

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Thursday 26th March 2009 at 8.00p.m.

Present:	Mary Bird (MB)	Church Representative
	Lucy Bragg (LB)	Scout Leader
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Mandy Flunder (MF)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
	Shan Gerrard (SG)	Beaver Scout Leader
	Paul Symons (PS)	Group Scout Leader
	Sally Symons (SS)	Cub Scout Leader

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Heather McIsaac-Hall (HMH). Absent: Jeremy Bullock (JB), Jane Topping (JT), and Jane Wheeler (JW).</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2009 were agreed as being a correct record.</p> <p>PS reported that the Quiz Night had raised £480.15 for the Group.</p>	
3.	<p>Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Moving On 3 Beavers are moving up to Cubs, 1 Cub is moving up to Scouts and 2 Scouts are moving up to Explorers, with 2 more Scouts due to move up before Summer. 1 Scout is leaving to join another unit.</p>	
5.	<p>Events (in chronological order)</p> <p>5.1 <i>Palm Sunday Church Parade (Sunday 5th April)</i> SS stated that Irene had agreed with her that children would acquire branches from the Church grounds and would lay their ‘palms’ before sitting down at the beginning of the Service.</p> <p>5.2 <i>Family Quiz Night (Friday 24th April)</i> SS will be setting the quiz questions, and LB will be collecting the money, with proceeds going to ASSERT. At least one member of each team must be 10 years or younger.</p> <p>5.3 <i>St George’s Day Parade (Sunday 26th April, from 1430)</i> PS explained that children should meet in Enfield Grammar Upper School playground, from where they would walk to the Lower School playground for a short service. Every child is expected to attend in full uniform, with plenty of layers <u>beneath</u> the uniform in the case of inclement weather.</p> <p>PS will be overseeing the stewarding – RC and Rob Bruce have already volunteered to assist, and PS is looking for more volunteers. PS commented that there was a need to stop</p>	

	parents coming into the Upper School playground at the start.	
	Finally, PS asked the leaders to ensure that children practiced the first two verses of the National Anthem.	Leaders
5.4	<i>AGM (Friday 15th May, 1900)</i> There will be minor entertainment (not as much as in recent years) at the beginning and end of the AGM. SS will plan this over the Easter holiday.	SS
	PS is hoping to have the Explorers present to give a presentation, adding that he will talk to Darren as the Group Exec are keen for the Explorers to provide a barbecue again. He already has 2 volunteers for teas and coffees.	PS
	PS commented that he expects several people to stand down from the Group Exec in May and that he would welcome suggestions as to whom he could approach to join the Exec. The only specific role that needs to be filled at present is that of Treasurer.	ALL
	MB will put an article in the appropriate Church Newsletter inviting all to the AGM.	MB
5.5	<i>The Big Adventure (Saturday 23rd May – Monday 25th May, Scout Camp, Bounds Green)</i> PS has received postcards advertising this event, which include discount vouchers for Millets. 8 were issued to each Leader. PS stressed the need to identify helpers and ensure CRBs were completed in time.	
	Re the afternoon joint activity, PS has already investigated several options unsuccessfully, and has put a note on the Scouts Newsgroup asking for ideas. SS will investigate the possibility of an assault course and all present were asked to pass on any other ideas to PS.	SS / ALL
	PS will re-issue the Programme once details have been firmed up. (It was noted that SG would like Beavers to leave no later than 2100.)	PS
5.6	<i>Sponsored Walk (Sunday 14th June, after Church Parade)</i> The walk will cover part of the London Loop, from Cockfosters Station to The Ridgeway, then back. A shuttle service using the minibus can be run if required. The route will need to be walked and checked out in advance.	
5.7	<i>Church Parade Treat (Sunday 12th July, after Church Parade)</i> PS will determine the price and send out letters to eligible children only. He will need a list of eligible children from the Leaders.	PS / Leaders
6.	Leader Team PS stressed the need to keep recruiting. At present there are new parents coming through and lots of CRBs being done.	
7.	Any Other Business With regard to Family Camp, PS reported that the Scout Association rules seemed to quite clearly state that every adult needed to be CRB'd in order to attend Gilwell. PS will issue the relevant fact sheet to all leaders.	PS

	<p>This matter was discussed and, whilst no decision needs yet to be made, the options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold Family Camp at Gilwell and insist all adults are CRB'd; • Hold Family Camp elsewhere; • Cancel Family Camp. <p>There was general agreement that, whilst Gilwell is considered on balance to be the best location for Family Camp, it would in many ways be quite a draconian measure to insist all parents were CRB'd. Parents who might otherwise turn up at Family Camp, find they enjoyed camping and then offer longer-term services to the Group (at which stage they would then be CRB'd) may simply not bother in the first place due to the rigmarole of having to fill in the CRB application.</p> <p>The Church will be offering brunch after the May Church Parade and everyone is invited.</p>	
8.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals There were no items needing to be referred to the Executive Committee.</p>	
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th June 2009 at 8.00pm at 73 Lynmouth Avenue.</p>	