

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Thursday 22nd January 2009 at 8.00p.m.

Present:	Lucy Bragg (LB)	Scout Leader
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Shan Gerrard (SG)	Beaver Scout Leader
	Paul Symons (PS)	Group Scout Leader
	Sally Symons (SS)	Cub Scout Leader
	Jane Wheeler (JW)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Jeremy Bullock (JB), Mandy Flunder (MF), Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH) and Jane Topping (JT), Absent: Mary Bird (MB)</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2008 were agreed as being a correct record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3.1 There were no matters arising from the previous minutes not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>3.2 There were no actions taken on behalf of the Committee since the last meeting.</p> <p>3.3 PS stated that he had completed the Census. The total was 66, including adults.</p> <p>3.4 PS reported that the Group Exec had asked the Leaders to consider organising extra bag packing activity in addition to Christmas Eve (at Waitrose). It was decided that bag packing at any other time of year was unlikely to be profitable enough to justify the effort involved.</p> <p>3.5 PS informed the meeting that the Quiz Night had been booked for Saturday 7th March at Bush Hill Park Bowls, Tennis and Social Club. Leaders and their partners are invited to attend free of charge. All members of the Group Exec have been asked to bring prizes for raffle.</p>	
4.	<p>Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p> <p>PS said that the Church had carried out a Fire Risk Assessment, as a result of which the curtains have been removed from around the stage. PS mentioned that he had made the suggestion of removing the stage.</p>	
5.	<p>Member Progress</p> <p>5.1 <i>Beaver Scout Colony</i> SG reported that there are currently five Beavers on the link to Cubs. There have been some recent additions to the Colony.</p>	

<p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p><i>Cub Scout Pack</i> SS stated that two Cubs are on the link to Scouts, and LB will be taking them up on Friday 30th January.</p> <p><i>Scout Troop</i> LB reported that there were currently 20 Scouts, with two due to go up to Explorers.</p>	
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>Events</p> <p><i>St George's Day Parade (Sunday 26th April)</i> PS reported that the plan was to march through to Enfield Town in more of an informal atmosphere than had been the case for previous events in both Enfield and Edmonton. However, nothing is set in stone as yet, and the DC is currently planning the logistics.</p> <p><i>Church Parade</i> PS stated that HMH has commented that numbers are low at present. SG and SS have both written to parents concerning this; LB will do so.</p> <p>It was agreed that a visit to Southend would be held on Sunday 12th July as a treat to reward regular attenders. To be eligible, it would be necessary to attend at least four of six parades, comprising of the five monthly Church Parades from February to June inclusive, plus St George's Day Parade. Siblings and family of those eligible will also be able to attend. PS will include this information in the Newsletter to be issued this week. Tickets will be bought at group rates enabling those going to make a considerable saving over normal prices.</p> <p><i>Family Quiz Night (Friday 24th April)</i> PS said that the Group Exec had requested that a Family Quiz Night be held. After discussion, it was decided to hold this on Friday 24th April (the meeting before St George's Day Parade). Entry will be £1 per head, with donations to be made for refreshments. SS stated that there must be at least one child aged 10 or under in each team. It was agreed that proceeds would go to ASSERT.</p> <p>A provisional timetable was agreed, with an 1800 start for competitions and the quiz to start at 1915 and last for approximately one hour.</p> <p><i>AGM (Friday 15th May)</i> Considerable discussion took place as to where this year's AGM should be held. It was eventually agreed to retain the Church as the venue – whilst the possibility of holding the AGM on the Saturday of Group Camp was seriously considered, it was felt that parental attendance was likely to be highest on a Friday night at the Church.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that there would be limited time for the children to practice and it was therefore agreed that they should perform one opening number and one closing number. In between, there would be presentations, followed by the business part of the AGM. The meeting agreed that a barbecue would be an ideal way to complete the evening.</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>PS</p>

6.5	<p><i>Sponsored Walk (Sunday 14th June, after Church Parade)</i> PS informed the meeting that he had been considering a walk around the perimeters of the Roman walls in London. However, it was noted that this would involve purchasing rail tickets, the cost of which had made a severe dent in the proceeds from last year's sponsored walk. A decision was therefore made to base this year's walk around the Enfield part of the London Loop.</p> <p>JW asked if any of the Scouts might be interested in participating in the London to Brighton Bike Ride on Sunday 21st June. It was decided not to invite them this year, but instead to review this possibility after JW had completed this event and gained firsthand experience of its suitability.</p>	
6.6	<p><i>Group Camp (Friday 22nd May – Monday 25th May)</i> The meeting decided the dates for Group Camp. Beavers will attend just on the Saturday if suitable facilities are not available for them to sleep over.</p>	
6.7	<p><i>Family Camp (Friday 18th September – Sunday 20th September)</i> The meeting decided the Family Camp dates. It was suggested that the Herts Young Mariners Base in Cheshunt, which includes sailing, climbing and caving amongst its activities, might be a potential venue.</p>	
6.8	<p><i>Church Spring Fair (Saturday 28th March, 1030 – 1430)</i> PS reported that the Group had been asked to put up tables after the Scout meeting the previous evening. SS will sort out the indoor activities (crafts, etc) and LB the outdoor activities.</p>	SS / LB
6.9	<p><i>Scout Summer Camp, Braggers Wood (Saturday 25th July – Saturday 1st August)</i> LB informed the meeting of the dates, and said she would be conducting a recce.</p>	LB
7.	<p>Adult Recruitment PS reported that nobody was in sight at present, and stressed the importance of everybody being continually alert and aware in this respect.</p> <p>PS added that Robert Creer had offered to help out at Beavers at part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.</p>	
8.	<p>Any Other Business It was noted that the District Scout 5-a-side competition would now take place on Sunday 10th May, in Tottenham, the day after the District Cub 5-a-side competition. Previously, both events had been scheduled for 9th May.</p>	
9.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals PS to make the following referrals to the Executive Committee: (1) Committee to assist with refreshments at Family Quiz Night on Friday 24th April; (2) Committee to be informed that date of AGM is Friday 15th May.</p>	PS

10.	Date of Next Meeting It was agreed that, henceforth, meetings would be held towards the end of each term. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26 th March 2009 at 8.00pm at 73 Lynmouth Avenue.	
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