

**18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting
Friday 12th April 2013 at 7.00p.m.**

Present:	Mary Bird (MB)	Sectional Assistant (Beavers)
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Heather Connor (HC)	Chair
	Simon Fouracre (SF)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
	Vickie Green (VG)	Beaver Scout Leader
	Cheryl Keen (CK)	Assistant Scout Leader
	Pete Miskin (PM)	Assistant Scout Leader
	Graham Reid (GR)	Scout Leader
	Stephen Reid (SR)	Young Leader (Scouts)
	John Symons (JS)	Sectional Assistant (Scouts)
	Paul Symons (PS)	District Commissioner & Acting Group Scout Leader
	Sally Symons (SS)	Cub Scout Leader

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Rachel Bateman (RB), Despina Catselli (DC) and Stuart Symons (StS).</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising GR has raised the topic of the “Bone of Contention” Trophy at District level and we are expecting a challenge from another Group.</p>	
3.	<p>Health and Safety There have been no serious accidents or near misses since the last meeting.</p>	
3.1	<p><i>Fire Drill</i> Last Fire Drills were carried out as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beavers – 15/03/13 • Cubs – 11/01/13 • Scouts – 08/02/13 	
4.	<p>Moving On Beavers to Cubs: None. Cubs to Scouts: 2 starting Link on 19/04. Scouts to Explorers: 2 in process of moving up.</p>	
5.	<p>Event Planning</p>	
5.1	<p><i>St George’s Day Parade (Sunday 21st April)</i> Leaders have received instructions. We are meeting at Enfield Grammar Upper School playground 1430 -1445, moving off at 1502 and should be finished by 1630. This year the Group is at the very front of the parade. We need to provide children (2 per section) to be on the stage when Promises are made.</p>	

5.2	<p><i>Quiz Night (Saturday 27th April, 1930)</i> PS informed the meeting that the Exec has approved free entry for adult leaders.</p>	
5.3	<p><i>Group Camp (Saturday 4th May to Monday 6th May, Boidier Hurst, Box Hill)</i> Campsite has been booked and Permission to Camp forms sent out. Programmes need to be put together and menus compiled. It may be necessary to do the bulk of shopping once there due to limited van space, or possibly we could pre-order. VG likely to stay all weekend.</p> <p>PS will ask Heather and Graham if they are able to help with catering.</p>	PS
5.4	<p><i>AGM (Friday 10th May, 1900)</i> Due to the AGM being the week after Group Camp, the Sections will need to work on the entertainment whilst at Group Camp, so this needs to be built into the programme.</p> <p>GR elected to sit on the Group Exec for the forthcoming year; VG and SS declined.</p> <p>PS asked everyone to let him know of anybody who they thought would be good candidates to join the Exec.</p>	ALL
5.5	<p><i>CCI District Camp (Friday 24th May to Monday 27th May, Chalfont Heights)</i> GR is running this activity for his Permit. SS is on the organising team for this Camp. The theme is “decades”, and our Group is representing the 1930’s. GR is responsible for organising menu, transport and equipment. VG is not currently sure whether she will be staying for the whole weekend.</p>	GR
5.6	<p><i>Raglan Fete (Saturday 6th July)</i> It was decided that we would use this Fete as a recruitment event and run Jackpot Dice as usual. Raglan have requested use of Group tables and this was agreed. PS reported that Stuart Butcher is looking to produce some flyers for the Group.</p>	
5.7	<p><i>Bury Lodge Fete (Sunday 14th July)</i> It was decided that we would use this Fete as a recruitment event, targeting Beavers and Cubs. Jackpot Dice will be run.</p>	
5.8	<p><i>District 5-a-Side Football</i> There are still doubts over whether the District 5-a-Side Football competition will be held at all this year, due to the massive increase in quoted cost for using the pitches. In the District calendar, the event date remains Saturday 18th May, although GR has heard a date of Saturday 1st June mentioned. Should the event proceed, we will not be able to put together a Cub team, but will look to get a Scout team entered.</p>	
6. 6.1	<p>Leader Team <i>GSL</i> PS stated that, with his appointment as District Commissioner (DC), the Group now needed a new GSL. PS added that this individual did not need to do things the way he had, nor did they necessarily need to be a Leader or anyone currently associated with Scouting. This is a management more than a hands-on role, although this does not</p>	

	<p>preclude the GSL from getting personally involved in some hands-on activities. The GSL reports to the DC, and is responsible for the overall running of the Group.</p> <p>PS is happy to talk to anybody who may be interested in this position. It will be PS's decision as to who to appoint, and he will be looking to make an appointment with which both Leaders and Exec are happy.</p> <p>RC commented that the suddenness of PS's move had not provided a lot of time for succession planning. HC asked if the new GSL would be able to have an Assistant GSL who remained within their own Section for now, and PS confirmed that this arrangement was permissible should the Group wish to pursue it.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business <i>“Church Parade Treat”/ Group Outing</i> After discussion, it was decided that the Group WOULD like to reinstate the “Church Parade Treat”. However, as most children are generally attending Church Parades at present, it was decided that a Group Outing open to all may be more appropriate. Diggerland in Kent is one possible venue, although the usual venue of Southend has the 2 main advantages that (a) a single payment allows limitless rides on virtually all of the attractions and (b) parents who do not wish to go on rides do not have to pay any entry fee.</p> <p>Due to Church Parade Sundays this forthcoming term already being heavily booked up with miscellaneous activities, it was decided to defer this event until 2014, and to discuss it next at the January 2014 Leaders Meeting. (In the meantime, individual Sections are free to organise their own such events if they wish.)</p> <p><i>District Training Advisors</i> In response to SF's question, PS replied that there were plenty of training advisors in the District. PS is considering arranging nights at Edmonton HQ where people can come and meet the advisors.</p> <p><i>Mayor's Fun Run</i> SF will be doing the 10K run in September and would be happy for anyone to join him on this.</p>	
8.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals There are 3 items to refer to the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision to attend Raglan Fete on 06/07 • Decision to attend Bury Lodge Fete on 14/07 • GSL appointment. 	
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Friday 6th September 2013 at 7.00pm at the Church.</p>	