

DISTRICT BEAVER LEADERS MEETING

Wednesday 30th November 2016 at Edmonton HQ

Present – Vicki, Michelle & Sam 5th Enf, Heidi 10th Edm, Carol 14th Enf, Louise & Nancy 20th Edm, Sue & Barry 20th Enf, Val 24th Edm, Corinne 28th Enf, Sue 29th Enf, Paul DC.

Apologies – Yvonne 2nd Enf, Sarah, Karen & Jackie 10th Edm, Michelle 10th Enf, Jan 14th Enf, Donna 18th Edm, Caroline 19th Enf, Anne 24th Edm, Kim C. & Kim P. 28th Enf.

Barry was in the Chair & welcomed everyone.

Finances – Carol said we have £1524.90p in the account, she also had the cheques for those at the Heafield Fun Day.

Health & Safety Issues – None to report.

DC Report – The venues Paul had in mind for Kickstart are not available. There is Team Meeting on Monday where he hopes to find another one – to be advised. He is still looking for an ADC for Beavers.

Heafield Fun Day Report – Both leaders & children had an enjoyable day, 20th Enfield won, 12th Enfield second & 18th Edmonton third. A complaint about the distance they had to walk to the nearest toilets was made, this will be looked at. The venue for next year has not been booked as yet, maybe a move to somewhere else, also the date for next year will be 30th September 2017.

District Craft Competition Report – Thanks to Corinne for hosting the event. Stan & Brenda Dowsett did the judging. Colony Collage was won by 24th Edmonton, 14th Enfield second & 20th Enfield third. Carol said it was very good but maybe the times at next year's event could be changed to the morning.

Carols Around the Campfire – Not happening this year.

Parade of Lights – Four groups attended - 10th Edmonton, 18th Edmonton, 23rd Enfield & 29th Enfield. The route was changed due to an accident in the morning, not sure if this event is going ahead next year due to health & safety issues with the fireworks. The District Band, although low in numbers, did very well & hope their numbers will increase soon.

Show & Tell – Corinne made a snowman from a sock which she demonstrated by removing her own sock (you can find it on U-tube “snowman from a sock”. She also made a reindeer from a wooden spoon. Sue showed us a “bird feeder” made from a pine cone, lard, string & bird seeds. A “bee hotel” using a lemonade bottle & bamboo sticks. She also said she is quite happy to come along to your colony night & do a nature evening. All these can be found on line. Carol also said if you want a “bee demonstration” she will come to you – in the Spring.

A.O.B. – Corinne asked if we want a Beaver Sleepover next year, if so & if she can't get the indoor accommodation at Tolmers are the leaders willing to do an outdoor camp?. Dates suggested 9th / 10th June 2017. County training Nights Away 10th to 12th March. The second weekend is optional but recommended 5th to 7th May 2017, both at Frith Grange. Module Weekend 6th to 8th October 2017.

Next leaders meeting at Kickstart 28th January 2017, if it does not go ahead then there will be a beaver leader meeting at the 14th HQ on 25th January 2017, to be confirmed.

Dates for next year –

District Dominos Competition – 11th February 2017.

St Georges Day Parade – 23rd April 2017.

District Ramble – Friday 19th May 2017, at Forty Hall.

Heafield Fun Day – 30th September 2017.

District Trip – suggestions / dates at next meeting.