

Notes from Enfield District Group Scout Leaders' Meeting, 27th November 2017 at 28th Enfield

Present: Paul Symons (DC), John Rognaldsen (4th), Jackie Wheeler (10th Edm), Jas Chadha (12th), Speranta Knowles (18th Ed), Graham Bray (20th Enf), Nancy Azavedo (20th Ed), Corinne Dowsett (LTM / 28th), Mark Dowsett (28th), Janette Earney (Minutes)

	Item	Detail	Action
1	Welcome	Corinne Dowsett opened and chaired the meeting	
2	Apologies for absence	Lee Staunton (2 nd), Keith Spong (14 th), Jim Bailey (19 th), Darren Leonard (23 rd), Peter Jones (29 th), Mike Thurston (DESC)	
3	Minutes of the last meeting	Approved	
4	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · St Georges Day Discussion followed of points put forward by Jackie, Peter, and Darren. (Various locations have been reviewed and considered for the starting point and location of the event. Notes have been kept for reference). · Content of GSL meetings Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of GSLs meetings and the value of meeting together, especially to plan and organize St Georges Day and other events, but also to share information, and to support each other. Location, content, frequency of meetings, and low attendance were all discussed. Various tips were passed on from those present to a new GSL who had some important questions, and Corinne highlighted that is exactly what this meeting is all about. If there are any topics that people are struggling with or would like to share, please put them forward for future agendas. · Kickstart Sunday 7th January at Holtwhites Social Club. 9.30 to 2pm. Starts with tea and coffee and ends with lunch. Restricted to 120 people, so book your ticket in advance. Please encourage your leaders to sign up and come along. Scarves, not full uniform. No section meetings this time, but an interesting programme is planned. 	<p>Action: Mark D to ask again if we could use the school playground, before we make a decision regarding St Georges</p> <p>Action: All</p>
5	Health & Safety, & safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No incidents reported 	
6	DC's Spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Next year's membership subs has increased by £1 to £43 (after the 50p rebate) £27 national, £12 County, £4 District <p>As a County, we no longer have to pay Russ's salary, so it could potentially have been lower this year, but the decision was made to keep it the same to help sub the Jamboree contingent. The Jamboree is costing each person £4000. Partly because it is 2 weeks in West Virginia, but also because some of the high cost goes towards funding Scouts from the Third World.</p> <p>Discussion followed about the Jamboree selection process not being advertised well enough at District level. However it was well advertised at County level, via GLN emails and website.</p> <p>Request from GSLs that when something as important as this is coming up, it is worth duplicating the information at District level. They would also like a break down of what the county subs go on, as the jamboree contingents have been told they have to raise their own money.</p>	<p>Action All : It is best to always read the GLN newsletter, in case you miss important information</p> <p>Action: DC</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Awards GSLs please come forward if you have anyone who needs an award. Bear in mind that anything above a County Commissioners Commendation will not be approved if that Leader's training is not up to date. <p>Nights Away Permits last for a maximum of five years, but always end on 31st December, so that Paul only has to deal with them once a year. Check if any of your Leaders' permits are due for renewal soon.</p>	
7	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Module 9, 28th Nov at N14 8HW · Weds 6th Dec 7.30 pm Tristram Drive, Modules 14 & 15, (Supporting Young People and Promoting Positive Behaviour) · Next Getting Started is 8th Jan at 28th HQ. Please let Corinne know that your Leaders are coming – they can't just turn up on the night. · Appointments – there should be one in December, but in case your new leaders are not seen in time, on this occasion only Corinne will accept them onto the January Getting Started, providing you contact her to discuss. · Nights Away planned for May next year. Just the training weekend. For practical assessment weekends, Leaders will then go back to their respective Districts to arrange assessment. 	<p>Book courses under the Training section of https://www.gln-scouts.org.uk</p> <p>Contact Corinne direct on training@enfieldscouts.org</p>
8	AOB	<p>Funeral next Tuesday 5th December for Val Gleave. 1.30pm at St Aldhelms, 2 Windmill Rd N18 1PA. Smart uniform. Our thoughts are with Roger and family.</p> <p>Young leader training – following message from Mike was read out</p> <p>"I circulated a list of young leaders to all groups about 3 weeks ago but to date I've only had confirmation from 3 groups about their young leaders. So at the moment I only have a few confirmed young leaders in the district. I plan to run a module A, but at the moment it's not viable until I know how many more of you we have. Please can I ask you do this asap so we can support our young leaders. Regards, Mike"</p> <p>John said he often has access to free items from office clearances. Lights, desks, chairs, carpet tiles, toilet cubicles, etc. They need to be picked up quickly when they become available, but he can sometimes help other groups with transportation. Contact gsl@4thenfield.com for information or to register interest.</p> <p>John reported back that his Scouts and leaders all really enjoyed the recent District Wide Game</p> <p>Mark announced a Christmas Jumper Meet Up in The Moon Under Water from 7.30 pm on Friday 29th December – everyone is welcome to join him.</p>	<p>Action GSLs to contact Mike</p>
9	Date, venue and chair for next meeting	<p>26th February 2018 at 4th Enfield HQ – John to chair Please send through any agenda items and apologies to Janette GSLadmin@enfieldscouts.org</p>	<p>Action: All</p>

Meeting ended at 9.30 pm