

District Scout Leaders Meeting - 20/11/13

Meeting started at 8.05pm

Present : Rob ADC/13th Enf, Chris 20th Edm, Seb 27th Enf, K Kaur 4th Enf, Nigel 4th Enf, James 6th/13th Enf, Cam 23rd Enf, Janette , Peter 10th Edm, Karen 10th Edm, Ali 10th Edm, Karen Lo 10th Edm, Jackie 10th Edm.

Apologises : Corrine, Martin 2nd Enf and Sandy

RB – have we any Health and Safety issues – No

Training – Has everyone undertaken the Online Training – most people have done so.

Please remember to print off the certificate and send a copy to Corrine.

First Aid training – please look at the training diary and book a place if you need to.

Please let Corrine have a copy of the certificate.

YL's module – this took place at the 10th Scout hut and 28 YL's turned up for the session. There are currently around 63 YL's in the District and RB hoped that we all had at least one YL at every group.

District Events – Wide game to be held at Forty Hall on 22nd November at 7pm for a 7.30pm start, the Networkers will be running this event. Please make sure you let Rob know if you would like to attend ASAP if you haven't done already so. Hot chocolate, squash , tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided and Sandy will provide the burners. Approx finishing time is 8.45/9pm, please make sure you are dressed for the cold weather.

Festival of Light – 1st Dec 3pm for a 4pm start at the car park opposite the Civic Centre next to Enfield Grammar School. Details have been already sent out to each group, please wear a Christmas hat and join in the fun.

Big Splash – no date set for this yet.

Bear in the Air – 11th May 2014 – We need to put on a great event to encourage Bear to attend, we need a suitable venue for his helicopter to land and also a theme.

Suggestion already for this is a 'Teddy Bear Extreme Sport' event, but if you have any great ideas please let Rob know. Forty Hall was a suggestion for a venue.

2 young people have gained their Queens Scout Award

Martin has put a suggestion to the meeting via Janette – please see email

It was thought that we should not have Martin's suggestion incorporated in the Birch Bark but it would be nice to have a separate event, maybe a District Patrol Challenge Day or a one day Camping competition. Please let Rob know of your thoughts.

Kick Start – 19th Jan 2014 – Please see the District website for full details. Kick Start is a great event for us all to meet, however this year we will need to book online through the District site. Some people thought that the personal invites were a nice touch and this way was a little informal.

AOB

Nigel wanted to know if any Scout Troop had booked on to the Winter Camp at Gilwell, nobody at the meeting had plans to go.

Nigel and the leaders at the 4th had entered 2 teams for the Chiltern 20 getting places of 25th and 38th.

Nigel also had a concern about the Enfield Town Remembrance Service in that there was not many young people there and that he thought it would be good for the community spirit if they attended, however he did understand the lack of space for everyone. JW suggested that groups joined the morning service at Edmonton Green as it was open to the whole of the District and that it would have a better impact on Scouting if the parade was bigger. Other leaders agreed that they felt it would be a good idea, although some were committed to their morning church parades. Nigel suggested that we did our own 'Mini Chiltern Hike' for the District.

JW – encouraged groups to take their scouts for a session with the District Band - they came to run an evening with the 10th scouts last week and they had a really enjoyable evening and Richard even recruited 2 scouts from the 10th.

The 10th entered a team for the Chiltern 20 getting a place of 35th, she said that it was a great event for them to take part in, but you need to put the work in with the scouts to help them to complete the event. They like the 4th had put in lots of practise hike session and even went to the Chilterns for a day so that the scouts could see the terrain for themselves. The down side to the event (JW has already emailed this to Fozzy) was that out of 70 teams entered they only had certificates ready for the first 34 teams. JW and the other leaders said that their scouts were very disheartened by the fact that they had entered the competition, finished as a team and were left sitting at the presentation without receiving a certificate. It was explained that the organisers were under staffed for this years event and that they didn't want the children to wait around any longer for all the certificates to be printed off. JW suggested to Fozzy that next year they did a bigger recruitment for volunteers to help out, this way it would take the pressure off the team and that the children would be guaranteed to at least come away with a group certificate and the rest be posted on.

AF 10th – he also agreed that it was a great event but one thing that he noted was that hot drinks were not available at CPs. It was a cold day a felt that a least some CPs should be able to offer this.

Rob – asked how many groups entered this event – out of those attending the meeting 5 groups entered one or more team/s. Rob was please by the amount of teams that had taken the opportunity to attend this event.

Date of next meeting – Christmas Social at the Moon under Water at 7.30pm on 18th December. Rob will email out reminders nearer the time.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm