

DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

7th January 2014

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Jason Farmer	District		Pete West	4 th Boxmoor
Matt Smith	1 st Warners End		Dee Willmore	1 st Apsley
Jan Madden	7 th Hemel		Vince Allan	1 st Leverstock Green
Georgia Farmer	1 st Bennetts End		Val Clarke	1 st Leverstock Green
Katie Monnington	3 rd Boxmoor		Dave Mann	1 st Kings Langley
			Gavin Howard	1 st Kings Langley

APOLOGIES.

Richard Wilkes 1st Hemel.

Jason opened the meeting at 8.15pm welcoming all present and thanked them for coming.

- A. There were no official written minutes from the previous meeting.
- B. Attendees gave brief introductions of themselves and which Group they were from.
- C. Review of recent and forthcoming events:
 1. Treats for Troops: Great event with a fantastic turnout, most Groups in the District were represented. Agreed that would do same or similar each year for different charities. Decided to do on behalf of Dacorum Community Trust in 2014. Sponsored Sleepout at Phasels agreed. No set date but to take place November 2014. Date to be finalised at next meeting.
 2. Green Beret: Great success, several Groups did this as a joined event which to be offered again this year, should Groups wish to take part. Feedback from Groups taking part (youngsters and adults) was that getting to know others within the District better was also a bonus.
 3. Pinewood Derby & Workshop: A great event which is good to have back in the calendar. Workshop prior to event considered very worthwhile, intention to visit other Groups to promote before 2014 event. Plan to run early December, basis agreement with John Larkin.
 4. Christmas Party: Walked to Phasels and took part in a disco. Suggested not walking there next time to possibly encourage other Groups/young people to get involved. Participation was approximately 100 yp from 6 Groups in 2013. Agreed to run again in 2014, date to be confirmed. Suggestion was also to have some games as well as a disco.

5. St Georges Day/Promise renewal: Intention is that we will run an evening for all Sections at Xscape on Wednesday 23rd April. Intention is to run a session for Beavers and Cubs 5pm~7pm, have all sections in place for Promise Renewal 7pm~7.30pm followed by a session for Scouts/Explorers 7.30pm~9.30pm. There will be a nominal charge of £2 per young person for this event this time round to cover some of the costs of what is a relatively expensive location. Additional cost will be picked up by District. Skate park will be available as will climbing wall, caving and high ropes (for those aged 8+). Youngsters will have to bring their own skates/skateboard/bmx to use in the skate park. It was stressed that options beyond the skatepark will be limited due to the number of spaces on other activities within the XC.
6. Swimming: Scouts Leader decided this was not an event they wished to take part in. To discuss 'gala' option on alternate years at a future meeting as there was no great appetite for any swimming event.
7. Remembrance Day: Discussed making this a bigger event than previously as this is the 100 year anniversary of the start of WW1. Suggested Scouts taking part in one consolidated service in Hemel town. Suggested that Scout Groups could all make a poppy to contribute towards a wreath to be presented at the service.
8. Shooting Competition: Intended to run this as the DC's Challenge Trophy where District will finance each Group taking part in an air rifle shooting competition at Phasels. Intention to put a booking programme onto District website which can be filled in with each Groups requirements. Provisional booking in place with Phasels to have this take place in March 2014.
9. Linking event: Scouts to run an event, dates suggested 7th/8th June, as a link Scouts to Explorers. Options discussed were a camp, Scouts taking part to be aged 13+ as being of more benefit to them when nearing Explorer age.
10. Sport Relief day: Intention is to hold this All Sections day at Hobbs Hill Wood School on Sunday 23rd March. It was felt that running this pm on the Sunday would be more suitable and a time of 2pm~5pm was suggested. It was advised that a fund raising pack has been ordered but that the general type of activity noted as being run for this is a sponsored run/swim/cycle although this does not preclude any other type of activity we may wish.
11. Cub Night Hike: Scouts agreed to help run bases for this event should they be required.
12. Nimrod: Scouts will help organise as Explorers unable to. Explorer Leaders also willing to help. Explorers will run bases as normal. Katie Monnington will be leading on organising.
13. District Family Camp: Intention is to hold this in conjunction with ASAP at Phasels weekend of 12 – 14th September 2014.

D. Discussion points from previous meeting.

1. Nil

E. District/County News/Future Meetings:

Notes relating to District/County news copied below from Cub Section meeting for advice.

1. Training – The recent initiative to use ‘training trains’ was discussed. This saw 19 Leaders across all section from Hemel District & West Herts do the training Modules Nos 5,6 & 7. Training was done by people passionate about the subject matter and feedback was extremely positive about the day. The plan with this initiative is that three Modules will be delivered on one day in each term which can see a Leader progress to Wood badge within two years. Verification of Modules is not completed on these days and will still require some time to be spent with a Training Advisor to complete this. Next session for Train 1 is due on Saturday 8th February and will cover Modules 14,15 & 17. Train 2 will start in February on Sunday 9th and will cover Modules 5,6 & 7. Intention is that going forward training will take place on one weekend in February, June and October.
2. Training – ‘Trains’ as mentioned above are designed for new leaders, those who are part way through their training however will not be forgotten. If you need modules signed off come along to this evening to spend some time with a Training Advisor.
3. Training – We have been advised that there is a Module 38 training event taking place in Harpenden on 18/19 January. Undertaking this training and having it verified will qualify Leaders to hold a ‘indoor’ camping permit. This will appear on the County website <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/about-adult-support/training/> in due course. If you are interested in attending this training please advise Steve Harris (ltm.gtwhite@btinternet.com) directly.
4. Wine tasting in support of Jamboree fund raising. Saturday 22nd February ay HHW. Responses to Rich Hiron.
5. Quiz evening – Following the success of the fund raising which was held before the District trip to Holland last year, it has been decided to hold a District Quiz Evening again in 2014. This will take place on Saturday 5th April at Hobbs Hill Wood school. More detail to follow but please keep this date in your diaries.
6. Next meetings:
Thursday 6 March – Scout Section – TBA – 8pm

F. AOB:

AOB copied below for advice from Cub Section meeting.

1. District Funding per section was discussed briefly. As previously there will be an amount of £2 per youth member made available to each section based on the 2014 census return in January 2014. Discussion as to how this might be spent again took place. The option of subsidising costs for District Cub Camp was put forward. Leaders to come to next meeting with ideas of how this money should be used, it was noted that if we do not use it, we run the risk of losing it.

Purchasing of resources for activity badge days was also put forward as a suggestion.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.