

**18TH Edmonton Scout Group Executive Meeting
Monday 10th November 2008 at 8.00p.m.**

Present:	Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH)	Chair
	Paul Symons (PS)	GSL
	Rob Bruce (RB)	Treasurer
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Jan Ballett (JB)	
	Barbara Barnicoat (BB)	
	Sue Bateman (SB)	
	Paul Boulter (PB)	
	Dave Edwards (DE)	
	Nicola Headland (NH)	
	Brenda Kennedy (BK)	
	Ian Kirby (IK)	
	Raymond Prentice (RP)	

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Mary Bird (MB), Lucy Bragg (LB), Shan Gerrard (SG) and Sally Symons (SS).</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3.1 HMH thanked IK for purchasing a clock for Pat Powell.</p> <p>As suggested by LB, Katelyn Edwards will be spending her Jack Petchey award on a day trip for the Scouts.</p> <p>3.2 There were no actions taken on behalf of the Committee since the last meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Health & Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p>	
5.	<p>Resources</p> <p>5.1 Re transport, PS reported that the MOT on the minibus was due soon.</p> <p>5.2 PS received approval to purchase 20 replacement washing up bowls.</p> <p>PS reported that the Scout Association had decreed that pierceable gas canisters were no longer allowed in Scouting. It was agreed that, under adult supervision as always, the Group would continue to use their existing equipment until empty, and then replace.</p>	PS

<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>Policy Review</p> <p>The Leaders & Helpers Expenses Policy was reviewed, and the following change was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-word “their sectional accounts” to read “group accounts, stipulating which Section has incurred the expense”. <p>Next review date will be November 2009.</p> <p>[PB arrived] [JB arrived]</p> <p>The Awards Policy was reviewed, and approved with no changes required. Next review date will be September 2010.</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p>	<p>Events Review</p> <p><i>Family Camp, Theobalds Park (Friday 19th September – Sunday 21st September)</i> It was agreed that this event had been enjoyable, although noise from the M25 had been noticeable. There had been no problems with noise from our attendees, and the barbecue had worked much better this year.</p> <p>Gilwell is the generally preferred location, the problem being their rule that all adults have “to be suitable to be with children”, which PS interprets as meaning all adults need to be CRB-checked, a route down which the Group does not wish to go. PS will seek clarification of the interpretation from the Info Centre at Gilwell.</p> <p><i>Anniversary Service (Sunday 2nd November)</i> The Anniversary Service had been enjoyed by all present. PS has received an email from the DC thanking everybody for making him feel welcome. It was noted that JB had not received assistance from anybody else on the Committee to help with tea and coffee.</p> <p>[SB arrived]</p>	<p>PS</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Events Planning</p> <p><i>Bag Packing at Waitrose (Wednesday 24th December, 1100-1500)</i> PS is managing this event. He is proposing two two-hour shifts. Scouts and Cubs will be asked to help, but Beavers are considered too young for this event. As one adult will be required per two children, PS will require adult assistance.</p> <p><i>Quiz Night (Saturday 28th February or Saturday 7th March)</i> The two dates shown above were proposed as possible dates for the Quiz Night. PS will contact Keith Kimber re his availability as quizmaster on these dates.</p> <p><i>Raglan School Fete (Saturday 4th July or Saturday 11th July)</i> The Group will continue to support this event. There will again be a need for the Group to help with setting up during the preceding evening.</p> <p><i>Family Quiz in Hall</i> It was agreed that PS would raise this at the next Leaders’ Meeting.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>

	<p><i>Other Bag Packing Opportunities</i> It was agreed that other bag packing opportunities would be reviewed in the January 2009 Group Exec Meeting.</p> <p><i>Sponsored Walk</i> Possibilities discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epping Forest “Countries” Walk, although it was noted that bad weather would have an extremely detrimental effect on this particular event; • River Lee Walk, as used to be done within Edmonton District; • New River Loop Walk. <p>It was agreed that PS would raise this at the next Leaders’ Meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>PS</p>
9.	<p>Any Other Business PS explained that the recent articles in the press re sex education had been very much taken out of context. In reality, a factsheet had been offered to leaders advising how to deal with questions. This was aimed primarily at Explorer leaders.</p> <p>PB has moved house, and therefore feels it would be best to give somebody else an opportunity on the Committee. Formal thanks were recorded to PB for his efforts.</p> <p>DE reported that traffic problems had been created by early road closure for the Remembrance Day Parade. PS replied that, as this event is organised by the Legion, it is out of our control. PS added that there was not enough physical space to get all of the Enfield District Beavers, Cubs and Scouts around the Cenotaph in Enfield.</p> <p>RB reported that the band instrument sale has saved the group £100 on insurance.</p> <p>SB stated that tickets for the pantomime would be ready on Friday 14th November.</p>	
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 19th January 2009 at 8.00pm in the Garden Room.</p> <p>Other Meeting dates set for 2009 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 9th March • Monday 8th June • Monday 21st September • Monday 9th November. 	