

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Executive Meeting Monday 12th November 2007 at 8.00p.m.

Present: Paul Symons (PS) Chairman/Quartermaster
 Lilian Cooper (LC) GSL
 Rob Bruce (RB) Treasurer
 Richard Clark (RC) Secretary
 Jan Ballett (JB)
 Barbara Barnicoat (BB)
 Sue Bateman (SB)
 Brenda Kennedy (BK)
 Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH)

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Lucy Bragg (LB), David Cooper (DC), Dave Edwards (DE), Ian Kirby (IK), Mike Morrissey (MM), Pat Powell (PP), Sally Symons (SS) and Karen Walker (KW).</p> <p>Absent: Paul Boulter (PB).</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3.1 There were no matters arising which are not covered elsewhere in the minutes.</p> <p>3.2 Whilst it had been agreed previously that Ron and Mary Bird's 50th Anniversary should be marked at the Group Anniversary Service with a pair of bone china mugs, these had proved unavailable, and they had instead been presented with a pen each. Written thanks have been received for these.</p> <p>It was reported that Bernard Fenton, who had been Chairman of the Group for a number of years, and a previous Bandmaster, had passed away on 31st October. The funeral would be held on 13th November. LC asked for approval for the cheque for £25 she had donated to the designated charity on behalf of the Exec, and this was agreed.</p> <p>(SB arrived)</p> <p>PS explained that the necessary changes to signatures for the Nationwide Bank Account were in progress. The signatories will be LC and PS, with the book being held by RB.</p> <p>LC has obtained a supply of the Scout Association Child Protection Yellow Cards. These were issued to all attendees.</p>	
3.3	<p>Discussion was held as to the charity the Group should support this year. It was decided to remain with Noah's Ark Children's Hospice again, and also to make a donation towards</p>	

	Tia's wheelchair. Tia is a Scout who the Troop met whilst at summer camp.	
4.	Health & Safety	
4.1	There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.	
4.2	With regard to the 'Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005', coming into force from October 2006, PS reported that he had investigated the requirements and been through a checklist obtained from the internet. PS will now email the Church with a set of questions arising.	PS
5.	Resources	
5.1	In the absence of a Transport Manager, PS reported that he would arrange for the service and MOT for the minibus, both of which are due shortly.	PS
5.2	The Quartermaster had no expenditure to request.	
5.3	Re the Fund Raising Hut, there was no progress to report, and the situation will be reviewed at the next meeting.	
6.	Events Review	
6.1	Re the Sunflower Competition, SB reported that there had only been three entries, probably due largely to the poor Summer experienced. It was agreed to re-run the competition next year.	SB
6.2	There was mixed feedback concerning Family Camp (21 st – 23 rd September). The camp fire had been appreciated; however concerns were raised about the noisy and uncontrolled behavior of some children, which had disturbed those trying to sleep. PS explained that this was not an issue that had been encountered before, and suggested the possibility of having a curfew for children at future camps. PS agreed to include some suitable wording re behavior when issuing details for Family Camp next year	PS
7.	Events Planning	
7.1	It was agreed that a Quiz Night should be held in either February or March, at Bush Hill Park Tennis Club, which had proved a very successful and popular venue for the Quiz Night in 2007. PS will ring Keith Kimber and find out if he is willing to act as Quizmaster again and if so what dates he is available.	PS
7.2	The Church Christmas Bazaar will run from 1500 to 2000 on Friday 23 rd November. PS requires help with setting up from 1900 on Thursday 22 nd and with clearing up from 2000 on Friday 23 rd . SS will be organising some games and craft activities, and will need help looking after these. It was agreed to purchase 80 Advent Calendars at a cost of £1.50 each.	ALL
7.3	Social events for 2008 were discussed, and it was agreed to organise two events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsored 10 bridges hike in or around June; • Family Quiz Night on a Friday night – PS to propose a date once he knows what dates Keith Kimber is available for the Quiz Night, the aim being not to have Quiz Night and Family Quiz Night too close together. 	PS PS

7.4	SB reported that she had handed out slips for the Pantomime (7 th December).	
8.	<p>Adult Support PS reported that there was no progress to report re finding a replacement for PP, leaving the Group still desperately needing people for both Beavers and Cubs. He confirmed that Enfield District were aware of the problem. LC informed the meeting that she had not yet sent out a letter to parents, due to not wanting such an important letter to clash with any other notes being sent out to parents.</p> <p>It was agreed that LC would send out a letter on Friday 11th January 2008, informing parents that there would be a meeting at 1745 (between Beavers and Cubs) the following Friday 18th January to discuss the situation and to emphasise the realities of the situation should the necessary adult support not be found.</p> <p>PS will remind SS to get a Cub Rota for adult helpers in place by the New Year.</p> <p>PS stated that the Explorers were making extensive use of the Group's minibus. His suggestion that the Group should not charge fees for this usage, as our ex-children are benefitting, was agreed by the Exec.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>PS</p>
9.	<p>Any Other Business PS raised the topic of band instruments. He said that, as Enfield District had its own band, the likelihood of resurrecting the Group's own band was negligible, and suggested that the instruments be offered to the Enfield District Bandmaster, although it was by no means certain the Bandmaster would be interested in many if any of these. He or she may, however, know of other Groups requiring equipment. PS will work with Ron Bird to get a list together of all instruments, to be given to the Bandmaster.</p> <p>The second option for any instruments not required by the Enfield Bandmaster would be to sell them. Zoe Winfield was mentioned as being an expert on eBay who could be asked to help, and EASS may be prepared to advertise that the Group had items to sell in their newsletter.</p> <p>PS noted that removal of the instruments from the hut would have a positive impact on the hut insurance amount. Finally, he said that band uniforms could be offered to anybody interested in having these.</p> <p>It was agreed to set the date for the 2008 AGM as Friday 9th May.</p>	PS
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 28th January 2008 at 8.00pm in the Garden Room.</p> <p>(Dates of other Group Exec Meetings in 2008 are: 31st March, 9th June, 15th September and 10th November.)</p>	