

Godmanchester Community Association

Minutes of Meeting of 8 February 2007

1 Attendees:

Present: Stuart Bond (Chairman), Alan Hooker, Lynda Heseltine, Alan Suter, Christine White, Roy White

Apologies: Elwyn Hughes, Stephen Spencer

2 Affiliated Groups

LH requested confirmation of the fee for Affiliated Groups in 2007. It was agreed to retain the present fee of £10 which provides an entry in The Bridge magazine and a free pitch at the Gala Arena for fund raising. LH will issue notices requesting response by 31 March 2007.

3 Gala Parade

Discussion on the parade and theme for 2007 reflected upon the involvement of the Hohenfeld Flags and Herald Band, so it was decided that the **theme for 2007 is "Heraldry"**. It was unclear whether CO was able to assist with the parade this year (**Action: LH to call**)

SB confirmed that the Blue Twirlers were expected to participate in the parade and arena, and AS offered to check this was the case (**Action: AS**)

4 Gala Day Arena

LH advised that the Out-of-school club at Community School had offered to run some form of children's attraction with children's games and they could attend a meeting to discuss (April?). (**Action: LH to follow-up and AH to note**).

Discussion moved to the aspects of a better representation on the day for the GMCCA and that a lightweight PVC or similar banner on the marquee would be beneficial. (**Action SB to speak to PH**).

SB noted that a children's participatory event would be ideal for the arena, perhaps combined with an initial skills demonstration eg GMC Youth Football clubs and or others? Previously the Community School had commented on the possible supply of items for an obstacle race etc. (**Action: SB will try to arrange contact**)

AH advised he had received quotes for the trolley equipped with two off fire extinguishers etc for use on Gala Day, Picnic in the Park and Fireworks, of the order £300 (**Action: AH need to confirm certification / test requirements**) rather than £40 per day.

5 Picnic in the Park

AS reported on behalf of the PinP working group that most items were organised with just a couple of groups from whom we were awaiting confirmation replies.

SB was requested to confirm if The Marex will be willing to provide the bar this year. (**Action: SB**)

Security was being arranged with requirements for control of access from the Old Mill carpark with a commercial organisation. There had been no further communication from the security firm used in 2006 which has resulted in problems.

From lessons learned, all vehicles will require permits from GMCCA to access the recreation ground from mid-morning on the Sunday.

More people are required to volunteer in advance to take spells as stewards this year. (**New members especially welcome!**).

6 AGM

SB would e-mail the local newspapers to raise the AGM/Open meeting profile and particularly the need for a new team on the magazine, whilst AH advised PH was just awaiting the two replacement numerals so the sign could be erected. (**Thanks noted to the Parish Church for allowing us to use the wall**). RW requires the Articles of Association to scan (from MWR at Trustees' meeting). SB would then post to web site.

Next meeting: As usual, second Thursday each month, 8pm prompt, The Comrades Club