

**Friends of Sandall Park**  
**Minutes of Special General Meeting<sup>1</sup>**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 (Sandalwood Centre)**

**Apologies:** D Ward, L Nokes, S Stokes, M Wainwright, J Ketley, L & L Handley

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

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

- i. The Green Heroes Award (BTCV) was submitted though we haven't been shortlisted. The Yorkshire representative however was a very worthy contender.
- ii. We had an email from the elected Mayor Peter Davies thanking us for our efforts in staging the Music in the Park. He said that he and the cabinet were thankful of the work put in and that it helped put Doncaster on the map.
- iii. Moira said that with regards to the cost of £600 for the 'pongy' corner of the lake to be dredged – they, the councillors, would fund it. Eva supported this. Rachael to be contacted with regards to this.

**3. Business Plan**

**3(i). Crime**

- i. Parklands angling club attended the park and spoke to Don, Sandra and Lucan about trawler nets being used by a group of Chinese men. Lucan is now aware of what to look for, though they were already doing stringent checks of the lake for such items.
- ii. A recent addition to the SNT staff is not a park warden as previously thought.
- iii. Remote controlled motor boats have been reported on the lake.
- iv. A dead goose was fished out of the lake, cause of death unknown.

**3(ii) Park Development**

**a. Boat House Area**

Has been delayed temporarily whilst they are waiting for a digger.

**b. Future Projects**

- i. Obstacle Course: Ann Simms is following up quotes from their departments to see if it is viable. Still no update yet. **ACTION: Sandra to pursue**
- ii. Sensory Garden – Neil attending a meeting tomorrow to see if it will be sited at Sandall Beat or Sandall Park.
- iii. Mansell Challenge – Mansell builders have offered their services to complete a project in a weekend for voluntary groups. A request was submitted by us for improvements to the pongy corner of the lake. The work would take place in March if we are successful in our application.

**3(iii) Angling Club**

- i. Lucan and his team have removed extremely large amounts of refuse out of the lake.
- ii. Neil M asked if the group were generally happy with the way the angling situation was – agreed that they were. Some geese had been caught up in fishing twine but the anglers themselves had freed them.

**3(iv) Communications**

Nothing to report.

**3(v) Funding**

- i. A final cheque has been received from Groundwork UK for the Sustainability Grant.
- ii. Neil G has submitted a request for match funding of £500 as a result of the successful Race Night. Our thanks to Neil.

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

- iii. Banners have been sponsored by Red Tomato; Ready Steady Store has donated £500; The Olive Pub and Grill have offered sponsorship in return for advertising on our notice and information boards, which they will pay for.
- iv. Treasurers Report  
Nothing new to report, the balance is still healthy. A copy of the finances was available.
- v. Insurance  
To be taken out with BCTV.

**3(vi) Events**

- a. Race Night
  - i. Thanks to Neil, Will Karen and Anna for all their hard work in organising the race night which was a huge success. Thanks to the Staff of House of Fraser Outlet Store too who attended and who we shared our profits with. Next year we need to push ticket sales to ensure a successful turnout.
- b. Cultural Event
  - i. No contact has been received from Agenda 2020 who visited the park with a view to organising a multicultural event on 30.10.10.
- c. Free Press/DMBC Pride in Doncaster Awards  
Several people have nominated the group for this award and we have been shortlisted. There is a presentation night on 28<sup>th</sup> October at the Keepmoat Stadium. Don and Sandra both received a letter of invitation and can take one guest each, so the group's names were put into a draw with 2 names drawn out: Sarah and Will.
- d. Doncaster in Bloom
  - i. We have received an invitation for 3 members to attend the presentation evening which is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at the Keepmoat Stadium. Don, Sarah and Derrick will be attending. Sandra will attend as a private entry (hanging baskets).
- e. Santa Dash
  - i. Don said he would need more marshalls this year if the winter wonderland (produced by Intake Opportunity Centre) is to go ahead. Eva, Carol, Carolyne, Mairaid volunteered their services.
  - ii. Neil M said he would be working with some other SNT officers who had volunteered on their day off.
- f. Christmas Meeting  
All agreed we should try the Cumberland for a change. Sandra handed out menu's and asked people to select their choices. A deposit of £5 per person has to be paid. This is instead of a formal meeting.
- g. Walking Festival  
The next Walk for Health in the park will be on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and will be led by an SNT member.
- h. Fake Festival will be on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011
- i. Music in the Park 2011  
This date has been confirmed as 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 – the band has been booked.
- j. Quiz Night  
Our next quiz night has been booked at Club 39 for the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

**4. Any Other Business**

- a. OPAL Survey – Sandra has the packs for a biodiversity study in the park – date to be arranged with those interested in completing it.
- b. Queen's Award for Voluntary Service: applications were invited for this award and one has been submitted on our behalf.
- c. Training Opportunities – a new booklet has been distributed by CVS for training courses for volunteers if anyone wished to attend any.
- d. Macdonalds completed their litter pick in the park and some photo's were put onto the website.
- e. Neil M said that KFC were interested in working with the community and Neil pointed out to them that a good deal of their waste was dropped in the park.

5. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010, 7pm (due to holidays in Nov)