

PDMS - Trustees Meeting Minutes

10:30am Thursday 1st April 2021 via Zoom Conference Video

Present: HG, JM, RB, SD, LB, TR, PS, PW

Finance

HG thanked RB for compiling the Annual Accounts. Some trustees hadn't been able to open the file. SD will resend. RB explained we had received 2 grants which had covered our expenses. We had to pay £5,000 in rent last year. Despite being closed for much of the year some members had continued to pay their donations through Virgin Money Giving which has helped income. RB noted that in 5 years we have been awarded 24 grants amounting to some £17,000. Zurich Insurance only increased our premium by 0.1%

HG spoke about a broker who appears to be offering very competitive insurance cover for Men's Sheds. RB felt Zurich was a reputable business who gave us good service but will investigate this alternative offer before we renew in October.

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SD

RB

Online Shopping platforms

SD had recently circulated an email reminding members that they can nominate PDMS to receive a donation from many retailers. This has raised c£900 to date but is still largely untapped as few members support us. He asked trustees to promote the offer amongst members.

ALL

Reopening

Under the Rule of Six we could begin work parties to ready the shed and bungalow for a reopening. HG has been given a supply of PPE and reminded everyone to maintain HANDS FACE SPACE . We should be able to reopen on Tuesday 13th April.

The Bungalow

HG commented that the Head of School has been impressed with the work done to tidy up the bungalow and he thanked JM for a job well done. We have been quoted £700 for an alarm system. It was suggested we install our own and PS will investigate options.

PS

DBS Checks

HG confirmed we do not need to have these in place

Menscraft

HG outlined Menscraft role and the communication Norfolk Sheds Network had circulated to all sheds. The matter was now closed.

Outstanding Projects

The care home are ready to receive the next (third of five) crazy golf sets so we need to make finishing off a first job. LB confirmed it just needs to be grassed.

The dyke footbridge. TR explained we will need some machinery to retrieve the lumbar which will be very heavy. He suggested we check it out first.

Brooke PC have finally supplied us with the wood for their Notice Board. PS hopes to complete very soon. They have also requested we refurbish 6 wooden benches and will be offering us a donation for the work.

PS

HG thanked those involved with demolishing the damaged wall.

Bowling Green Site

HG confirmed that Poringland PC solicitors will begin drawing up our lease next month. He has also begun the planning application process and is hopeful Anglia Water will connect the site to the nearby mains drainage. The plan is to lay a large concrete pad but initially only erect a structure about 60 x 20 feet for the workshop. We have sufficient funds to do this and HG will be approaching the company that supplied the Ditchingham Shed for a quotation. Then in a year or two we can extend subject to more funding. In the meantime we may need to extend our tenure at The Barn JM will make enquiries.

HG

JM

Meeting closed at 11:55