

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting

Friday 3rd September 2010 at 8.00p.m.

Present:	Jane Bailey (JB)	Assistant Scout Leader
	Mary Bird (MB)	Colony Assistant
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Mandy Flunder (MF)	Scout Leader
	Pete Miskin (PM)	Troop Assistant
	Paul Symons (PS)	Group Scout Leader
	Sally Symons (SS)	Cub Scout Leader
	Jane Topping (JT)	Beaver Scout Leader
	Jo Watson (JW)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Kevin Bird (KB), William Bruce (WB), Despina Catselli (DC), Eddy Clark (EC) and Dave Edwards (DE).	
2.	Matters Arising PS informed the meeting that the “no alcohol” statement on the new Yellow Card issued with Scouting Magazine is incorrect, as this is not agreed policy. The Group website is back up, but Escouts is no more. PS will be going to the Exec Committee with options as to how to proceed. PS added that none of the email addresses are currently working and that all correspondence should go via him. JT confirmed that the subject of termly payments had not arisen again, and it was agreed this item could be closed.	
3.	Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.	
4.	Moving On 2 Beavers are starting the link to Cubs next week. 8 Cubs have gone up to Scouts and no more will move up until a further 2 move up early in the New Year. 3 Scouts have gone up to Explorers, with 3 more due to follow before the end of the year.	
5.	Event Planning (in chronological order)	
5.1	<i>Mayor's Fun Run (Sunday 19th September)</i> JB/MF will send an email to all Scouts re participation (applications need to be made individually and deadline is Wednesday 8 th September) and helping at the 8k feeding station. JB/MF will inform PS of the response.	JB / MF
5.2	<i>Church Parade Treat (Sunday 10th October)</i> PS reported that there had been no interest at all earlier this year, possibly due to the World Cup. It was agreed that PS would look to organise a trip to Southend for October after Church Parade. The success of this trip will then be reviewed – if it is successful, it will be	PS

	continued, otherwise the leaders felt that it may be best to hold separate treats for different Sections in future.	
5.3	<p><i>Fireworks Night (Saturday 6th November)</i> PS will be leading a team again and is looking for volunteers to assist him.</p>	ALL
5.4	<p><i>Anniversary Service (Sunday 7th November)</i> Tim will be leading the Service, at which the new flag will be dedicated. Leaders to let PS know about award winners, and all to suggest possible themes for the Service.</p>	Leaders/ ALL
5.5	<p><i>Lord Mayor's Show (Saturday 13th November)</i> PS informed the meeting that the Enfield District Band would be participating in this event. It was agreed to run this once more as a Group day out. An afternoon activity needs to be selected, with one possibility being a boat ride to Greenwich. PS will need to know numbers in advance and will issue an email publicising this event.</p>	PS
5.6	<p><i>Remembrance Day (Sunday 14th November)</i> PS felt it likely that the parade would again take place in Edmonton in the morning, and he believed that the Scout band would be joining the parade. Everyone needs to be dressed warmly. PS will issue details once these are known.</p> <p>PS added that all were welcome to join him at the Enfield service in the afternoon, but stressed that this should not be seen as compulsory.</p>	PS
5.7	<p><i>Panto (Friday 3rd December)</i> Date was agreed as Friday 3rd December, and all of the balcony will be booked as usual.</p>	PS
5.8	<p><i>St George's Day Parade 2011</i> PS informed the meeting that the closest Sunday to St George's Day was Sunday 24th April, which happened to be Easter Sunday. The DC was considering several options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceeding on Easter Sunday 24th April (when all shops in Enfield town centre would be shut and crowds would consequently be much smaller); • Moving forward one week to Sunday April 17th, however this is Palm Sunday and still falls within the school holidays; • Moving back one week to Sunday 1st May, which falls within the May Bank Holiday weekend; • Not holding a St George's Day Parade in 2011. <p>Within the meeting there was a general wish for the Parade to go ahead, however there was no clear consensus re date, with each of the 3 possible Sundays being favoured by at least 2 attendees. PS will feed the comments back to the DC.</p>	PS
6	Leader Team	
6.1	<p>Re the Beaver Colony, DC will be going back to college in October, which will clash with Friday night meetings, although she will still be able to help at weekends and on other nights. There is therefore a need to fill the hole she has left.</p> <p>JT will be unavailable on 12th November, 3rd December and 10th December, and the nature of her work means that she could potentially be unavailable at short notice on any Friday.</p>	

	PS commented that if meetings had to be cancelled due to lack of help then he would have no qualms in doing so, adding that this may sometimes need to happen in order to make the point to parents.	
6.2	The Cub Pack leader situation is currently fine.	
6.3	The Scout Troop is always on the lookout for more leaders. MF and JB may both be away on 17 th September and possibly also on some other nights. PS reiterated the possibility of not holding meetings if sufficient help was not forthcoming. MF and JB will ring up all parents to ask them personally for help.	MF / JB
6.4	PS reminded the leaders of the need to set an example in terms of being smartly turned out in uniform. PS is expecting everyone to be wearing full uniform by October, when any hot weather has come to an end.	
7.	<p>Equipment</p> <p>PS stated that the Group had £200 that could be spent on equipment. Items that Leaders feel are needed are pots and pans, dixies, LED lamps and large and small colanders. PS will bring a request for expenditure to the Exec Committee.</p>	PS
8.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Friday 17th December will be the last meeting night of 2010. Scouts will be having a separate Christmas Party.</p>	
9.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals</p> <p>There are 2 items for PS to refer to the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss options as to how to proceed with Group website now that Escouts is no more (to be raised as an Agenda item). • Expenditure to be requested for equipment. 	PS
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 7th January 2011 at 8.00pm at the Church.</p>	