

Notes from Enfield District Group Scout Leaders' Meeting, 18th January 2013 at Gilwell Park

Present: Paul Symons (DC), Paul Dockley (DDC), Jeremy Webb (Exec Chair) Mike Thurston (DESC), Rob Boothby (ADC Scouts), Andy Hawkes (ADC Cubs), Cara Rawlinson, (Network), John Dockley (Dist Treasurer), Jane Jenner (Dist Sec), Graham Gardener (Exec), Jo Allen (Exec Minutes Sec), Margaret Boothby (1st), Janet Owen (3rd), Peter Jones (6th&13th), Beryl Davis (8th), Andy Gill (10th), Jackie Wheeler & Linda Marchant (10th Ed), Jas Chadha (12th), Keith Spong (14th), Mark Dowsett (16th), Sally Symons (on behalf of Cheryl Keene 18th Ed), Jim Bailey (19th), Nancy Azevedo (20th Ed), Darren Leonard (23rd), Roger Gleave (24th Ed), Corinne Dowsett (27th), Janette Earney (Minutes Sec)

	Item	Detail	Action
1	Welcome	Paul Dockley opened and chaired the meeting, which began at 5.35pm	
2	Apologies	Alan Garner, Lee Staunton (2 nd), Jason Persaud (5 th)	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes of the November meeting were agreed as being a correct record.	
4	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 9, Talent Spotting and Succession Planning – only one name was put forward by the deadline of 21st Dec. DDC thinks there are a lot more out there. Our Queen's Scouts are obvious examples. Also, perhaps, those selected for Jamboree? Discussion followed. After 2 years of intensive big build up, it seems Jamboree attendees often leave Scouting (the pinnacle of their Scouting career, perhaps?) University attendees also tend to drift away. DDC says we owe it to ourselves to keep tabs on young people after they leave, and ask them back for regular reunions. OSM – how are we getting on? Margaret would like some extra tuition and help. Funded by County until Sept 2014. Renew online using the County code. Please check with Dist Treas if you paid up front without using the code and have not been re-imbursed. We are not sure how much of what is in OSM will be in COMPASS (new online database to replace My Backpack). Ed Jellard is trying to negotiate with HQ to merge this info. Tick the box in OSM to say you are happy with the kids member data in there migrating to the new system. 	<p>Summary – we should aim to get better at finding and nurturing the managers of the future. The communications training they will be given is top quality</p> <p>Training sessions required</p>
5	Health & Safety, & Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues raised Next Safeguarding is 3rd Feb Edmonton HQ 7.30pm 	
6	The DC's Spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoe Rolfe is the new Appointments Secretary Census is upon us. Have you all got paperwork and passwords? Needs to be put on national website using the info you have been sent. Training - this continues to be paid for by County, but is charged back to District. Therefore, if you miss a session and do not attend you may get charged. For Nights Away, there is a £50 refundable deposit. District Calendar – the one on the website is the definitive version. Please ensure everyone places relevant updates here. If an event is cancelled, it should still be on there, but with the word cancelled after it. Joining Enquiries – these are now being handled by Russ Dyble. Shop and badges – the hours have been extended. Weds nights 6-9pm, and one Saturday a month 9-1. Badge shop opening hours now match the shop opening hours. If badge sec not there, the shop staff can sell you badges. 	<p>Request made by DESC for District Secretary to forward census info</p> <p>DC, DESC and ADCs can all edit the calendar</p> <p>Emails to join@enfieldscouts.org</p> <p>Dates and opening times are all in the District Diary</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security at Tristram Drive was discussed. It was proposed to install a buzzer. 2 monitors and camera should also be considered. Costs to hopefully be shared with nursery. • Jamboree – Cost per head has gone up to £3,600! We have been told the price will not go up any further. District is paying £1,000 per head. That is the end of our involvement as a District in terms of fundraising. The jamboree unit has now met and it is going to have its own treasurer. • Gazebos – Dist Exec have decided to purchase some 3m² gazebos with the Scout logo on. Heavy duty popups, with sides. Feel free to borrow them for events such as the Five a Side. • Jack Petchey awards eve 13th Feb. If a Leader would like a ticket in addition to the 2 tickets offered per candidate, let DC know. • County Awards evening on 1st May for Gold, Platinum, Diamond and Queen's Scout awards – submit names via the County website – link not yet live. • Training Advisors – if you held a TA role but did not hold a Wood Badge, then the DC has closed your role (although the TA training is still held on the system). If you want to discuss, speak to DC. • The District Exec have agreed that in 2016 we will hold a District Camp for everybody, in celebration of 100 years of Cub Scouting. General consensus is that Tolmers would be the best venue. • Summary was given of the DC's 4 challenges for the year ahead, in advance of them being announced at the Kick Off <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One activity a month outdoors 2. In June, every activity and meeting must be outdoors 3. Every section of every group must OFFER every child the chance of at least one Nights Away experience in the next 12 months 4. By this time next year, every section of every group should have at least one YL 	<p>Roger to get quotes and email to Jane Jenner so that she can distribute to Exec quickly. DC to add to next Exec meeting agenda.</p> <p>Linda has offered her HQ Roger recommends Rammey Island</p>
7	St George's Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th April. DC asks, are there any suggestions for change? <p>Discussion followed, asking for a volunteer to organize the service. Sally has volunteered to do this, Mark D offered assistance. DDC will be away in early April, but is happy to write letters to the police and council. Dist Sec has been briefed by Alan re liaising with the council for the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that adults will read the promises, but with children up there with them. Important to choose the right children, as voices need to be projected clearly. • The core promise will be the one made (alternative wordings left to the individual) • If the weather is bad on the day, the Commissioners could read the promise/s • Procession/carts/dragon etc – usual format approved 	
8	HQs and their long term viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There might be opportunities in the future for groups to amalgamate premises when the need arises, especially if either churches or the council have put the fees or rent up dramatically. Roger has been told to find an additional £750 a year ground rent – Andy Love is helping him fight it. Linda offered advice regarding loopholes. • The District (via Stan Dowsett) has looked at all the leases and checked them over the last 3 to 4 years. But looking to the future, additional legal advice needs to be taken on behalf of the whole district. Issues to raise include ground rent and the levy, especially with regard to lease renewals. 	<p>DC will put together a questionnaire, and will speak to Stan first</p>

9	AoB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question asked – Who sets and approves the agenda? Agenda is created by the minutes sec to a standard format using all the items submitted by GSLs and other attendees, plus any action points from the previous meeting, and apologies received in advance. A draft is then submitted to the relevant Chair for approval in advance of the meeting. • DDC pointed out that there were now plenty of future agenda items displayed around the walls of the seminar room on post it notes. 	
10	Date of the next meeting	<p>17th February 2014 at 8pm, upstairs at The Town Club (a larger room this time). Chair Beryl Davis. Please send through any agenda items and apologies to Janette GSLadmin@enfieldscouts.org</p> <p><i>(Keith Spong to be chair of the April meeting)</i></p>	

Meeting ended at 7.20 pm approx