

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Friday 6th January 2012 at 8.00p.m.

Present:	Rachel Bateman (RB) Kevin Bragg (KBr) Richard Clark (RC) Dave Edwards (DE) Simon Fouracre (SF) Vickie Green (VG) Cheryl Keen (CK) Pete Miskin (PM) Pat Powell (PP) Graham Reid (GR) Paul Symons (PS) Sally Symons (SS) Stuart Symons (StS)	Young Leader Assistant Beaver Leader Secretary Chairman Pack Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Assistant Scout Leader Troop Assistant Colony Mentor Scout Leader Group Scout Leader Cub Scout Leader Young Leader
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1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Mary Bird (MB).	
2.	Matters Arising PS has purchased Diamond Jubilee Badges for 2012 and distributed these.	
2.1	Re equipment and hut insurance, PS reported that the Group Exec had made a decision NOT to insure, as the annual cost of around £750 was considered exorbitant, and there had been no claim made in living memory. Instead, an amount of money would be paid into a reserve account each year for contingency purposes. This reserve account already holds £1,500 and annual contributions will cease once a threshold level is reached.	
2.2	Re transport, PS reported that, thanks to the excellent efforts of Heather Connor, the Borough would be providing £20,000 towards the cost of a new minibus. PS added that the van now belongs to the Group – it has been taxed and insured, and is now available to use. (It was noted that people upgrading to a photo driving licence will need to request D1 entitlement to be kept on the licence, as this will not happen automatically.)	
2.3	District Leaders Meeting will be held on Sunday 22 nd January 2012 at Gilwell Park, starting at 0900. SF, VG, CK, PM, GR, PS and SS are planning to attend, and PS can organise transport if required.	
3.	Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.	
4.	Moving On Beavers to Cubs: 1 moving up on 13/01. Cubs to Scouts: 3 due to start link on 13/01. Scouts to Explorers: none due to move up this term.	

5.	Event Planning (in chronological order)	
5.1	<i>Family Quiz Night (Friday 20th January, 1830 –2000)</i> Money raised at this event will go to ShelterBox.	
5.2	<i>AGM (Friday 18th May, 1900)</i> Friday 18 th May was agreed as the date for this year’s AGM. Entertainment should be the same length as last year, with one item per section.	
5.3	<i>Group Camp (Saturday 2nd June – Tuesday 5th June, Scout Park)</i> PS would like to get as many attendees as possible, including Beavers, who will be camping for one night only. VG to select the most suitable night and advise whether she wishes Beavers to sleep indoors or outdoors. Leaders to discuss whether to run their own programmes, or follow a common theme for all sections. Either way, the Group should get together for Camp Fire at least. PS will run this event under the Big Adventure banner and get as many adults interested as possible. PS would also like to put together a new catering team. PS will advise re the cost of this event.	VG Leaders PS
5.4	<i>District Olympic Camp (Friday 22nd June – Sunday 24th June, Tolmers)</i> PS informed the meeting that District would be putting approximately £30 per head into this event. There will be no indoor sleeping option, and VG confirmed that she would feel more comfortable with the Beavers being sited alongside the rest of the Group. PS will advise re the cost of this event, taking into account a possible suggestion that some form of discount be offered for children attending both June camps.	PS
5.5	<i>Sponsored Bridge Walk (Sunday 15th July)</i> It was agreed to repeat the Bridge Walk as a fundraising event in 2012 and a date of Sunday 15 th July was set. This walk takes in 10 bridges, starting at Tower Bridge and proceeding westwards. Beavers have the option of finishing after 6 bridges, although some have carried on to complete all 10 in previous years. It was noted that it had been previously decided that this event would help to raise money towards a new minibus, however this was before the £20,000 grant had been obtained. PS will therefore refer the question of beneficiary (or beneficiaries) to the next Group Exec meeting on 16/01.	PS
6.	Leader Team PS commented that he was very happy with what he considered to be an excellent team currently in place, however there was still a need to continue building, especially in Beaver and Cub sections. PS emphasised the need for everybody in the Group to constantly be on the lookout for more leaders. He asked that he be informed of any adults who may be interested in	ALL

	helping out at camps asap, so that CRB checks could be arranged in good time if necessary.	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>SS pointed out that the second Sunday in April (8th April) is Easter Sunday, with St George's Day Parade falling 2 weeks later on Sunday 22nd April. PS will speak to Irene re logistics for April.</p> <p>PS requested that leaders make every effort to get their sections outdoors at least once per month, throughout the full year.</p> <p>In response to VG's question, PS replied that leaders were very welcome to suggest a possible charity for the Group should they wish to do so.</p>	PS
8.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals</p> <p>There is 1 item to refer to the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary (or beneficiaries) for the Sponsored Bridge Walk on Sunday 15th July. 	PS
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 20th April 2012 at 8.00pm at the Church.</p>	