

Minutes of the Scout Leader Meeting

Held on Wednesday 15th March 2017

Meeting opened at 8.10pm.

Nigel Carey (4th Enfield) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Those present: Jackie Wheeler ADC, Roger Gleave 24th Edmonton, Chris Johnson 4th Enfield, Nigel Carey 4th Enfield, Paul Symons DC, Mike Thurston DESC, Karen Fletcher 10th Edmonton, Abby Wheeler 10th Edmonton, Samantha Roust 23rd Enfield, Darren Leonard 23rd Enfield, James Gallagher 29th Enfield, Chris & Nancy 20th Edmonton.

Apologies: Corinne Dowsett, Rob Boothby, Sarah Booth, Jeanette Earney, Sandy Rutland, Ron Beckworth, Gordon Lloyd, Malcolm Foster, Colin Ayres.

Matters Arising

None

Health and Safety

None to report from groups, but Chris brought up about a safety issue with portable stoves catching fire. For more info please look at the scout.org website.

Past Events

Big Splash was held in February and was a resounding success as far as everyone who attended was concerned. A big well done and thank you to Darren Leonard, Rob Boothby and their team of helpers for running this event. There are still a number of groups who have not yet paid their entrance fees. Those groups that entered teams but did not turn up on the day you know who you are please make sure you pay the £12 per team cost to either Darren Leonard, Rob Boothby or Jackie Wheeler. Unfortunately due to the costs involved in hiring the pool and buying the equipment needed to run the event, the scout section cannot afford to make a loss to run these events for our young people, which will in time affect future events.

Future Events

Five A Side Football

Saturday 6th May is the 5 a side football competition at Enfield Playing Fields in Donkey Lane. £15 per team, teams of 7 (5 players 2 subs). Teams to meet at Donkey Lane at 12.45pm for a 1pm registration and 1.30pm kick-off. Please let either Jackie Wheeler or Rob Boothby know by midnight on Friday 5th May how many teams you are entering. Midnight the day before the event is the cut-off point, please do not expect to turn up on the day without previously entering a team and expect to play.

Fishing Competition

Saturday 30th September is the District Fishing Competition run by Ron Beckworth. This will be held in the morning at Gilwell Park and more information will be given out nearer the time.

7 A Side Rugby

At the last meeting Gordon gave us all some information about tag rugby and scout leaders were asked to feedback whether any of their scouts were interested in attending this type of event. So far only the 4th Enfield have shown any interest, if any other groups are interested or want any more information please speak to Gordon Lloyd or Jackie Wheeler.

Jackie is also looking to bring back the District Wide Game. She will liaise with Martin Coverton about suitable dates and venues, and feedback to us at the next meeting.

St George's Day is Sunday 23rd April, parade starts from the register office in Gentleman's Row and the parade will then follow the usual route. Meet at 2.30pm for a 3pm start. Please see DC's blog about a meeting on Thursday 30th March to discuss further arrangements for the St George's day Parade.

Show and Tell

Chris Johnson from the 4th Enfield did a show and tell session on the Scouts Electronics Badge. He found details of running this badge on the scout website, and states that you should be able to run the badge for between 6 – 12 sessions. It did cost around £200 to purchase the items needed to run the badge, but he has offered the use of the equipment to any other groups wanting to run this badge. Chris has also suggested that groups try to tempt parents to get involved with running this badge, and any group that wants any help or ideas please contact Chris for more advice.

Training

Due to other commitments Corinne could not make tonight's meeting, but there is a list of training courses/times and venues on the GLN website under training.

AOB

Karen Fletcher brought up about the possibility of bringing Patrol Leaders to meetings again. Could we invite PL's to our first meeting of the year when we set our calendar of District Events, for their ideas and suggestions of what events they would like to see us run? It was also suggested that we invite them to our summer meeting halfway through the year.

Jackie Wheeler had a message from Colin Ayes at the 20th Enfield Group, which she read out to all:

Due to leaders moving away and leaving the 20th Enfield Group, they have had to cancel their Easter and Summer camps and are looking for extra support to continue to run their weekly section meeting which is held on a Friday Night.

Colin and Sandy Rutland would also like to inform us that for personal reasons they will be stepping down from their posts as of the end of the summer term, but they will be available to support any new leaders that join the group. They currently have 22 scouts and are looking to recruit a new SL or even an ASL from after the summer term but in the meantime would appreciate any help that anyone in any other groups can offer on a Friday night, even on a temporary basis. Please contact either Colin or Jackie for more information.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 17th May at Tristram Drive, 7.45pm for an 8pm start. Roger Gleave to chair.

PL's are invited, please let Jackie know if you are intending to bring any to the meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.12pm