



SPRINGBOARD COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPRINGBOARD COUNCIL MEETING: 31st January 2023
(1900-2000hrs)

PRESENT: Alex, Joshua, Lauren, Micah, Sam & Will

APOLOGIES: Angel & Molly

SCOTTY'S TEAM: Lorna (LY) and Nikki (NS)

KEY:

CYP Children and Young People

YVs Young Volunteers

Welcome:

Lorna welcomed everyone to the first ever Springboard Council meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and LY explained we are seeking another 4 Springboarders to join the Council.

WHAT IS THE SPRINGBOARD COUNCIL?

LY explained that the Council fits within the framework of the charity, Scotty's Little Soldiers. The charity itself has a constitution which details the aim of the charity... which is to provide relief from the effects of bereavement to young people who have experienced the death of a parent who served in the British Armed Forces. Everything we do has to be within that aim, and we are governed by the Charity Commission.

As part of that aim, we want to listen to the views of our Members and Springboarders. This means we have set up a Members Council and Springboard Council, and together they form the Scotty's Council.

The Members Council has been running for a while now and so they are a little more advanced in their plans and set up. They have their own Constitution, Code of Conduct for members and Role Descriptions. They also have a Young Volunteer's Volunteering Award Scheme. We want to have all of these for the Springboard Council too, so details will follow soon.

Hoodies and T-shirts:

We will provide t-shirts and hoodies for all Council members and so everyone will be asked to give us their size so these can be ordered. The hoodies are black and will have the Springboard logo on them and individual's names.

SPRINGBOARD PROGRAMME LEAD RECRUITMENT

Emma is due to go on maternity leave in the next week or two and so Scotty's are recruiting a new Lead Worker for the programme. LV explained we may want the Council members to help us by meeting up with potential candidates, if that can be arranged. Everyone is willing to be asked to join a call and have a chat if and when required.

WHATSAPP GROUP

Lauren and Will gave their consent to use their mobile number. We will now set up the new WhatsApp group and that will be our main way to communicate with the group. Please keep up to date with all messages to help with communication.

SKY MEDIA WEEKEND- 4-6TH APRIL 2023

LV explained the opportunity and asked who wished to attend the residential. Hotel and food will be paid for. Sky is hosting us and will be providing media skills training and an opportunity to look around the studio. It is an exciting and unique opportunity for everyone so LV encouraged attendance. Everyone to let LV/NS know if they are able to attend ASAP.

PROJECTS

OpsZone:

This will be launched soon and will offer a private website with guidance and information for Members and Springboarders. More details will follow soon to all Springboarders. If anyone has any ideas for content just get in touch.

Scotty's March:

This is on Saturday, 23rd September in the Chilterns countryside (Henley on Thames) and involves a 10k, 25k or 50k event. We are looking to do a group fundraising event by the Scotty's Council and more details will follow.



PROJECTS CONTINUED

My Wishes Known:

This is a more sensitive project and involves creating some resources for Scotty's families to use. Many children are worried that their surviving parent will die too, after the loss of one of their parents. We want to create resources that will help families to talk about what will happen in the future if something should happen to them, e.g. who would look after the children, where would they live etc. We want some input from the Springboard Council to ensure we get this right.

Adventure Day Buddies:

We want to offer our Springboarders the chance to be buddies (mentors) at Members events, such as our Adventure Day (August) and Christmas Party (December). We will need some help creating the training plan and process for any Springboarders willing to be a buddy.

NEXT MEETING & FUTURE DATES

- The next meeting is confirmed as 8th March, 7-8pm.
- Dates of future meetings will be added to the WhatsApp group.

NEXT STEPS SUMMARY

- Scotty's will recruit 4 more Springboarders for the Council.
- Everyone to check availability for SKY dates.
- Everyone to provide hoodie sizes.
- Lorna will start creating the framework documents for the group.

Notes taken by Lorna.

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