

18TH Edmonton Scout Group Leaders Meeting Friday 8th January 2010 at 7.45p.m.

Present:	Despina Catselli (DC)	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
	Richard Clark (RC)	Secretary
	Dave Edwards (DE)	Chairman
	Mandy Flunder (MF)	Scout Leader
	Simon Fouracre (SF)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
	Paul Symons (PS)	Group Scout Leader
	Sally Symons (SS)	Cub Scout Leader
	Jane Topping (JT)	Beaver Scout Leader
	Jo Watson (JWa)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
	Jane Wheeler (JWh)	Assistant Cub Scout Leader

1.	<p>Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Kevin Bird (KB), Mary Bird (MB), William Bruce (WB), Eddy Clark (EC) and Pete Miskin (PM).</p>	
2.	<p>Health and Safety There have been no serious incidents since the last meeting.</p>	
2.1	<p>Re discipline, MF explained the approach now being taken in Scouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of a ‘chill out’ zone (and the use of a zone where Scouts can voluntarily take themselves when they feel they need to calm themselves down); • A warning, followed by a ‘3-2-1’ countdown, when silence is required. <p>Cubs will be starting to use this approach from next week and Beavers began to use it this week. For Cubs and Beavers, the zone is known as the ‘time out’ zone, but the principal is identical. PS will update the Good Behaviour Policy to reflect this approach and the Policy will be reviewed at the next Group Exec Meeting.</p>	PS
2.2	<p>PS explained that the “In Touch” Scheme would be replacing the Home Contact Scheme. This will cover everything the Group does, not just camps, and specify how parents can contact the Group and vice versa. PS added that this Scheme has already been trialed in 3 counties and that information is available on the Scout website. One possibility for contact during Friday night meetings could be the Church Phone (020 8360 6439) [although post-meeting tests suggested this was unlikely to be heard over the normal noise of a meeting].</p> <p>The possibility of purchasing a Group mobile phone was discussed. This could be taken out and charged up each Friday as part of meeting protocol. Advantages were seen to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just one number for parents to remember for all situations; • Protection of Leaders’ privacy (although this was not seen as being a current problem); • Leaders able to physically hand the phone over so one leader does not necessarily have to be the contact point for the whole of an event such as a camp. <p>There was agreement with JT’s observation that Vodaphone offer the best coverage. PS will take this to the Group Exec to ask for approval.</p>	PS

	PS said that he had spoken to Mark Dowsett, the District Commissioner, who has given his permission for the Group to go live with this scheme with immediate effect.	
3.	Moving On No Beavers or Scouts are due to move up in the near future. 3 Cubs are starting the link to Scouts next week.	
4.	Sainsbury's Active Kids PS has registered again this year. The Group has done well previously out of this scheme.	
5.	Event Planning (in chronological order)	
5.1	<i>Band Night (Friday 26th February?)</i> PS explained that Enfield District Scout Band were being lined up to visit for a recruitment night. PS will see if Friday 26 th February is possible as this is the most convenient date. He will also ask if Beavers can be included (as this event is usually aimed at Cubs and Scouts).	PS
5.2	<i>Wellie Walk (Sunday 14th March, following Church Parade)</i> It was decided that the Group would hold its own event at Cuffley Wood, rather than join the District event. This will be a Family event, and a donation of £1 per participant will be requested to cover a donation to Cuffley Wood.	
5.3	<i>Big Adventure (Saturday 1st May – Monday 3rd May)</i> After considerable discussion, it was decided that the first Bank Holiday weekend in May was the best option, even though the Scouts may be elsewhere that weekend. It was agreed that the Big Adventure's "Cooking" theme would be adopted. PS will investigate possible venues.	PS
5.4	<i>Bag Packing</i> It was noted that the Group did not do bag packing over Christmas and that Sainsbury's remains an ongoing possibility.	
6	Leader Team PS emphasised the need to be on constant lookout for potential new adult help, citing the presence of DC at the meeting as a good example of a new adult coming on board. PS to follow up possible interest of a Beaver parent.	PS
7.	Any Other Business It was agreed that cupboards needed to be sorted out on a Sunday following Church Parade. Each section will ideally have its own dedicated shelf. PS will make some labels up. It was noted that a kit list on the door would be very useful. SF asked if the pre-meeting games of football were a good idea as they had the potential to cause over-excitement. After discussion, it was agreed that the benefits of allowing Beavers/Cubs and Cubs/Scouts to play together outweighed the negatives. JT wondered if some parents would find termly payments easier to manage. She will sound out parents about this and report back. (PS explained that the software which generates	PS JT

	<p>invoices can be easily adapted to change payment periods or to stagger payments for parents with more than one child in the Group.)</p> <p>DC will purchase certificates from the Scout Shop, using the Beaver budget.</p> <p>In response to her question, PS replied that JT should speak to Nicola if she needed petty cash. PS added that petty cash must always be held by a specific individual.</p> <p>MF has bought Scout Badge books at £1.96 each. It was agreed that the Scout budget should be used for this, but that parents would be charged should a replacement be required.</p> <p>SS asked for the date of the AGM to be referred to the Group Exec.</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>PS</p>
8.	<p>Executive Committee Referrals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of amended Good Behaviour Policy; • Purchase of a Group mobile phone; • Date of AGM. 	
9.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Friday 23rd April 2010 at the Church.</p>	