

## **DISTRICT BEAVER LEADERS MEETING**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2014

at Gilwell (Kickstart)

**Present** – Margaret 1<sup>st</sup> Enf, Yvonne 2<sup>nd</sup> Enf, Val 4<sup>th</sup> Edm, Michelle & Vicki 5<sup>th</sup> Enf, Sue 6<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> Enf, Donna, Karen & Grant 10<sup>th</sup> Edm, Bette 16<sup>th</sup> Enf, Tina & David 12<sup>th</sup> Enf, Carol & Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Enf, Stephen 18<sup>th</sup> Edm, Caroline 19<sup>th</sup> Enf, Louise & Richard 20<sup>th</sup> Edm, Sue & Barry 20<sup>th</sup> Enf,

**Apologies** – Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> Enf, Pips 6<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> Enf, Ali 10<sup>th</sup> Edm, Anne 24<sup>th</sup> Edm, Corrine 27<sup>th</sup> Enf.

Yvonne was in the Chair and welcomed everyone, we all introduced our selves especially Steven (BYL) 18<sup>th</sup> Edm, Louise (CSL) 20<sup>th</sup> Edm & Richard (CYL) 20<sup>th</sup> Edm.

**Finances** – We have £289.37p in the account. Jan said some of the Heafield cheques (3) had not been cashed.

**Health & Safety / Child Protection** – No issues arising.

**A.D.C. Report** – Val has stepped down, many thanks to her for all she has done. Welcome to Donna who has filled the post. Yvonne is now the official District Beaver Administrator, so if there is anything you would like to mentioned at meetings please let her know. County were impressed by our Carols around the campfire event, so they would like to bring all districts together & maybe earn some badges, at a “County Campfire” – 1<sup>st</sup> March at Scout Park.

**Carols around the Campfire** – Very well attended, over 100 beavers /cubs, those who went enjoyed it. Should have been someone there to direct people to different areas. Everyone was given the chance to write a tag of remembrance & put it on the Christmas tree. Apparently the music CD didn't match the words on the song sheet, Caroline said “ we should all be singing from the same song sheet, ha ha ha”.

**County Campfire** – 1<sup>st</sup> March at Scout Park. details to follow.

**District Bowling Competition** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Hollywood Bowl, Finchley, £5 per beaver 6 beavers per team 1 team per colony at 12pm.

**District Domino's Competition** – 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1<sup>st</sup> Enfield HQ Green Street. 4 beavers per team one team per colony cost £3, time 2 till 4, please bring along 2 sets of black / white domino's. Refreshments will be served.

**District Outing** – Gullivers Land 5<sup>th</sup> July, more details to follow, (sensible shoes & clothes for weather / rides).

**D.C.'s Challenges for sections -**

**1 – once a month outdoor event** - some colonies do have trouble getting outside especially when its dark, maybe only summer months.

**2 – every week in June outside** – we discussed the weather being an issue but agreed the beavers can wear coats. Plan now for June – suggestions were 1 - contact Roger Elkin to see his trains, 2 - meet at a park or 3 –look on line at the Woodlands Trust for outdoor ideas.

**3 – sleepovers** – one group sleeps over in their hut using tents. Maybe a district sleepover or go with another colony. Try Rammey Island run by the 24<sup>th</sup> Edmonton, 18 beds, 2 leaders rooms for 2 people with separate activity / dining hall – contact Val or Roger Gleave.

**4 – young leaders** – if you don't have a young leader & would like to get one, speak to Mike Thurston (07810152856) he may be able to help.

**A.O.B.** – A number of leaders said they weren't given enough information about "kick start" ie times / venue at Gilwell.

District Ramble – to be arranged by Sue Buswell, 20<sup>th</sup> June (one of your days out in June) at Forty Hall. This will also go towards the Hike Badge, more details to follow.

Caroline said she will try to visit all colonies by Easter. If there are any problems please give her a call (07951925660).

Leaders / helpers Christmas meal at the White House, Whitewebbs on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, let Caroline know if interested a.s.a.p.

It was suggested could we have all beavers at a remembrance parade to commemorate 100 years since WW1 started (1914 -1918) or an event of some kind on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 (Tuesday), to be discussed at future meeting, Caroline will make some enquiries.

**Next Meeting at 14<sup>th</sup> Enfield HQ (Freezywater) 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014**