

District Scout Leaders meeting 19th November 2014

Meeting started 8.05pm

Apologises - Kay, Peter, Karen Lo Debbie

Present - Rob ADC 1st SI, Kim Dis Admin 1st ASL, Chris 4th, Ali 10th Edm, Karen 10th Edm, Sami 23rd, Nigel 4th, James 6th/13th, Richard 13th, Graham 18th Edm, Roger 24th Edm, Jackie 10th Edm, Corinne 27th.

Health and Safety – no issues

Past Events – Night Challenger – 3 Troops attended, there was a change to the night as we didn't want it to clash with fishing comp, no groups got lost, and there was a training session in the afternoon which was really useful. Catering was provided. Apologies from the 4th but the leaders had commitments.

Fishing Comp – great event and an excellent turn out

District Fireworks – Good event and brilliant night was the fed back from the leaders, many leaders came to help at the event, email of thanks was sent out from Paul Dockley, there was also lots of police present. It seemed really busy, the wash up is still being done and some monies still to come in. Roger said he had positive fed back from some of his parents. The smaller fun fair didn't entice the wrong crowd in so there was no trouble inside the park. It was felt that the 'wristband' gate was good and the library had also been busy selling tickets. JW said that she thought the clear up of rubbish was also well organized.

Training weekend – well organized and an excellent weekend was the fed back from those who attended. 196 modules were completed and 118 were from Enfield District Many thanks to CD and her team.

Future Events –

District Wide Game – venue Tolmers meet there between 6.45pm – 7.15pm. Networkers to run the event and refreshments will be offered after the event. RB has sent out an email.

Parade of Light – Sunday 30th November 4pm start. Meet in the car park opposite the Civic Centre, come dressed in silly hats/costumes.

Kick Start – 18th Jan 2015 at Gilwell Park – RB would like to plan the years programme.

Training - 1st Response- is this Sunday 23rd November at the 27th HQ, CD has sent out an email. Other modules are on the GLN website. Programme of training to be posted on this website soon for courses in the New Year.

Night Away – modules 6th – 8th March and the practical is 8th – 10th May 2015, you must have undertaken Getting Started to do this.

YL – please make sure that all YLs are registered with Louise. Module A will be held in Feb 2015 and a training weekend to take place in 2015 date will be announced once the venue has been booked.

First Aid – If you undertake the full days training then you now may do a 2 hour refresher providing you do this before the expire of the full days training, you may only do this twice then you will have to undertake the full days training again.

Safeguarding – there is a course every month – check the training website.

You must have a current Safeguarding and First aid certificate when your appointment comes up for renewal.

Compass- there are still some teething problems with this. GSLs have been sent an email with a template for recording data, this has a few issues at present. GSLs will be able to input DBS details as these are not part of the application form (OH only) but will be also able to do renewals. They cannot do full appointments, this still needs to be done by the appointment secretary and Zoe will have to meet with the people to do this. It was suggested that this could be done on 'open networks' and it was felt that this was a bad idea. The inputting of new people on the system is good but not for transferring old members on to the new system. JW asked if there would be some training sessions offered to us - CD/RB said yes.

AOB – As from Easter 2015 the DSL meetings would need to look for a new Chairperson as CD was stepping down after 28 years. CD will be hanging up her Scout woggle to become a Beaver leader.

The 1st Enfield and the 27th Enfield scout groups will be merging from Easter, CD will be taking over as BL, Margaret will be GSL, CL from 27th will stay the same and CL from the 1st will be moving to the Scout section. They will have a new number and scarf and their meeting place will be at Alma road as they have outdoor space. CD last Scout event will be the Kick Start.

JW – said how the scouts and the leaders from the 10th Edm really enjoyed the Fishing Comp

RG – has been told by Andy Love that there will be no ground rent increase for 2015 – great news.

GR – reminded us that if we don't have enough numbers to make up a team for an event that we should be contacting other groups to make a scratch team, this has been done on some events this year.

RG – maybe we could run events with mixed group teams.

JG – 6th/13th are still debating on the colour of their new scarf as are 4th Enf.

SR – Advertise the Panto at St Monica's Hall, some scouts from the 4th Enf are part of the cast.

CJ – asked CD for confirmation of expires of some of the leaders DBS

RB – in 2015 Rob would like his District Scout team and leaders to organize some the Scout events. He has had suggestions already from leaders for a water activity day, District Scout outing.

Next meeting is the Kick Start 18th Jan 2015 – Gilwell Park

Meeting closed at 9.50pm