

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Friday 23rd April 2010 at 8.00p.m.

Present:	Mary Bird (MB)	Colony Assistant
	Kevin Bragg (KBr)	Young Leader
	William Bruce (WB)	Young Leader
	Eddy Clark (EC)	Young Leader
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Dave Edwards (DE)	Chairman
	Mandy Flunder (MF)	Scout Leader
	Simon Fouracre (SF)	Pack Assistant
	Pete Miskin (PM)	Troop Assistant
	Paul Symons (PS)	Group Scout Leader
	Sally Symons (SS)	Cub Scout Leader
	Jo Watson (JWa)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
	Jane Wheeler (JWh)	Assistant Scout Leader

0.	<p>Welcome PS welcomed PM and the 3 Young Leaders to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Kevin Bird (KBi), Despina Catselli (DC) and Jane Topping (JT).</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising Re the Fund Raising Hut, PS reported that the current plan was to replace this over the Whitsun Bank Holiday (half-term) week.</p> <p>The cupboards have been sorted out and labels made up.</p> <p>Rather than purchase certificates, DC has opted to buy Beaver badges.</p> <p>JT's action to sound out parents re termly payments was carried forward.</p>	JT
3.	<p>Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p>	
3.1	<p>Re the 'Time Out Zone', all leaders reported that this was working very well. It was agreed to continue with this scheme and extend it to Camps. MF stated that there was a need to decide what to do about children who ended up in the Time Out Zone at least once every evening but never enough times on any single evening to trigger parental contact.</p>	
3.2	<p>The "In Touch" Scheme has just started and this will continue. The need to remember to get the mobile phone out each evening was noted.</p>	
4.	<p>Moving On No Beavers are due to move up in the near future, however there were 2 new Beaver</p>	

	<p>joiners on 23/04. 4 Cubs will start the link to Scouts around end-May. 2 Scouts will be going to Explorers shortly, and 2 new Scouts will be joining from outside the Group.</p>	
5.	<p>Event Planning (in chronological order)</p>	
5.1	<p><i>St George's Day Parade (Sunday 25th April, 1415)</i> Children should meet at 1415 at Enfield Grammar Upper School Playground. Finishing time will be around 1600 at Enfield Grammar Lower School Playground. PS is in charge of marshalling at the Upper School Playground, and Rob Bruce, Nicola Headland, Chris Pocock and RC will be assisting him.</p> <p>KBr will collect Group flags at the end. WB will collect the ice lollies.</p>	<p>KBr WB</p>
5.2	<p><i>Big Adventure (Saturday 1st May – Monday 3rd May, Scout Park)</i> PS said that there would be a World War II theme for Cubs and Beavers, and the Dad's Army film would be shown. He confirmed that it would be OK to use fireworks. Scouts will be able to camp out in bivouacs on Sunday night. Adults are welcome to bring their own tents.</p> <p>JWa and MF will discuss menus, with MF sorting out the fish.</p> <p>JWa and PS will do the food shopping on the morning of Friday 30th April.</p>	<p>JWa/MF JWa/PS</p>
5.3	<p><i>AGM (Friday 21st May, 1900)</i> SS reported that entertainment would include Cubs and Beavers performing the opening and finale of the programme for Big Adventure Camp, which would be wartime songs. A parent with drama skills will be assisting with preparation at the meetings on 7th May and 14th May. The business element will be as short as possible, and Moving On badges will again be presented. There will be slots for each section for thank you's.</p> <p>PS has emailed Darren and Andy re the Explorers giving a presentation, and Mark Dowsett, the District Commissioner, hopes to be able to attend.</p> <p>PS has emailed Noah's Ark, who are seeing if they have somebody available to attend.</p> <p>PS reported that Sue Morrissey had given up her role as Subs Manager.</p> <p>PS will speak to the Minister and also offer personal invites to Doreen Sheppard and Ron and Win Morey.</p> <p>DE was told that, in his capacity as Chairman, he can extend personal invites if he wishes.</p>	<p>PS</p>
5.4	<p><i>Church Parade Treat (Sunday 11th July)</i> The trip will again be to Southend, after July Church Parade, and will follow the existing format. Section Leaders are expected to have records of who is eligible to attend based on attendance at Church Parades. For children that have joined the Group since the first qualifying Church Parade, it was agreed that the criteria would be the <i>ratio</i> of Church</p>	

	Parades attended equaling or exceeding the required ratio for the full year.	
6	<p>Leader Team PS stated that there was still room for more helpers, informing the meeting that DC will be stopping in September due to her college course and mentioning that JT's line of work often prevents her from assisting at very short notice. PS added that Nicola Headland's husband, Michael, has come on board as an occasional helper.</p> <p>There was concern re the low level of parental help, with JWa commenting that if parents could help just once a term that should provide all the assistance required. There was general agreement with JWh's view that targeting parents individually was the most likely method to succeed, as addressing parents as a group has been shown not to work. PS will in any case send out an email asking for more parental help at meetings.</p> <p>In response to MF's question, PS replied that, whilst the Occasional Helper Form will be changing (to reflect changes to the CRB process), he is certain that capitation will NOT be payable for occasional helpers.</p> <p>PS stated that the Group were registered on the "Do-it" website as requiring leaders, and that he has emailed somebody who has volunteered as Assistant Beaver Leader and is awaiting a response from her.</p> <p>Finally, PS stressed that everybody must never stop bearing in mind the need to constantly recruit leaders. He told the meeting that, whilst Scouting numbers were up generally, they were actually down in Enfield.</p> <p>6.1 It was decided that a Leaders Meal would take place on Wednesday 26th May at the Masala Lounge.</p> <p>6.2 It was decided that a trip to 'Go Outdoors' would take place after Church Parade on Sunday 13th June.</p>	PS
7.	<p>Any Other Business MB reported that the Church is interviewing another Minister on Monday.</p> <p>SS has written to the Superintendent Minister on behalf of the Group to see if Tim could be kept at the Church on a part-time basis. She has received a very nice letter back explaining that our views will be taken into account but that the normal selection process needs to be gone through. We will be informed of the outcome.</p> <p>It is believed that JT is currently looking after the hamster.</p> <p>SS reported that the Cub team was looking at the possibility of holding a camp between 2nd July and 4th July with an American theme. Although this clashes with the Scout District Camping competition, MF will limit the number of teams she enters if necessary, in order to prevent any logistical problems with equipment. SS and MF to discuss further.</p> <p>JWa is currently working towards her Nights Away Permit.</p>	SS / MF

8.	Executive Committee Referrals There were no items to refer to the Executive Committee.	
9.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Friday 3 rd September 2010 at 8.00pm at the Church.	