

18th Edmonton Scout Group

Leaders Meeting

Friday 8th September 2017

6:45pm in the Church Hall

Present: Speranta Knowles, Pranav Dave, John Symons, Linda Marchant, James Marchant, Daniel Parr, Donna Willard, Emily Miskin, Flora Hajipetrou, Grant Murray, Liam Wilson, Rianon Parr, Rachel Connor, Thomas Barnett, Shannon Willard, Adele Bishop, Kyra Clear and Paul Symons

- 1 **Introductions** – Everyone present introduced themselves for the benefit of Speranta and Pranav who were attending for the first time.

Paul presented John with his Chief Scouts Five Year Service Award.

- 2 **Apologies for absence** – There were no apologies for absence.

- 3 **Matters arising**

- a. **Radiator Cages** – These have now been fixed back to the walls.

- 4 **Health and safety** – There have been no incidents since the last meeting.

- 5 **Leader team update** – Paul introduced Speranta as the new GSL and Pranav as the new Group Chair. Liam has now turned 18 and moved from Young Leader to Assistant Beaver Scout Leader. The Group now needs to find a Scout Leader so that Grant can go back to running just one section.

Paul reminded everyone present that the search for additional leaders should continue.

- 6 **Moving on and member numbers**

- a. **Beavers** – Donna reported that there are 23 Beavers. Two Beavers are moving up to Cubs now and eight more are due to move in January.
- b. **Cubs** – Grant reported that there are 18 Cubs and four moving to Scouts now. Two of the Cubs have achieved their Chief Scout Silver Awards.
- c. **Scouts** – Grant also advised that there are now seven Scouts with none due to move to Explorers.

- 7 **Event and programme planning**

- a. **Group Camp 13th to 15th October** – This event is going ahead at Danemead for all three sections.
- b. **Remembrance Day Parade** – Paul advised that this was going ahead with details pretty much as last year.
- c. **Nights Away** – In addition to the Group Camp above all three sections are going to the Belchamps Christmas Camp. The Scouts are planning a sleepover.
- d. **The Cubs are going on the County trip to Chessington.**

- e. The Beavers are taking part in the Heafield Trophy.
- f. The Beavers are holding a 'Great Beaver Bakeoff' event. Paul was asked to advertise this to the District.
Action: Paul
- g. Church parades
 - i. September 10th
 - ii. October 8th
 - iii. November 5th (Anniversary Service) – Paul asked leaders to start getting the awards back from last years winners.
 - iv. December 10th (Toy Service?) – Donna and Grant asked if this church parade could be put aside as there was a lot planned for December.
Action: Speranta to talk to Karen

h. Joint meetings – There will be Halloween and Christmas parties for the whole Group.

- i. Fire drills – Leaders will get these done and advise Speranta when done.
Action: Donna and Grant

8 **Social media and websites** – Grant presented the results of a poll he had run amongst parents about the possibilities of using a Facebook Closed Group to give parents feedback on events. Parents were 80% in favour. It was agreed that this was a good idea and should be referred to the Group Executive for approval.
Action: Pranav

9 **Any other business** – there were no items taken under this heading.

10 **Exec committee referrals** – Item 8.

11 **Date of next meeting** – Friday 5th January 2018 6:45pm at the Church.