

**18th Edmonton Scout Group Executive Meeting
Monday, 10 February 2003 at 7.45 p.m.**

*Present:	* Mr Paul Symons	-	Chairman/Quartermaster
	* Mrs Lilian Cooper	-	GSL
	Mr David Lo	-	Treasurer
	Vacancy	-	SL
	Mr Peter Duffy	-	VSL
	Mrs Sally Symons	-	CL
	* Mr Ian Kirby	-	ACL
	* Mrs Pat Powell	-	BL
	* Mr John Jewson	-	Transport Manager
	Mr Ron Morey	-	Subscription Manager
	Vacancy	-	Fundraising Organiser
	* Ms Toni Scott	-	Beaver representative
	* Ms Anna Bruce	-	Cub representative
	* Mrs Sue Bateman	-	Scout representative
		-	Church representative
	Vacancy	-	Venture representative
	* Mrs Glennis Barnes	-	Secretary

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Peter Duffy, David Lo, Ron Morey and Sally Symons. Anna Bruce would be late.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2002 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

- i) Glennis said that she had been in touch with Linda Soutter regarding item 10.3.
- ii) Lilian said that she had sent flowers and a card to Mary Bird who had had an operation in January.

4. Group Scout Leaders Report

4.1 Beavers:

It was reported that since the last meeting the Beavers had attended the Cubs Carol Service. At present there were 18 boys who were working through the programme. Five boys were starting their link after half term and boys on the waiting list would be taken in.

4.2 Cubs:

There were 25 Cubs at present, including three from outside waiting to be invested. They made up five 6s and were doing their Art badge. Recent activities included painting fridge magnets and doing their Road Safety badge. District activities included 5 a Side and Chess competitions. They would be taking their Scientist Badge at the planned May weekend camp.

4.3 Scouts:

There were only 9 boys in the troop at the moment. They had made pancakes at last Friday's meeting. 8 of them were planning to attend the International Summer Camp. Some of them may also attend the Cub's May weekend camp.

Lilian said that more leaders were an urgent priority. At present the Group was very short in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

- 4.4 Census Figures: The figure sent in this year was 57 for the total group membership. This was significantly down on last year. The low Scout numbers accounted for this, the other sections were about the same.

Anna joined the meeting at this point.

5. Health and Safety

No accidents had been reported since the last meeting.

6. Finance

No finance report was available as the Treasurer was not able to attend the meeting. The Chairman said that the Quiz had been very successful and had made a good profit. No large items had been purchased recently.

Capitation will be £1,140 this year. Explorer subscriptions will be repaid to District where they have been paid to us.

7. Resources

7.1 Transport Report:

John said that both buses would be serviced and MOTd soon. Some work may need to be carried out on the seated bus. On the transport bus the inside lights and locks need looking at. Both buses will be ready for use before the May camps.

7.2 Quartermasters Report:

After a discussion it was agreed that a small PA system should be purchased for use in the hall. Ideally it would be powerful and portable, use CDs and tapes and powered by mains and/or batteries. Ian Kirby said he would make some enquiries.
Action: Ian Kirby

Photocopier: Ian said he needed more information on the use of a machine. Paul gave details of an HP Scanner/Printer/Photocopier that he had seen advertised for £150. It was agreed that one should be purchased. The Group would pay for the consumables for it.

8. Fundraising

8.1 Quiz Evening:

As mentioned previously, the Quiz had been very successful. Keith Kimber was thanked for running it.

8.2 Christmas Bazaar:

The numbers of children visiting Father Christmas had been down this year. The Church wanted to charge £2.00 next year, which would mean that more could be spent on the presents received by the children.

The dates for the Bazaar were: 21/22 November 2003. 6.30 p.m. on the Friday; 10.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. on the Saturday. Help would be required again for setting up the Grotto.

Future fundraising dates:

Coffee Morning:	5 April, 9 Queen Anne's Grove
Strawberry Tea:	18 June, Church Garden Room/Garden
Table Sale:	13 September (to be confirmed)
Mini Bazaar:	11 October

The District Fete is planned for 10 May, this will be confirmed in March.

9. Policies

9.1 Subscriptions Policy

The draft policy was discussed. It was agreed that the Chair, GSL and Treasurer would make confidential decisions about waiving subscriptions payments for deserving families. The policy would be reviewed annually. Ron Morey would be stepping down in April and he was thanked for his work as Subscriptions Manager.

Paul informed the Committee that he understood that money could be claimed back from the Tax Office on any monies paid to the Group, this could include fees paid for Cub and Scout camps. This will be investigated by himself and Lilian.

Action: Chairman and GSL

10. Any Other Business

10.1 The morning service at the Church was being moved forward to 9.00 a.m. This would apply to the next Church Parade, the Guide Anniversary on 4 March.

10.2 Camps: Toni said she would like to help plan the menus for the camps. Sue said she was passing on a comment from her son: the green tents had mould and could they use the 2 man tents? Lilian said she would investigate this. *Action: GSL*

10.3 It was agreed that a plea should be made at the AGM for new leaders to come forward, particularly for Scouts.

11. Dates for the Diary

- 23 March: Sponsored Walk
- 5 April: District Talent Competition
- 27 April: St Georges Day
- 14 May: District AGM

- 3/4/5 May District Cub Camp
- 6/7/8 June Cub Camp

13. Date of Next Meetings

- 7 April (Toni gave her apologies for this meeting)
- 9 June
- 8 September
- 3 November

- 9 May Group AGM, Committee members to let Paul know if they will be standing again next year.

Signed: Date: