM to explore this possibility

Another music event at Kingstone High School was suggested following the success of the Samba Drumming event. This would have to be in the new year as the school is preparing for it's main musical production

Action MB to explore possibility

5. Accounts / Balance

The bank account currently stands at £1307 which is lower than usual, however we still need to claim back the match funding from the Council for some of the recent events. Some of the recent events have also been more expensive to lay on eg Llamas - £385, St Weonards - £430 + food

Action – DM to claim back match funding from the council and explore the possibility of applying for an 'Awards for All' grant

6. Date of Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to fall during the school half term, however some of the committee will be away. It was therefore suggested the next meeting be brought forward so as to finalise some more events.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 15th October – 8.30pm and the Axe & Cleaver Pub