

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

7th May 2013

1ST BENNETTS END HQ

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District		Jacqui Donley	1 st Bovington
Sue Stretton	1 st Hemel		Mary Plunkett	2 nd Hemel
Julie Randall	1 st Bennetts End		Bruce Gregory	Warners End
Richard Haynes	1 st L Green (Hawk)		Lorna Glass	1 st Bennetts End
Joanna Hartley	1 st L Green			
Gareth Ford	3 rd Boxmoor			
Karen Yilmaz	1 st Bennetts End			

APOLOGIES.

Sheila Neep, District; Sue West, 4th Boxmoor.

Andy opened the meeting at 8.00pm welcoming all present and thanked them for coming.

Still not having a formal agenda Andy advised that he would work through the points from the last meeting, review recent events, touch on District/County news and dates for diaries prior to concluding with Any Other Business. One item had been received for this section prior to the meeting.

Bruce asked for any update on the status of search for an ADC. Andy advised that the hunt is on with the aspiration that we shall have a structure in place by September. It was again stated that the plan is to put either an individual, or a team of people in place to undertake the duties required of an ADC. It was again stated that the intention is however to get the right person/people as opposed to filling the role quickly. It was also advised that any incumbents will initially be taken on as temporary Appointment, to ensure that from the perspective of the Cubs Leaders, the District and the individual/s that everything is working correctly before committing to the longer term.

- A. The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as being a correct record of that meeting.
- B. Attendees gave a brief introduction of themselves and which Group they were from.
- C. Action Items from previous meeting:
 1. Sports Centre in relation to getting a date fixed for subsequent swimming events – Andy advised that he has been in touch with the Dacorum Sports Centre Customer Service Supervisor. They have committed to a meeting in June to discuss our proposition of fixing a weekend each year into the future to allow us to fix this event in the District Calendar.

2. Date in District Diary for Duxford Trip to be updated. Completed.
3. Cub Christmas Party (potentially) to be advised of concerns re format for Cubs from recent experience. To be completed once final plans in place around this event/alternate.
4. Photos for District AGM. All section meetings to date have been reminded of the fact that should they wish photos to be included in the photo section for the District AGM they need to get them to Andy Glass (clanglass@hotmail.co.uk or though his door at 58 Great Elms Road) by 18th May.
5. Update on the County 'On Yer Bike' event. Richard advised that this had been discussed at a recent District Team/GSL meetings at the suggestion was that we should do something on our own as a District. County event organiser is still on holiday so discussion with him as to alternatives is still to take place. Intention is that letters on any District event will be available by half term.
6. Round Table Trophy. Advice received is that for the 14 month period to March 2013, the most points in this multi category competition had been gained by 1st Leverstock Green. Andy will obtain the information verifying this and make sure that the trophy is awarded at a suitable opportunity. Discussion took place around awarding all participating Groups some form of certificate. Current administrator for this event is happy to continue, until such time as a replacement can be found. Further discussion on this trophy arrived at the decision that it was not something that the majority wanted to continue with at this time.
7. District trophies for Cubs – Discussion was intended to decide which potential events Cub Leaders wanted to reinstate. Unfortunately the information on trophies available was not available at this meeting. This subject however raised a further question as to whether or not within the wider District there was an appetite to get competition events between Groups up and running. It is known that there are a number of trophies lying dormant and it was asked if this subject could be raised at a District Team/GSL meeting to discuss. **Action:** Andy to take this subject to next appropriate meeting.
8. Cub Leaders to give some thought to potential cross pack activities: The only example of this that was brought up was a joint camp to take place in July with 1st Bovingdon and 1st Bennetts End participating together. Discussion around cross Group activities took place with several Groups organising activities with their Scout sections. Conversation around further possibilities within the wider Cub section across the District took place with Leaders encouraged to use this forum as a means to do this. The position of the District in encouraging Groups to work together was again emphasised with the ADC/DDC role as the point of contact to determine and advise if District involvement might be needed.

D. Review of recent and forthcoming events:

1. London trip. Considered by all to have been a very successful day. Thanks were expressed to Richard Haynes for his organising this event. Suggestion was that whilst an extremely good day that it should take place every other year.
2. St Georges Day. Excellent event and all activities considered to be very good. Greater knowledge of which programme zones were where was considered a potential improvement. There was also debate about the badges supplied, some

would have preferred cloth badges but there was no real consensus on this point as the pin badges were also liked. Suggestion was that this type of activity was preferred to a parade where a number of YP considered this (a parade through town) something they were not keen to participate in. One other consideration was that the paperwork would have been preferred much sooner than was the case this year, it was thought that this may have increased the numbers participating. Discussion was had around the possibility of holding a District Family Camp on the St Georges Day weekend in 2014 as another alternative. Feedback varied on this as some Groups hold an annual camp around this stage of the year and cost consideration for families may be a concern. In the event of this going ahead, offering a day attendance possibility was considered worthwhile.

