

**18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting
Friday 25th April 2014 at 8.00p.m.**

Present:	Rachel Bateman (RB)	Young Leader (Cubs)
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary & Acting Chair
	Vickie Green (VG)	Beaver Scout Leader
	Cheryl Keen (CK)	Group Scout Leader
	Adam Miskin (AM)	Young Leader (Cubs)
	Pete Miskin (PM)	Assistant Scout Leader
	Graham Reid (GR)	Scout Leader
	John Symons (JS)	Sectional Assistant (Scouts)
	Sally Symons (SS)	Cub Scout Leader
	Stuart Symons (StS)	Young Leader (Cubs)
	Liam Wilson (LW)	Young Leader (Beavers)

1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Mary Bird (MB) and Simon Fouracre (SF).	
2.	Matters Arising RC reported that Pat Powell had asked to be removed from the Group's email list after a long association with the Group. Formal thanks were recorded to Pat for all of her efforts on behalf of the Group over many years. CK and RC are considering a suitable farewell gift for Pat. CK will see if Pat has previously received a Thanks Badge.	CK
3.	Health and Safety There have been no serious accidents or near misses since the last meeting.	
3.1	<i>Fire Drill</i> Last Fire Drills were carried out as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beavers – March 2014 • Cubs – 10/01/14 • Scouts – 10/01/14 It was noted that Fire Drills need to be carried out termly.	
4.	Moving On Beavers to Cubs: Nobody moving up until September/October. Cubs to Scouts: 4 going up this term, 1 ready to start Link now. Scouts to Explorers: 3 ready to go up.	
5.	Event Planning	
5.1	<i>St George's Day Parade (Sunday 27th April)</i> RC noted that he would be in charge of arrangements at the Upper School playground.	
5.2	<i>Cub Camp (Friday 2nd May – Monday 5th May)</i> This event will be a Cub Camp. The Scout Camp will not be taking place.	

<p>5.3</p> <p>5.4</p> <p>5.5</p> <p>5.6</p> <p>5.7</p>	<p><i>AGM (Friday 16th May)</i> CK and RC will be putting together the Agenda for the AGM. The entertainment programme is being worked on. The Best Behaved Cub needs to be decided and awards and badges will be presented.</p> <p>Leaders will need to prepare a report and a copy should be given to RC.</p> <p><i>Group Camp (Saturday 24th May – Monday 26th May)</i> This event will be taking place at Danemead. It was agreed that the Group should meet for van loading on Friday 23rd May.</p> <p><i>Scout Summer Camp (Saturday 26th July – Saturday 2nd August)</i> Eton Vale, in Norfolk, has been chosen as the venue and a visit to look at the venue will be taking place on 17th May. The cost will be £180.</p> <p><i>Circuit Children’s Day (Sunday 29th June)</i> After discussion, it was decided that the Group did not wish to get involved with this event. It was noted that there is no parallel activity planned for that day (such as Church Parade) to attract our children out in the first place.</p> <p><i>Group Walk for Charity (Sunday 13th July)</i> Discussion was held as to whether the Group wished to offer a “Church Parade Treat” / Group Outing this year. Whilst there was general enthusiasm for holding this event, with Southend the preferred choice of venue, there was also concern that this event had proved divisive in the past. It was noted that failure to attend is not always the fault of the child.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that a Group Walk, open to all, would be arranged after Church Parade on Sunday 13th July as a charity event. SS will propose a suitable route.</p> <p>Attendance at Church Parades was discussed further. SS commented that offering badge work at Gilwell (Communicator and Emergency Aid badges done to date) after Church Parade had proved very popular in terms of increasing attendance amongst Cubs. JS commented that the Group website states that children are “expected to attend”.</p> <p>It was agreed that it should be further discussed at the September 2014 Leaders Meeting whether to hold an event next year that is open only to children who have met the required attendance level at Church Parades. It was noted that it should be ensured, if such an event is to be held, that the criteria for attendance are clearly set out and communicated to all parents and children early in the Autumn term.</p> <p>RC will add discussion of ways of improving attendance at Church Parades to the Agenda for the next Group Exec Meeting in June 2014.</p>	<p>Leaders</p> <p>SS</p> <p>RC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Leader Team CK reported that SF would not be continuing as Assistant Cub Scout Leader after July.</p>	

<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p>	<p>Information from Executive Committee</p> <p>CK reported that a trial is underway of My.SCOUT, which is Online Scout Manager's (OSM's) system for collecting payments due through a cashless system. CK has chosen 6 Scout parents, as the Scouts section has the most up-to-date records, and reports so far indicate that they like the system and are finding it easy to use.</p> <p>The information for Cubs and Beavers on OSM needs to be brought up-to-date. CK will provide assistance as required.</p> <p>The Exec has agreed that the Group's charity for the forthcoming year will be St Elizabeth's, who are currently caring for an ex-member of the Group. (See http://www.stelizabeths.org.uk/ for further information.) SS has [post-meeting] sent RC details of fund-raising contacts at St Elizabeth's.</p> <p>Discussion was held re the level of ongoing awareness the leaders have of their sectional budget balances. The leaders were made aware of how the Exec sets the budgets and it was agreed that the existing situation whereby the Treasurer flags to the appropriate leader once their budget has been exceeded is acceptable. It was stressed that budgets are used for planning purposes only and that no leader should avoid carrying out an activity because they are worried about exceeding their budget.</p> <p>VG would like the Group to fund a trip to the Cinema for the Beavers. RC stated that he is always happy to accompany Beaver trips if additional adult supervision is needed.</p>	<p>SS / VG</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>PM will ensure that SS receives details of nominations for Jack Petchey awards by end-April at the latest.</p> <p>SS informed the meeting of the Holiday Bible Week Quiz at the URC Church Hall, Main Avenue, on Saturday 10th May, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children, with a maximum of 8 people per table and a ploughman's meal served during the interval.</p> <p>SS reminded everybody that all meetings in June needed to be conducted outdoors.</p>	<p>PM</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Executive Committee Referrals</p> <p>There is 1 item to refer to the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of ways of improving attendance at Church Parades. 	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 5th September 2014 at 8.00pm at the Church.</p>	