

**18TH Edmonton Scout Group Executive Meeting
Monday 28th January 2008 at 8.00p.m.**

Present:	Paul Symons (PS)	Chairman/Quartermaster
	Rob Bruce (RB)	Treasurer
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Jan Ballett (JB)	
	Barbara Barnicoat (BB)	
	Sue Bateman (SB)	
	Mary Bird (MB)	
	Paul Boulter (PB)	
	Dave Edwards (DE)	
	Rev Alistair Jones (AJ)	Sponsoring Authority
	Ian Kirby (IK)	
	Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH)	
	Karen Walker (KW)	

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Lucy Bragg (LB), David Cooper (DC), Lilian Cooper (LC), Mark Dowsett (MD), Brenda Kennedy (BK), Pat Powell (PP) and Sally Symons (SS).</p> <p>Absent: Mike Morrissey (MM).</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3.1 PS reported that KW would be moving shortly, so this would be her last meeting. Thanks were expressed to KW for all her help.</p> <p>3.2 PS has recently presented John Jewson with his Thanks Badge, as agreed at a previous exec meeting. PS reported that John was thrilled with the badge and wished to thank the exec for it.</p> <p>3.3 There have been no other actions taken on the Committee's behalf since the last meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Health & Safety</p> <p>4.1 There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p> <p>4.2 With regard to the 'Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005', coming into force from October 2006, AJ stated that Irene Manning is now Senior Steward, and asked PS to speak with her.</p> <p>(PB and RB arrived)</p>	PS
5.	<p>Resources</p>	

5.1	In the absence of a Transport Manager, PS reported that the minibus had been serviced and MOT'd. He commented that the brake pads would be an ongoing expense. PS added that, as of October 2010, neither van nor minibus would be compliant for emissions within the M25, and will therefore be fined £100 each time they are used.	
5.2	The Quartermaster had no expenditure to request. He said that the bench broken at District Camp had not been covered by camp insurance and as the damage was a genuine mistake he felt that to pursue the Group concerned would not be right. This was agreed.	
5.3	Re the Fund Raising Hut, there was no progress to report, and the situation will be reviewed at the next meeting.	
5.4	Re the band instruments, PS reported that he had, with considerable help from Ron Bird, made a list of instruments and emailed this to Richard Bennett, the Enfield Bandmaster, who had agreed to assist in the use or disposal of them.	
6.	Policy Review	
6.1	No changes are required to the Equal Opportunities Policy. Next review date will be January 2009.	
6.2	Three changes are required to the Transport Policy, to be made by PS: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove reference to mileage sheets in the last paragraph and rename the last paragraph accordingly; 2. Charge of £35 per day to rise to £40 per day; 3. Add wording to state that the local Explorer unit (23rd Enfield) can use the minibus without charge. Next review date will be January 2010.	PS
7.	Events Review	
7.1	PS reported that many people had helped out at the Christmas Bazaar, and that a meeting would be held on 8 th February to plan this year's Bazaar. MB stated that the event had raised over £1,500 (vs. £1,300 the previous year) and was seen as having been very successful. Narrowing the timeframe for the event had proved advantageous.	
7.2	The trip to pantomime had been very enjoyable, and thanks were recorded to SB for organising this.	
8.	Events Planning	
8.1	PS stated that he had not made any progress re organising the Quiz Night.	PS
8.2	PS reported that the Family Quiz Night would be held on Friday 15 th February, at 1830, in the Church Hall. Cost would be £1 per person. JB and MB volunteered to assist with teas and coffees.	
9.	Any Other Business	
	PS remarked that the Group web pages should really be removed away from his personal Tiscali web space. There were two options, both of which came with email addresses included:	PS

	<p>1. Use 'eScout' to host web pages free of charge, although PS felt from experience that there may be an issue with excessive downtime;</p> <p>2. Google offers a free service for charities, although we would need our own domain name at a cost of approximately \$10 per year.</p> <p>It was decided that option 2 should be taken up.</p> <p>SS is considering whether to nominate any members of the Group for Jack Petchey awards.</p> <p>RB reported that the accounts were looking tight at present. Bag packing had raised £1,131.77, and it was decided that £350 should go to the Noah's Ark charity. No decision has yet been made on what to do with the remaining money.</p> <p>The situation with leaders was discussed. There had been a disappointing parental attendance for the meeting at Church on Friday 18th January. However, a young lady Mandy Flunder, was now helping with Cubs, and had completed one session of training.</p> <p>It was felt that the time of Beaver meetings may be preventing people from helping, and a tick box questionnaire is to be sent out by HMH to investigate options for changing the times of Beaver meetings, for example running some of the meeting in parallel with the Cub meeting.</p> <p>AJ stated that the Methodist Church nationally had decided that a voluntary declaration would need to be signed by all people in contact with children on Methodist premises from November 2008.</p> <p>The situation regarding the resignations of SS and PS was discussed at length. AJ commented that he would be working with the DC to look for a way forward, and said that anybody who wished to was welcome to pass on their thoughts to him.</p> <p>It was decided to hold an additional follow-up meeting on Monday 11th February to discuss this situation further, and also to review the results of the survey of Beaver parents.</p>	HMH
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>An additional Group Executive Meeting will be held on Monday 11th February 2008 at 8.00pm in the Garden Room to discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the resignation of the Chair and Cub Scout Leader; 2) the results of a survey of Beaver parents which will be prepared by HMH. <p>The next scheduled meeting in the regular meeting cycle is Monday 31st March 2008 at 8.00pm in the Garden Room.</p>	