3. County Water Activity Day. 16th June. To date only one Group confirmed that they have offered this activity to their YP. Further detail for this event is available at <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/>
4. Cooking and Campfire event. 10th July at Phasels. It is hoped that we can encourage participation of as many YP as possible for this event. Requests for assistance to run bases for this event will be forthcoming from Simon Fancourt. Letters for this event will be available by Half Term.
5. Go Carts. This event will again be run this year by 1st Leverstock Green at Hobbs Hill Wood School. This will take place on Wednesday evenings starting after Half Term between 6 and 8 pm. YP can attend on their own for a cost of £2 and should wear a Group scarf to identify themselves as a member of Scouting. Groups wishing to take part should book via Richard Haynes. Letters about this activity will be available within the next week.

E. Discussion points from previous meeting.

1. Leaders were asked to put forward suggestions for their wish List for future Section Leaders meetings/ADC organisation. Points considered essential for meetings were: Review of previous events; Look forward to forthcoming events; Dates for diaries; District/County news. Suggestions put forward for the ADC organisation were: Getting out and about to meet Cub Leaders and Packs during meetings; be available to support Leaders with advice as required; assist Leaders in completing required training, be able to undertake verification with Leaders; consider running a 'theme' across Cub packs.

F. District/County News/Future Meetings:

1. Andy showed Leaders the spreadsheet being proposed by the District to manage planning and scheduling of future events. This is considered beneficial to make sure we are able to manage the production of letters to make sure they are supplied as required on a timely basis to Leaders and YP as well as managing the workload for Maureen who produces most of this information. It is also intended as a method for us all to be able to manage requests to parents for various activities in an attempt to ease the potential burden of numerous requests arriving at one time. Feedback

received was that this form would benefit from having a column added detailing to which Sections the entry applied. **Action.** Andy to bring this to the attention of Russ.

2. County Cub Night Hike. A reminder that this event is taking place 21st/22nd September. Leaders were asked to encourage entries from Hemel District.
3. County Cub Cyclo Cross. Open to all Cub packs though entries are restricted to a maximum of 4 teams per District. 4 riders per team will take part in agility, speed and cross country trials. Information will be forwarded to District Cub Packs via Andy Glass soonest available. Entries need to be returned for submission to County, again via Andy Glass. Restriction as previously on 4 teams per District will be applied on a first come first served basis.
4. County Bushcraft Day- 16th March 2014 at Harmergreen Wood. Letters will be made available for YP/Leaders although it is also hoped to encourage parents to take part in what is a popular activity. Intention being that this may encourage more people to participate in this type of activity going forward. Section specific activities are expected to be available at this event.
5. County is looking at organising an International Cub Expedition to France in August 2014. Intention is that this will be available for Packs to put forward teams of Leaders plus 6 YP. Further detail will be supplied when available but it was hoped that we can encourage a level of participation in the event from the District.
6. Richard Haynes then ran through a County presentation on the Cub Global and Promise Challenge Badges. These presentations have been made available by the County as a method of demonstrating methods and resources which help Leaders in delivering these challenge badges for their Cubs. Presentations, which include links to various resources are available at <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/> under The Sections/ Cub Scouts/ Resources for ADCs.
7. Intention is that going forward there will be two meetings per term for Leaders. One will continue in this type of format where sections will meet independently at a location agreed. Second meeting per term will be all sections together, lead off where needed by a short session run by the DC, followed by break outs into individual sections. Sessions with DC will be short, sweet and to the point. In the event that there is nothing of note to be shared by the DC this session will be cancelled and individual section meetings only will take place.
8. 25th July: All sections meeting at Phasels Wood. Plans for this meeting include an activity swapping session and potentially some brain storming to determine the wishes/needs of each section. In addition it is intended to have a barbecue and to run some of the onsite activities for Leaders. This is to act as thank you to Leaders for their participation and to engender some form of social activity across Leaders.
9. 5th September: All sections, venue to be decided but probably Hobbs Hill Wood School.
10. 9th November: 1st Bennetts End HQ, Cub Section Leaders.
11. January 2014: All sections.
12. March 2014: Individual sections.

G. AOB:

1. It was raised during discussion that not all Leaders have received District Directories. **Action.** Andy to make sure that future Directories are sent to all Leaders and a number available at meetings to ensure those not having received them can be given a copy.
2. It was advised that messages regarding training evenings are not received by all. This brought up the subject of Leaders ensuring that their contacts are kept up to date with the National Scout Database. This is where the District site takes it's e mail address feed from and it is essential that e mail addresses in this database are kept up to date. Leaders can update this information themselves at <http://scouts.org.uk/home/> If this is not possible let Andy know and he can update this information for you. It was discussed about the possibility of having a short training session on the National database at future leaders meetings. This is something we can consider if meetings are at Hobbs Hill Wood School and we can get access to the computer suite.
3. District Diary: A general warning to double check timings on events within the District Diary. There is known to be an issue which is currently showing times as one hour earlier than the actual event. This is a known fault which is being sorted as we speak. If in doubt around timings, please check.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.