

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Friday 7th September 2012 at 8.00p.m.

Present:	Rachel Bateman (RB) Mary Bird (MB) Richard Clark (RC) Heather Connor (HC) Simon Fouracre (SF) Vickie Green (VG) Cheryl Keen (CK) Pete Miskin (PM) Andrew Poole (AP) Graham Reid (GR) Katy Reid (KR) John Symons (JS) Paul Symons (PS) Sally Symons (SS) Stuart Symons (StS)	Young Leader (Cubs) Sectional Assistant (Beavers) Secretary Chair Assistant Cub Scout Leader Beaver Scout Leader Assistant Scout Leader Sectional Assistant (Scouts) Sectional Assistant (Beavers/Cubs) Scout Leader Sectional Assistant (Cubs) Sectional Assistant (Scouts) Group Scout Leader Cub Scout Leader Young Leader (Cubs)
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0.	Introductions Introductions were made.	
1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Pat Powell (PP).	
2.	Matters Arising There were no matters arising. PS presented HC with a Certificate of her Role in Scouting as Group Chair and GR with an Adult Training Certificate.	
3.	Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.	
3.1	<i>Fire Drill</i> Last Fire Drills were carried out as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beavers – a few weeks before end of last term, VG to provide PS with exact date. • Cubs – January • Scouts – July, GR to provide PS with exact date. 	VG GR
3.2	<i>New Safety Arrangements</i> PS stated that everybody should have received the appropriate Young People First (Yellow) Card/Leaders' Checklist/Exec Committee Checklist detailing the latest safety arrangements from HQ.	
4.	Moving On Beavers to Cubs: 2 moving up in September, 4 more during the course of this term.	

	<p>Cubs to Scouts: none due to move up this term. Scouts to Explorers: 1 Scout has already moved up, with 1 due to move up around half-term.</p>	
5.	<p>Event Planning</p>	
5.1	<p><i>Church Parades</i> PS outlined the following schedule for Church Parades:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09/09/12 – normal Service with Tim • 14/10/12 – Harvest Festival with Bill, the beneficiary probably being Whitechapel Mission • 04/11/12 – Anniversary Service (the FIRST Sunday in November) with Tim. Leaders need to consider who should be nominated for Section awards. • 11/11/12 – Remembrance Day Parade. The Group will attend the Edmonton Parade in the morning, with leaders in red jackets if it is raining. PS thinks the band will be present. Any leader wishing to join the Enfield Parade in the afternoon is welcome. • 09/12/12 (probably) – Gift Service at Christmas, with the Church Stewards meeting next week to decide where gifts will be sent. 	Leaders
5.2	<p><i>Fireworks (Saturday 3rd November, Enfield Town Park)</i> PS explained that this event raises a lot of money for the District and that he is again looking for volunteers to assist him with stewarding.</p>	ALL
5.3	<p><i>Lord Mayor's Show (Saturday 10th November)</i> Although last year's event was cancelled due to lack of interest, it was decided to try to run this event again this year. The possibility of a visit to the Olympic Park will be explored, with the Transport Museum at Covent Garden being the fallback option should this not prove viable.</p>	
5.4	<p><i>Parade of Light (Sunday 25th November)</i> It was decided that the Group would take part in this event.</p>	
5.5	<p><i>Panto (Friday 7th December)</i> This year's Panto is Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, and two Young Leaders are in the cast. It was decided that the Group would attend on Friday 7th December (opening night) and that the balcony would be reserved as usual.</p>	
5.6	<p><i>Christmas Party (Friday 21st December, possibly a week earlier)</i> It was agreed that this event should be an 'all sections' Christmas Party. The date may be brought forward a week depending on school end of term dates.</p>	
6.	<p>Leader Team</p>	
6.1	<p><i>District All Leaders Meeting (Sunday 20th January, 2013, Gilwell)</i> PS encouraged all leaders to attend this event.</p>	
6.2	<p><i>Leader Resources</i> PS asked all leaders to consider anything else the Group could do support leaders and asked all leaders to write one idea on the card provided and return this to him.</p>	Leaders

6.3	<p><i>Online Scout Manager</i> (www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk)</p> <p>PS reported that he had looked into this facility, to which a lot of Groups have signed up. He added that the Group would pay for the Gold Package (£20 per section per year) if the leaders felt this would be useful.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that PS would buy 3 Gold Packages and set everything up, and that the Group would trial this facility for 12 months. (This item will be referred to the Group Executive Committee on 17/09/12 for completeness.)</p>	PS
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>PS has purchased 12 new hike tents and would like volunteers to assist him putting them up to check everything is in order at 1400 on Saturday 8th September.</p> <p>PS reminded the meeting that the Group is still looking for leaders for all sections.</p> <p>PS will arrange a meal for Leaders Meeting attendees.</p> <p>Despina will be returning around October on completion of her college course.</p> <p>Re football, JS thanked RC, who is standing down as Coach, for his efforts over many years. JS raised concerns that, with 2 regulars soon to move up to Explorers, and 2 other regulars possibly unable to attend any more on Saturday afternoons, attendance would be down to a mere handful of children, making the activity unviable moving forward. It was decided after considerable debate that the first approach to try to address this situation would be to move the time of football to 1100 on Sunday mornings, commencing on Sunday 23rd September. Other suggestions made, which the Group may come back to if this proves unsuccessful, include opening up this activity to other local Groups or possibly changing the activity to a different sport. It was noted that, whatever was decided, it was essential to maintain the key Group ethos that this is primarily a friendly and social event, which is not meant to be overly competitive.</p>	ALL PS
8.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals</p> <p>There is one item to refer to the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Purchase of 3 Online Scout Manager Gold Packages at £20 each for a 12 month trial period. 	
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 4th January 2013 at 7.00pm (one hour earlier than usual) at the Church.</p>	