

## 18<sup>TH</sup> Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 8.00p.m.

Present:            Lucy Bragg (LB)            Scout Leader  
                       Richard Clark (RC)        Secretary  
                       Mandy Flunder (MF)     Assistant Cub Scout Leader  
                       Pat Powell (PP)           Beaver Scout Leader  
                       Paul Symons (PS)        Chairman  
                       Sally Symons (SS)        Cub Scout Leader

Other Adults    Colin Bateman (CB)  
 Referenced:   Sue Bateman (SB)  
                       Ron Bird (RB)  
                       Lilian Cooper (LC)  
                       Mick Fernandez (MFz)  
                       Rev Alistair Jones (AJ)  
                       Darren Leonard (DL)  
                       Graham McIsaac-Hall (GMH)  
                       Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH)

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| 1.  | <p><b>Apologies for Absence</b><br/>         Apologies were received from Mary Bird (MB). Alex Chetty (AC), young leader was invited but did not attend.</p>   |  |
| 2.  | <p><b>Health and Safety</b><br/>         There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p>  |  |
| 3.  | <p><b>Member Progress</b></p>  |  |
| 3.1 | <p><i>Beaver Scout Colony</i><br/>         PP reported that there are currently three potentials for Chief Scout Bronze.</p>   |  |
| 3.2 | <p><i>Cub Scout Pack</i><br/>         SS stated that all Cubs are given a copy of requirements for Chief Scout Silver around three months before they are due to go up to Scouts. At present, only approximately one in four Cubs do Chief Scout Silver.</p>         |  |
| 3.3 | <p><i>Scout Troop</i><br/>         LB explained that the opportunity for Chief Scout Gold is offered to all Scouts. There are currently six potentials and LB expects about half of these to achieve this.</p>   |  |
| 4.  | <p><b>Event Planning</b> (Events listed in chronological order)</p>  |  |
| 4.1 | <p><i>Forty Hall Walk (Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March) – Scouts</i><br/>         LB stated that Scouts would be starting from the Church at 1000, and would need to be picked up from Forty Hall by parents.<br/>         Leaders will be LB, RC, MF, SS and PS.</p> |  |

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| 4.2 | <p><i>Lord Amory Water Activities, Docklands (Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April) - Scouts</i><br/> This event will leave from the Church following the parade service. Activities will take place 1200 – 1600. 20 places have been booked, cost is £12.50 per head, payable on the day. We will charge £15.<br/> PS to see if MFz can drive minibus.</p>   | PS           |
| 4.3 | <p><i>St George's Day Parade (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April) – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts</i><br/> PS reported that we would still be parading in Edmonton. This event will be discussed further once more information is available.</p>   |              |
| 4.4 | <p><i>Kelvendon Secret Bunker (Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May) – Cubs and Scouts</i><br/> SS will be doing recce.<br/> Leaders will be LB, MF, HMH, PS, SS + SB if Paul goes.<br/> SS reported that we are hoping to get use of minibus from Latymer, which would mean we could cater for 42 children when PS's/SS's transport is taken into account. (We currently have 21 Cubs and 26 Scouts.)</p>   | SS           |
| 4.5 | <p><i>Day Challenger (Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May) - Scouts</i><br/> This events starts at 1000 on what is a Church Parade day. The meeting felt that the Scouts should go on after Church Parade. LB to find out more details.</p>  | LB           |
| 4.6 | <p><i>Scout Park Camp (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May am – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May) – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts</i><br/> SS explained that this was being held at Bounds Green, and that this was starting on Saturday morning as it was more effective than going on Friday evening.<br/> The meeting discussed the possibility of Beavers attending for Sunday afternoon.<br/> Leaders will be CB, SB, LB, PS, SS and possibly MF. MFz will do the cooking.<br/> There will be a separate programme for Cubs and Scouts – Cubs will be doing Scientist Badge, with Scouts doing Outdoor and Outdoor Plus.<br/> SS will deal with Nights Away Application.</p> | PS<br><br>SS |
| 4.7 | <p><i>Danemeed Camp (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June) – Cubs and Scouts</i><br/> This will be in Hoddesdon, and will be organised by the District. Beavers will attend on Saturday only. Costs will be £5 for Leaders, £5 for Beavers and £12 for campers, not including food costs. It was agreed to charge £25 for campers and £8 for day visitors.<br/> LB will book in the Scouts.<br/> Leaders will be LB, PS, SS + MF possibly + SB if Paul goes.</p>   | LB           |
| 4.8 | <p><i>Scouts Summer Camp (Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August) – Scouts</i><br/> Leaders will be LB, MF, PS, SS + SB if Paul goes.</p>   |              |
| 5.  | <p><b>Adult Recruiting</b><br/> PS stated that there was still a need to find a Beaver Scout Leader, and that the Colony would have to be closed down should no new leader emerge. SS has agreed to run the Colony until July, and MB has agreed to stay as a helper during this period.<br/><br/> SS will see if Mrs. Gerrard can play the piano in Colony meetings leading up to the AGM.</p>   | SS           |

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|    | PS will speak with DL re Explorers who wish to be Young Leaders.  | PS  |
| 6. | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>PS explained that he had received a CD from the Scout Association containing a suggested template for a Parent Rota. He suggested using a similar template for consistency across all sections, so that parents could recognise this easily.</p> <p>PS will speak with RB/MB and with Doreen Shepherd in order to establish guidelines as to what the awards they are associated with were originally intended for.</p> <p>Re uniform, PS would like to see consistency across sections and will send out some suggestions for the meeting members to comment upon. As part of this exercise, blue t-shirts should be phased out and replaced by red t-shirts over time.</p> <p>Re records, PS explained that he is trying to get an accurate picture of service and training for all adults regularly helping with the Group. To this end all attendees were asked to complete an “Adult Record”, which includes CRB details, and return this to PS.</p> <p>PP will order “Colony Essentials” and charge this back to the Group.</p> <p>PP asked what she should do with her Group photocopier after May. PS responded that he would check with the Executive Committee but thought that it was likely she could keep it if she wished.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Group would carry on keeping a stock of uniforms for parents to buy and that a small admin charge would be added for this service.</p> <p>MF reported that she had passed her Basic First Aid course.</p> <p>SS reported that AJ would like to become more involved with Group activities. He would need to be CRB’d, and we should look to use him in the most sensible manner. Leaders were asked to send information to PS to collate and send to AJ ahead of each Church Parade.</p> <p>PS asked for reports for the AGM to be provided to him two weeks in advance (and earlier in the case of PP who is going away).</p> | <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Leaders</p> <p>PP</p> <p>PS</p> <p>Leaders</p> <p>PP, SS, LB</p> |
| 7. | <p><b>Executive Committee Referrals</b></p> <p>LB requested that the Group Exec should consider some form of presentation to LC for her service to the Group.</p>   |   |
| 8. | <p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>PS explained that he would like to hold meetings approximately a fortnight before Group Exec meetings. PS will come up with a series of proposed dates and circulate these.</p>   | PS  |