

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

4th January 2018

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District		Mary Plunkett	2 nd Hemel
Donna Scott	1 st Gadebridge		Gareth Ford	3 rd Boxmoor
Smiley	2 nd Hemel		Kerry Sayers	1 st Apsley
Ross Dorras	1 st Bovingdon		Keith Hughes	1 st Apsley
Richard Haynes	1 st Leverstock Green		Chris Mazillius	1 st Gadebridge
Phil McLachlan	1 st Kings Langley		Jan Madden	7 th Hemel
Jane Wyton	3 rd Boxmoor			
Mike Alban	4 th Hemel			
Lorna Glass	1 st Bennetts End			
Dave Jermy	1 st Leverstock Green			
Kevin Mills	1 st Apsley			

APOLOGIES.

Andy opened the meeting at 8.20pm.

- A. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as being a true representation of that meeting. It was noted that minutes will be written up for meetings going forward, and these will be hosted on District website at <http://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/downloads-new/notes-from-cub-section-meetings/> as well as being circulated by e mail.
- B. Andy welcomed all attendees at this meeting, noting the large number of Cub Packs which were represented. With there being a number of new attendees the opportunity was taken for each leader to briefly introduce themselves and advise which Group they represented. Andy noted that these meetings generally take the form of a review of events since the last meeting, development of future plans followed by AOB as necessary.
- C. Review of recent and forthcoming events:
1. Andy noted that as we were all aware, Russ was moving on from his role as District Commissioner. He noted also that plans were afoot to ensure that we could continue to deliver a programme from a District perspective for Cubs and other sections until such time as a new DC is available. As advised by Russ and Keith in the plenary session, this is hoped to be seamless when Russ departs, but it is important that we have plans available in the event this transition is not possible immediately on Russ' departure.

2. County Cub Night Hike. Saturday/Sunday 23/24 September 2017. As noted and communicated previously by County, this event was cancelled for 2017, and was confirmed at this meeting to also have been cancelled for coming years. This lends itself to us continuing to do this event as a District activity.
3. County Cyclocross. Sunday October 8th. Took place at Well End. Feedback from the two Groups who attended was very good and recommended taking part to others. It was noted that one Group who took part in 2017 actually took a team which entered under Hemel District as was made up of Cubs from three different packs. It was noted at this stage that we should be looking to try and make sure we communicate within the Cub section across the District so we can make sure that opportunities are offered to Cubs in this sort of activity even if there are not always Leaders available from each pack.
4. Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). Only attendees were one Group of Sea Scouts plus one Cub section from Hemel. County event was also attended by some Packs.
5. Fireworks at Hobbs Hill. Took place on Friday 3rd November. Andy again explained the rationale as to how this event can raise funds for Groups and gave his thoughts that it is an extremely good display and worth attending. Richard noted that it will be taking place in 2018 on 5th November and that a new provider will be used for the fireworks this year.
6. District Cub Activity badge day. Sunday 26th November at Hobbs Hill Wood school. Feedback specifically around the collage activity was that it needed to be on a bigger format to allow more Cubs to be able to participate at one time. Andy noted this and committed that this will be considered for subsequent Artist badge days. It was again noted that assistance from Leaders in planning this event would be appreciated. It was advised that we have the resources, letters and basic planning for these days, so this is an easy event to get involved in the planning of. Anyone interested should get in touch with Andy.
7. Christmas 2017. Colonel Custard did parties for both Beavers and Cubs on Sunday 17th December 2017. Uptake from Cubs was fairly good with approx. 150 Cubs having attended, Beavers was not so busy so the Beaver section meeting were being asked about subsequent events with Colonel Custard. Feedback again from Cub Leaders was that they liked this event and format and would be happy again to book Colonel Custard for 2019. Andy to confirm if Beavers also wish this to be the case and book accordingly. (Beavers wish to use Colonel Custard again in the future. Andy to organise a booking for Sunday 15th December 2019).
8. District swimming gala. Will take place Saturday 3rd February at SportSpace. Format and timings will be as used in previous years. Suggestion was made that there has been a change in management at SportSpace. Andy to confirm with SportSpace that our booking remains valid. Richard confirmed he will again undertake the announcer duties.
9. County Bushcraft Day. 17th March 2018. Will be held at Lees Wood. Positive opinions of this event previously were expressed. Only 1 Hemel Group attended last year. Detail will be available on County website. It was clarified that packs can book until the event is full and there are no restrictions on numbers of Packs per District as was once the case.

