

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 11th August 2010 (Sandalwood Centre)

Apologies: D Ward, L Nokes, M Smith, M Wainwright

Present: D & S Crabtree, R & J Ketley, D Bewell, M Hood, N & W Gethin, M Smith, E Hughes, L & L Handley, C & C Burton, N Marshall, S Stokes

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- i. Dog control order – Rachael was to set up a meeting with Community Parks and FoSP to discuss. No further details as yet – still no update.
ACTION: Rachael still to set up a meeting
- ii. CCTV – Still no update – the matter has gone on long enough and no interest shown by police. Proposed to drop the initiative. Agreed.
- iii. The Green Heroes award is almost ready to be submitted. We will be judged within the Yorkshire and Humber region.

3. Business Plan

3(i). Crime

- i. The ILM container was broken into – someone had used cutting gear to cut a hole large enough to see into the container, at the back away from prying eyes. Nothing stolen at this time. It was reported as a crime by ILM team, and reported to police as an incident by Sandra with a request for attention (linked with the lungs and other innards found on the lake side, drinks parties and human excrement in the bus shelter).
- ii. A bag full of innards (appeared to be lungs and something else) was found on the side of lake on Sunday morning.
- iii. Unsavoury activities by men around the toilets continues. The police at SNT are quoting legislation at us – we just want a uniform police presence and some deterrent advice to offenders. The police response has been less than helpful. Details have been passed to Rennie Brown at SYP HQ.
- iv. Human excrement in bus shelter was discovered over the previous weekend. The customer services at DMBC were immediately informed and requested a clean up operation, which was given priority.

3(ii) Park Development

a. Boat House Area

ILM will hopefully be starting work when they get the appropriate tools. In the meantime they have cleared the copses near to the nursery – and everyone agreed it looked fabulous – and are now working on planting hawthorns on the north bank of the lake.

b. Future Projects

i. Obstacle Course

Neil M agreed that they could take responsibility for maintenance.

ACTION: Sandra to pursue

ii. Playbuilders

Tom Thumb steel benches (child size benches): Still waiting for Mick Ward to get back to us with a price for producing these to the appropriate standard.

ACTION: Sandra to continue enquiries about this possibility

¹ In accordance with the Charity Commission Constitution, all general meetings shall be called Special General Meetings.

- c. Spring Drain
Eva has spoken with Rachael – ILM to be approached to look at the problem when they start on the boathouse area.
- 3(iii) Angling Club**
- i. We now have a new angling club to oversee fishing on the lake. The Anglers of Sandall Park have just received notification they have been successful in taking on the lease for the park. Discussion then took place as to how this would progress.
 - ii. There is funding available through the police which would suit competitions for youngsters as diversionary activities. Lucan to look into it.
 - iii. Some pegs to be removed and others renumbered.
- 3(iv) Communications**
Nothing new to report.
- 3(v) Funding**
- i. Lottery income this month is £26.46.
 - ii. Treasurers Report
Nothing new to report, the balance is still healthy. A copy of the finances was given to the secretary.
- 3(vi) Events**
- a. Tombola – August BH Funfair
 - i. Tables have been purchased – we now have 3 x 5' folding tables held in the RSS store.
 - ii. Eva said that she'd spoken with Roger Tuby and any help that we needed would be provided. It has been arranged that the gazebo and tables can be taken down to the fair prior to the weekend and stored there. All prizes will be collated either at Eva's or Ron's and taken down on the day.
 - iii. The tombola will run from 12pm – 4pm on BH Sunday and Monday.
 - b. Care to Run 2010
 - i. Don asked for specific volunteers to be marshalls to put their names forward and took down a list. He would be doing a briefing at 9.45am though he and Sandra would be there from 6.30am. Neil M said he would be asking for volunteers to work on the Sunday, who would be on site from 8am, and would hopefully provide bins and barriers.
 - ii. There will be no additional stalls or amusements this time.
 - c. Music in the Park 2010
 - i. Ron said amplifiers were now going to be provided free by someone who owns his own and would do all the necessary arrangements.
 - ii. We would need access to chairs and bins. To be arranged with SNT.
 - iii. Additional sponsored banners are now ready and can be used for this event.
 - iv. The current insurance needs forwarding to Parks Dept.
 - d. Race Night (Friday 1st October)
 - i. 3 race sponsors still required at £25 per race
 - ii. Binns (House of Fraser Outlet) to have 30 tickets and keep the ticket money for their chosen charity Guide Dogs for the Blind. If all 30 turn up, additional donation to their cause will be made.
- 4. Any Other Business**
- a. Don is set to be interviewed on TV for a documentary about children and crime
 - b. Moira – still trying for fencing to be repaired but not making much headway.
 - c. Eva – reported that the Coalfield regeneration scheme has funds available.
 - d. Neil M reported that the Lions event for the disabled was a success.

5. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 15th September 2010, 7pm