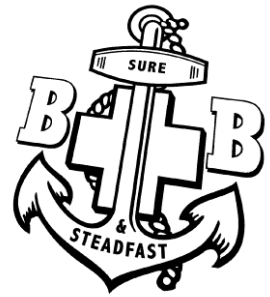


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Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

The Board of Trustees met at Battalion HQ on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 7:30pm. The following Trustees attended the meeting:-

Rev. Neil Galbraith, Ronnie Campbell, Robert Linton, Alan Murray, Stephen Dott, John Armour & Gary McQueen

Apologies from: Maureen McKillop.

In attendance: John Sharp, Director for Scotland & Jonathan Eales, Brigade UK

Key matters discussed & decisions taken:

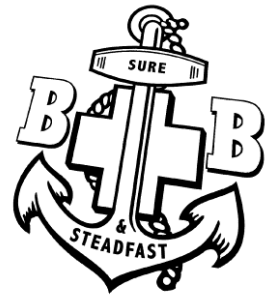
The Board noted that:-

- Gary McQueen, 130th Glasgow had agreed to take on the role of PR Trustee. As per regulations the appointment will be ratified at the October 2017 Battalion Council meeting.
- Donation income for the 2nd quarter was £17,200 moving us closer to 50% of our target for the year
- Over 80 Boys attended the recent Juniors 100 Challenge event held at HQ on Sat 30th Sept 2017. 35 challenges were delivered over the 3 hour session and we were pleased that our local MSP & First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was able to join us for a short period.
- The Young Leaders event scheduled for the October school week had been cancelled due to low uptake.
- The Mitchell Library exhibition event is scheduled for late October through to November and plans are in place to host a weekly slot during the exhibition.
- Planning for the Chaplains event in November is in hand.
- The Forge Market Facility will be available for use as a publicity and fundraising event in December.
- Work is continuing to produce recruitment posters for display in schools and libraries
- The 60th Glasgow & 85th Glasgow Companies have closed. Work is in hand to encourage Boys to attend adjacent Companies.
- The 119th Glasgow will operate as an Anchor Section & Junior Section in the short term.
- An exercise to look at opportunities for a Company in the Castlemilk area is in hand in conjunction with Brigade Scotland.

John Sharp, Director for Scotland updated the Board on his observations and plans for the future, commenting that:-

- As an organisation, we have many strengths but are, at times, not good at recognising them.
- Our KGVI course, accredited to SCQF Level 9 is envied by our partner uniformed organisations.
- Opportunities to convert the goodwill shown at parliamentary level to tangible benefits are required.
- We provide high quality youth work
- The Brigade Scotland Workplan is looking to address areas such as Transitioning between Sections and improvements to programming related to Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM), highlighting the success of the Juniors Science Centre event.

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Jonathan Eales, Brigade UK Business Director provided an update, advising the Board about:-

- Proposals to move to a 2 tier capitation system with contributions made up of Central & Regional services. The removal in session 2018/2019 of the Company fee forms part of that exercise. Identification of cost saving opportunities at central level are ongoing as well as improvements to income generation from both Felden Lodge & Carronvale Conference centres to keep that portion of the fee as low as possible. Responsibility for the Regional element rests with the Scotland Committee and finance is now on the agenda for their future meetings.
- Work in hand to update policies on Safeguarding, Risk Assessments and Health & Safety with a plan to carry out Company reviews across the country to assess how these currently being implemented.
- An update on Online Brigade Manager (OBM), highlighting;-
 - The previous Brigade UK Database system was not providing the statistical information required.
 - There was a demand from Companies for additional online facilities.
 - At present 95% of Companies have used the system to complete the Annual Statistical Return. The Brigade Executive will need to make a decision later this month on Companies refusing to use the system (e.g. 134th Glasgow)
 - Additional processes will be made available through OBM (Holiday Leadership Notification, Training Updates & Leader Registration).
- Work to ensure that Brigade UK and all associated Battalion and Companies are in compliance with new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) scheduled to come in to law in May 2018.

John Armour, Secretary of the Boys' Brigade Scotland World Mission Fund reported on:-

- The new project for 2017/2018 designed to raise funds to build a playground for refugee children at the St Andrews Refugee Services Centre (StARS) in Cairo, Egypt. Plans to encourage participation from a wider group of Companies including a dedicated month to push the fundraising initiative, February 2018
- A March 2018 Party type event;
- The opportunity to nominate a young leader to visit Cairo to see first-hand the need for the project.

It was note that the cheque presentation for the 2016/2017 project, Climate Change Total Village (CCTV) is being held in November. Approximately £10k has been raised.