10. St Georges Day 'Bring a Friend' event will take place on Monday 23rd April at Phasels Wood. This will take the form of activities for younger sections, all sections coming together for promise renewal, then activities for older sections. All activities will be run by Phasels staff so the early start time should not preclude children attending if their Leaders cannot make the start time.
11. District Sixer and Seconder Day. Sunday 20th May 2018. Les Willis field at Lees Wood booked and climbing again confirmed and booked as the challenge activity. This will require some new bases to ensure we continue to keep this exciting for those attending. Agreed again to keep the format where we split Cubs up from their own Packs. Andy, Kevin and Phil meeting to plan and prepare letters for this event.
12. Cub Activity Hike. 30th June 2018. Andy to confirm format and date with Scout section as had been discussed as an event jointly between Scouts and Cubs whereby Scouts would effectively run the bases for the Cub section. Andy to confirm and advise.
13. Jamboree Launch and party. 4th July 2018. Date to celebrate fact that 2019 Jamboree will be in USA. Letters to follow from Russ shortly.
14. ASAP 2018. 14th~16th September 2018. Andy noted previous conversations around this possibly being used as a District camp. It is however felt that in the current position with changes in DC taking place that this is probably step too many for this year. Groups taking place as previously on a day basis or taking part in the whole weekend was again encouraged.
15. District Cub Badge Day. Sunday 25th November 2018. 2018 badge will be Scientist. Capacity will again be maximum 200 for this event.
16. Xmas 2018. Kevin Mills has done some research into a possible panto for 2018. He had received no response from several suppliers, including Hemels Boxmoor Theatre. Kevin had worked with St Albans to get some more detail and was able to advise costs for tickets as being £12. He had also tracked down costs for coaches and we would be able to run this event, including coach for £15 per person. Cub Leaders agreed that this was a realistic cost for this and wanted this to be progressed as an option. There was discussion around different potential pick up places for coaches and this to be explored. Date and time for this is Tuesday 18th December. Pantomime is Cinderella and show time is 5pm. Kevin has booked 400 tickets (entire theatre) and has a hold booking in place for 6 coaches. Letters to be prepared for this for May/June 2018 with a return date of September which will require a deposit to be paid to secure a booking. It was also agreed to make the offer available to families for this activity at the charge of £15 per person. Beavers also discussed this event on this evening and decided that they would prefer to support a more local pantomime and potentially find a later time for the show.
17. Cubjam 2019. 25th~31st May 2019. Cubjam was noted as being a one week long, UK wide event for Cubs with approx. 1700 Cubs attending. The last few iterations have been held at Gilwell, but the 2019 Cubjam will be at Overstone Park in Northamptonshire. The event takes place over the May Bank Holiday and detail can be found at <http://www.cubjam.org.uk/> Cost for the week in 2019 is £195, allowing for food and travel over and above that I would venture that the cost per Cub will be around £270/£280. There is a discount available from Cubjam for early payment

which might be available. Some local Groups have been to this event previously and were all enthusiastic about the experience, a sentiment very much agreed with by the Cubs who have been there. With 2019 being a Scout Jamboree year this is a great opportunity for Cubs to experience the closet they can get at this stage of their Scouting experience. This needs to be decided if we do wish to attend as a District as spaces will fill up fast, they always do. It was discussed that if doing this we would need to consider a staged payment plan for families. Further detail can be found in the document attached below. It was noted that early payment option which allows a £20 discount per Cub is only available until end of February 2018 if a deposit has been paid.

Action: if Any Group wants Andy to attend meetings re Cubjam, please let him know at latest by end of January

Action: Packs to confirm to Andy by Friday 26th January 2018 their wish to participate in Cubjam 2019, with indication of numbers of Young people attending. To ensure this covers all youngsters within their Group who will be of Cub age on the dates of Cubjam.

Action: Leaders who are willing to commit to support a District attendance at Cubjam to advise Andy by Friday 26th January 2018.



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18. Jane Harding popped in to offer an opportunity to run a 5 a side football event for Cubs. Intent would be to run this in Kings Langley and also invite adjacent Districts to take part. There was an appetite to support this so Jane will look further into this possibility. Potential date being explored is Saturday 16th June 2018. More detail to follow.

D. Discussion points from previous meeting.

Nil

E. AOB: Andy reminded Leaders to ensure their contact details are correct in Compass to assist with preparation of new District Directory.

Andy also noted at this stage that running the events noted from a District perspective is only possible if people lend a hand. Setting up events such that Leaders run bases for their Cubs is one way we do this, but help in pulling together the event to begin with is essential. No-one will get dropped into this, support from people with experience of doing this will be available, and Russ' noted District Admin support will also be available. Anyone who may be able to lend a hand should have a chat with Andy.

F. Dates for next meetings:

1. Tuesday 17th April 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
2. Thursday 6th September 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.