

# 18<sup>TH</sup> Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.00p.m.

Present:	Despina Catselli (DC) Richard Clark (RC) Heather Connor (HC) Simon Fouracre (SF) Vickie Green (VG) Cheryl Keen (CK) Pete Miskin (PM) Graham Reid (GR) Stephen Reid (SR) John Symons (JS) Paul Symons (PS) Sally Symons (SS)	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Secretary Chair Assistant Cub Scout Leader Beaver Scout Leader Assistant Scout Leader Sectional Assistant (Scouts) Scout Leader Young Leader (Scouts) Sectional Assistant (Scouts) Group Scout Leader Cub Scout Leader
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1.	<p><b>Apologies for Absence</b>          Apologies were received from Mary Bird (MB), Pat Powell (PP) and Stuart Symons (StS).</p>	
2. 2.1	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>  <i>Fundamentals of Scouting</i>          PS reminded everyone of the email he had sent on 19/12/12 re Fundamentals of Scouting and advised all to complete the survey as honestly as possible. Link to survey is:  <a href="http://newsletter.scouts.org.uk/t/82825/20940771/1813902/28/">http://newsletter.scouts.org.uk/t/82825/20940771/1813902/28/</a></p>	
3.  3.1  3.2	<p><b>Health and Safety</b>          There have been no serious accidents or near misses since the last meeting.</p> <p><i>Fire Drill</i>          Last Fire Drills were carried out as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beavers – July (no Fire Drill last term)</li> <li>• Cubs – 14/09/12</li> <li>• Scouts – 16/11/12</li> </ul> <p><i>Mobile Phones and Electronic Toys</i>          After some discussion, during which GR raised a specific safety concern about children listening to gadgets whilst walking on country roads not being able to listen out for oncoming traffic, the following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile phones and electronic toys will be banned from all events where it is not specifically stated that one or both are permitted. (It was noted that there are some events, such as Chiltern 20, where mobile phones may be needed for safety reasons.)</li> <li>• Where one or both are permitted, a caveat will be added to event information to state that children bring these at their own risk.</li> <li>• First offence for being found with a mobile phone or electronic toy at a banned event will be confiscation and a parent needing to collect the confiscated item.</li> <li>• For subsequent offences, a parent will need to pay a £10 fine each time (to go to the</li> </ul>	

3.3	<p>Group's nominated charity) in order to recover the confiscated item.</p> <p>PS will email all parents to explain these rules and also provide each child with a letter to take home.</p> <p><i>First Aid Kits</i> PS presented all Leaders with a First Aid Kit. He explained that Young Leaders would not be receiving a kit as the onus was not on them to be doing first aid. There are some spare kits available for new Leaders.</p>	PS
4.	<p><b>Moving On</b> Beavers to Cubs: 1 currently on link to Cubs, to be invested this month. Cubs to Scouts: 2 due to move imminently, 2 more after half-term. Scouts to Explorers: 1 moving up imminently.</p>	
5. 5.1  5.2  5.3  5.4  5.5  5.6	<p><b>Event Planning</b></p> <p><i>Wellie Walk (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February)</i> It was agreed to hold a Wellie Walk at Cuffley Great Wood after February Church Parade. Packed lunches will be required. Cost will be £2 per head, with £1 being a donation to ShelterBox and £1 going to Cuffley Great Wood.</p> <p><i>St George's Day Parade (Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April)</i> The date of St George's Day Parade was noted.</p> <p><i>Group Camp (Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Boidier Hurst, Box Hill)</i> It was decided that the Group would run this event. Transport will need to be arranged for Beavers as this is a long journey for a single overnight stay.</p> <p><i>District 5-a-Side Football (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May)</i> The date of the District 5-a-Side Football competition was noted. (See also 'Football' under 'Any Other Business'.)</p> <p><i>CCI District Camp (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Chalfont Heights)</i> It was decided that the Group would attend this event. Beavers can stay over for one night. The theme is "Decades".</p> <p><i>Scout Community Week (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June)</i> It was decided that we would not be getting involved in Scout Community week as a Group. However Sections can get involved individually if they wish. Cubs and Scouts will probably take part in the ShelterBox Scavenger Hunt during this period.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Leader Team</b> PS commented that he was very happy with the current state of the Leader Team. However he stressed that we should all continue to be on the lookout for new Leaders.</p> <p>A couple of possibilities for new Leaders/Helpers were discussed.</p> <p>It was noted that it may be a good idea for Leaders to 'swap' Section meetings from time</p>	

	<p>to time. This has the benefit of providing more flexibility should cover be required in any particular Section and also allows children to get used to Leaders from Sections that they will be moving up to.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><i>Census</i> PS will shortly be sending out Census details to Section Leaders to check for children who should not be on the list/children who are missing from the list. Details need to be correct as at 31/01/13. PS requires a quick response on this matter.</p> <p><i>Football</i> PS reported that weekly football has now been suspended, due to lack of interest. If interest revives in future, football can always be started back up again.</p> <p><i>Online Scout Manager (<a href="http://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk">www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk</a>)</i> CK reported that she was very positive about Online Scout Manager – she had found it very easy to use and there were significant benefits to be gained from having everything in one place. Cubs and Beavers have yet to use this package in anger.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that, whilst the benefits of this package were apparent, the initial data set-up/loading work could be quite daunting. CK offered to assist with setting up details for other Sections and RC also volunteered to help with data input if needed.</p> <p><i>District Leaders Meeting (Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 0900)</i> PS asked all Leaders to let Mark Dowsett know whether they would/would not be attending this event.</p> <p><i>Scouting Trophy (“Bone of Contention”)</i> The Group has held this trophy for many years. The original philosophy was that any Group could challenge the current holders to any activity, but it is a long time since this last happened. GR will take the trophy with him to the District Leaders Meeting on 20/01 and raise the possibility of resurrecting challenges.</p> <p><i>Church Parade Services</i> SS said that Tim had told her that the congregation had responded very positively to the child-centred nature of Church Parade Services. The theme for the next Service will be ‘New Beginnings’ and SS asked for any ideas to be sent to her.</p> <p><i>Church Parade “Treat”</i> PM asked whether there were any plans to reinstate the Church Parade “Treat” for those attending a certain number (or more) of Church Parades. In recent years, this has taken the form of a visit to Southend. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to hold some form of “End of Year Treat”, although not necessarily tied into Church Parade attendance. This can be discussed further at the next Leaders Meeting.</p> <p><i>Non-Attendance at Church Parade</i> SS has a letter that she has sent out in the past to parents that can be re-used by CK. PS stated that he can become involved if necessary, however in the first instance he would</p>	<p>Section Leaders</p> <p>Leaders</p> <p>GR</p> <p>All</p>

	prefer Leaders to try to resolve matters without his involvement. PS's involvement will mean that the Group has moved to the second stage of dealing with the problem.	
8.	<p><b>Executive Committee Referrals</b></p> <p>There is one item to refer to the Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaders meeting decision re mobile phones and electronic toys – for info.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.00pm at the Church.</p>	