

District Scout Leader Minutes 20th May 2015

Present Rob Boothby , Ali Fletcher , Jackie Wheeler, Kames Gallagher, Simon Pettifer, Vekesh Bhoola, Chris Johnson, Peter Baxter, Samantha Roust, Karen Fletches, Graham, Chris, Nancy, Roger Gleave,

Also present were 4 Patrols Leaders

Apologies: Ron, Richard, Kim, Janette, Corinne

Meeting opened at 8.06pm

Introduction from Rob DSL and Ali Chair

Last minutes agreed

Jackie read out the letter she wrote to Tolmers about using the Campsite in the evenings (see previous minutes) and the reply that she received.

Health/Safety /accidents – none reported

Matters arising – JP awards- the first 10 have been awarded. Rob asked if we had all seen the email regarding the new County Commissioner. John is now the new GSL of the 4th Enfield Scout Group.

Past Events

St Georges Day – Some of us thought that it is too quiet and there was a lack of music, it was a shame that the Band did not play however we understood that a large number had gone to Windsor. End part dragged on too long and children became fidgety. A lot of groups put a lot of effort into their groups making them part of the 'Carnival' theme, lots of people in the street. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were not told to ground the flags, this must have been hard for some of the smaller children to hold throughout the service. A suggestion was made that would it be possible to have a large screen in the playground promoting Scouting for all the spectators to see. Maybe we should change the face (St George story) at the end of the parade, maybe someone else may have another idea that would capture the whole audience not just the younger children.

Day Challenger – Graham said that a lot of lessons had been learnt from this, as 6 teams had entered and only one finished. Most of them were not allowed to go further than CP5 as time was getting on, some Scout Leaders felt this was not necessary. It was felt that 10 ½ miles was too long for the younger scouts. 2 maps were used which was confusing as it did not state on the instructions when they was to change over. Either keep this route on a single map or let the Scouts and adults know when the change is to happen. There was a lack of direction, it was felt that this event should not be more than 8 miles and maybe it should be modelled on the Chiltern 20. Some said that the children did not know how to read a map properly, should next year's event have an Explorer walking with the teams and have more CPs closer together.

Scout Fest – Simon thanked those people that supported the event, it was a great success. They raised about £4000 to be used to redevelop their site.

Future Events

Wacky Games Night – at the 10th Edmonton Scout Hut 7pm till 9.30pm more details to follow (email sent to all)

The Night Challenger – 27th June more details to follow

5 a side football maybe 20/21st June awaiting confirmation – 6 pitches needed for this event. Rob said that Enfield Playing Fields have not got back to him, but Enfield Football ground will be prepared to host this event in 2016.

Paintballing - 4th October £25 pp, Numbers to Rob at the July meeting.

Training – CD was gutted that the 2nd Nights Away had been cancelled, this is a County run event. A comment was made that it was not fair on the Enfield Leaders who had booked on the courses and that this is holding back those wishing to undertake the training.

AOB

Ali wanted to congratulate Corinne for entering the 'Race for Life' and had raised so far £450 for cancer research – A Big Bravo from all the Scout Leaders.

Rob - Jo Allen is the new Enfield District Chair and Jack Caine is the new County Commissioner.

Sam – 14th June 9.30am till 2pm at the 14th Southgate - rehearsal for the Pantomime

19th Enf – are going to Thetford Forest for their Bank Holiday Camp.

Rob – 4th July 'One Enfield' has anyone got any business contacts for this event. The event has a Facebook page. Can we have some flyers promoting this event to give out to our children and parents etc.

Roger – he will be losing his Scout Leaders in July, does anyone know of anyone wishing to become a SL, if so please let him know.

Rob – District BBQ, please log on to the website and book a place.

Peter – the 10th Cubs are holding a Barn Dance on 13th June, flyers given out.

Karen – the 10th Scouts are holding a Circus Cabaret on 28th June.

Ali – next meeting 16th June District BBQ then 15th July at the 10th Edmonton Scout Hut.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Note added after the meeting,

RB met with the 4 patrol leaders during our meeting, he will be taking them to Gilwell on the 4th July to take part in a 'fun event'

Please bring your Patrol leader to the next meeting – contact Rob if you need more details