

# 18th Edmonton (Methodist) Scout Group

## Leaders Meeting Minutes

22/05/2008

Held at: 73 Lynmouth Avenue, Enfield, EN1 2LS

**Present:** Mary Bird, Lucy Bragg, Paul Symons, Sally Symons, Shan Gerrard, Jeremy Bullock and Heather McLissac-Hall.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received for Richard Clark. Mandy Flunder was absent.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 4th March 2008 were agreed as being a true record.

3. **Matters arising**

3.1 **Last meeting**

The meeting reviewed the decision taken at the last meeting to continue to keep a stock of uniforms at the church. It was agreed that in view of the limited space available and the money that would be tied up in holding stock that general uniform will not be held. Group T-shirts and scarves will continue to be held.

3.2 **To approve any actions taken on the leaders behalf since the last meeting.**

Paul reported that, with the assistance of Mary, the craft materials previously stored in the metal cupboard in the vestry and now been moved to the right hand cupboard in the back room. This allowed the metal cupboard to be used for the storage of t-shirts, scarves and the printer/scanner/copier.

Paul also reported that the new Go-Pak bench broken at the Centenary Camp had now been repaired.

4. **Health and Safety**

One minor incident reported by Sally. A cub had her wrist bent back whilst playing in goal at the District Cub 5-a-side football competition.

5.3 **Scout Troop**

Lucy reported that three new Scouts would be invested on Friday 23rd May. The Troop will then have 29 Scouts however six are due to move to Explorers soon.

5. **Member progress**

5.1 **Beaver Scout Colony**

Shan reported that seven potential new Beavers would be starting on Friday 23rd May. Two Beavers will start their link to Cubs on 6th June. The Colony will total 17 from Friday 23rd May if all the new ones stay.

5.2 **Cub Scout Pack**

Sally reported that six Cubs will complete the link to Scouts on Friday 23rd May. The Pack will then have 18 Cubs.

#### 6.4 **Sponsored Bridge Walk**

This event was discussed. We will leave the church after parade on 13th July and travel up to London by train. Travel cards will be purchased for travel. The walk will start at Tower Bridge. Beavers can drop out after six bridges at Blackfriars Bridge. It is anticipated that we will have returned by 7pm at the latest.

### 6. **Events**

#### 6.1 **Kelvedon Secret Bunker Sleepover**

It was agreed that this event, apart from bad behaviour from some older Scouts at night, went off alright.

Heather suggested a code of conduct for children in the Group should be drawn up and all parents asked to sign up to it. This was agreed and Heather was asked to work on this.

#### 6.2 **May Bank Holiday Camp - Scout Park**

The planning for this camp is progressing well. Beavers will arrive on Sunday at 9am.

#### 6.3 **Church Parade Treat - 8th June**

The meeting discussed this event and timings were clarified. The plan is to leave for Southend after Church Parade on 8th June returning for approx 6:30pm.

### 7. **Adult Recruitment**

Paul spoke about his desire to have at least two assistant leaders with each section. Leaders were asked to keep this in mind.

Heather indicated that her son would be joining Beavers in September and she would be prepared to help regularly provided he was happy for mum to be there.

8. **Any Other Business**

Active Kids 08 - The meeting discussed how to spend the vouchers collected. It was decided that the main item should be the 'Targetmaster' on page 59 of the catalogue. There were several smaller items that might be useful and when it is known how many vouchers we have collected the smaller items will be selected.

Danemead Activity Weekend - The decision has been made not to go to this event. Instead Tolmers at Cuffly has been booked for the same dates, 20th to 22nd June. Cubs and Scouts will camp together but with their own programmes. Beavers will visit on Saturday. Paul was asked to send the email from Tolmers listing the activities available to everyone.

Mayor's Fun Run - It is likely that this event will be on 7th September. It was agreed that although this is a bit soon after the return back in September the Group will support this event again and man the 10km race feeding station at Whitewebbs.

Raglan Fun Day - The Group will be running the Jack Pot Dice Stall at this event on 28th June. Paul will check if they still want us to provide a security presence overnight on 27th.

Church Parades - The meeting discussed the persistent absence of some children from church parade. It was agreed that Paul would draft a standard letter, based on one that Sally has used in the past, which can be sent to the parents of these children. It was agreed that the church Sunday School would be plugged in the next newsletter.

Summer Term Finnish - The last night before the summer holidays was agreed as 18th July.

9. **Executive Committee Referrals**

There were no referrals to the Executive Committee.

10. **Next Meeting**

It was agreed that Paul should set a date sometime in September.