

**18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting
Friday 20th April 2012 at 8.00p.m.**

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| Present: | Rachel Bateman (RB) Mary Bird (MB) Richard Clark (RC) Dave Edwards (DE) Simon Fouracre (SF) Vickie Green (VG) Cheryl Keen (CK) Pete Miskin (PM) Graham Reid (GR) John Symons (JS) Paul Symons (PS) Sally Symons (SS) Stuart Symons (StS) | Young Leader Colony Assistant Secretary Chairman Pack Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Assistant Scout Leader Troop Assistant Scout Leader Troop Assistant Group Scout Leader Cub Scout Leader Young Leader |
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| 1. | <p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Pat Powell (PP).</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Matters Arising There were no matters arising.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p> | |
| 3.1 | <p><i>Fire Drill</i> VG and SS have to arrange fire drills for their sections.</p> | VG / SS |
| 4. | <p>Moving On Beavers to Cubs: 1 moving up in September. Cubs to Scouts: none due to move up this term. Scouts to Explorers: 1 Scout is 14 this week, but electing to remain in Scouts to complete badges (PS noted there is a maximum 3 month period of grace beyond 14th birthday), 1 due to move up in September, 1 due to move up in October.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Event Planning (in chronological order)</p> | |
| 5.1 | <p><i>St George's Day Parade (Sunday 22nd April)</i> PS explained that everyone will be meeting in Enfield Grammar Upper School Car Park, next to the playground where we normally meet. The Group is in 2nd position this year. Red Group jackets should be worn if conditions are rainy, as forecast.</p> | |
| 5.2 | <p><i>Quiz Night (Saturday 28th April, 1930)</i> PS reminded everyone that this event will be taking place in the hall at Bush Hill Park Bowls, Tennis & Social Club. Leaders are able to attend free of charge.</p> | |

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| <p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p> <p>5.6</p> | <p><i>AGM (Friday 18th May, 1900)</i> The District Commissioner has been invited and Darren Leonard will be giving a presentation re the Explorer Unit. The evening will be run with the ‘stage’ on the wider southern side of the hall. Entertainment will be around the same length as last year, with one item per section, based on a circus theme.</p> <p>PS reminded the Section Leaders that this was a good opportunity for thank you’s and that they would need to declare at the AGM whether or not they wished to sit on the Group Exec for the following year.</p> <p>PS will be sending out checklists for participation badges to leaders.</p> <p><i>Group Camp (Saturday 2nd June – Tuesday 5th June, Scout Park)</i> Leaders to arrive at 0900, with children following at 1000. PS’s main concern is that there is no confirmed caterer at present, although one Dad may be able to help.</p> <p>It was agreed Beavers would share a programme with Cubs, with Scouts going separately. The following timetable was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday night – campfire for all sections together • Sunday 1700 – Bangers & Mash meal for all to celebrate Jubilee – Cubs to prepare and cook the meal • Monday evening – film (optional). <p>Beavers may stay on at the camp if they have a parent camping with them.</p> <p>PM is looking after equipment. It was noted that VG and SF have their own tents.</p> <p><i>District Olympic Camp (Friday 22nd June – Sunday 24th June, Tolmers)</i> Thursday night (21st June) will be used to set up. Our Group is representing Mexico and a Mexican flag has already been acquired. PM is looking after equipment again and SF confirmed that he would be happy to cater. An attempt will be made on the World pancake tossing record.</p> <p><i>Sponsored Bridge Walk (Sunday 15th July)</i> PS advised that this walk takes in 10 bridges, starting at Tower Bridge. Beavers have the option of finishing after 6 bridges, although some have carried on to complete all 10 in previous years. Profits from this event will be split 50-50 between the Group and ShelterBox. Parents and brothers/sisters are encouraged to come along also.</p> | |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>Leader Team PS reported that the recent census indicated a healthier number of leaders than for the last 6-7 years. Whilst this was a good thing, PS stressed that there was still a need to constantly be on the lookout for more leaders, with more help needed especially in Beaver and Cub sections.</p> <p>PS added that helping at a camp has proved to be a very good way of introducing people to Scouting and making them want to become involved on a more regular basis. He also reminded the meeting that it was important to ASK people for help, as many people who</p> | <p>ALL</p> |

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| | <p>see a number of leaders present may assume no further help is required. PS stated that the Group is happy to accommodate flexible volunteering – people are not necessarily expected to have to help out every week.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Any Other Business PS reported that the new minibus had arrived and the existing booking system remained in place.</p> <p>SS is putting a Cubs team in for the ShelterBox challenge on Saturday 19th May and GR is entering a Scout team. (Note that this clashes with the District Cubs & Scouts 5-a-side football tournament.)</p> <p>SS is asking Richard Bennett to run an Emergency Aid (Stage 1) evening on Friday 25th May. It was agreed that Beavers would join Cubs that evening should this event go ahead.</p> <p>There was discussion re the logistics surrounding hire of the minibus to Keys Meadow School. PS is running with this matter.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Executive Committee Referrals There are no items to refer to the Executive Committee.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Friday 7th September 2012 at 8.00pm at the Church.</p> | |