



GSL, Group Chairs & District Team and Exec Meeting

Tuesday 1st October 2013

7.45pm for 8pm start. Finish by 9.30pm

Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

1. Apologies and introductions

Apologies - John Larkin, Andy Glass, Richard Haynes

Introductions – Chris Tems (ADC Activities), Russell Head (ADC 14-25)

2. District/County Update – for information and brief discussion where appropriate (Russ)

Insurance for Occasional Helpers

Russ gave a reminder to check that groups have insurance for non-members, who do NOT benefit from Personal and Medical Expenses cover.

Licences for music and film and permits for minibus

Russ explained the communication to be sent by Mike Watson about the above – a brief discussion followed.

Safeguarding training

Russ outlined that the safeguarding training is applicable to almost all roles and anyone is welcome to attend. The training must be completed prior to appointment review.

Adults who have completed similar training outside Scouting are still required to attend as there are a number of elements to the training which relate specifically to situations in Scouting (including our reporting processes).

Youth recruitment – Autumn term

Almost 30 enquiries have been received as a result of the youth recruitment leaflets distributed by Simon – thanks were expressed to him for organising this.

3. Forthcoming events

Updates were given on forthcoming events

- Jamboree Selection – 5th/6th October (Russ Dyble)
Over 30 young people had applied and quite a few adults offered to help. Successful applicants will be informed in writing shortly after the event.
- GR8 BIG B@SH – 13th October (Russ Dyble)
Information from Phasels very patchy due to short notice from HQ. Individual tickets sales will be available to members from Hemel Hempstead.
A number of adults had offered to help but not been contacted back – Russ to chase with Mark Knapton.
- Sleepout for Scouts – 18th October (Jason Farmer)
This event is not going ahead – inclusion in the district diary/directory was an error – Russ apologised.
- Curry Night – 25th October (Mike Watson)
A number of tickets are still available, contact Mike to book.
- HHW Fireworks Display – 5th November (Karen Moxom)
Tickets and letters will be available shortly – delayed by Richard's current absence from school. A percentage of ticket sales will be kept by the group/unit selling them.
- Young Leader training – 7th November (Sandra Harding)
All young leaders are required to attend Modules A – I. New arrangements mean that there will be a young leader training evening each term, covering all of the modules. YLs will be allocated to modules in a specific order – based on their experience.
Young Leaders should be attending the first Module A available after they start.
Some groups have their own young leader co-ordinator, please liaise with Sandra if this is the case
- Treats for Troops – 8th November (Jason Farmer)
This will take place at Hobbs Hill Wood – led by George Sylvester. A number of ambassadors and members of the British Legion will also be attending. Letters to be distributed to scout leaders.
- Green Beret – 15th/17th November (Jason Farmer)
Jason is co-ordinating teams for individual scouts who can't be accommodated by troops – please contact him directly to arrange this. Catering and accommodation can be provided if necessary.
- Astronomer Badge Day – 24th November
Please note date clarification – 24th NOT 23rd November – letters to follow from Andy

4. Group Updates (GSLs)

Brief updates were received from each group represented.

5. Sectional matters not covered above

- Rich Hirons will step down as DESC during the Autumn term



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6. Main topics for discussion

District budget for 2014 (Russ Dyble)

Russ asked for indications of support for the following when drawing up the proposed district budget for 2014

- Individual section budgets
Agreed that it was sensible to allocate a "per head" amount for each section, rather than against specific events. Leaders will be able to propose spend on events/resources at leader meetings.
- Ongoing support for county capital appeal
Agreed that if possible we would prefer to contribute £1 per head to the capital appeal fund and not spend too much time fundraising for it in 2014 when the Jamboree would take priority.
- Activity training
Agreed that training adults to achieve activity permits was a good idea – ensuring that the permits received were put to good use across the district if funded centrally.
- Reduction of adult membership fee
The calculations on this were complex so a vote of support for this was deferred.
- District/Group Development/Recruitment?
Agreed that money should be budgeted to support youth and volunteer recruitment and to support agreed development projects in order to offer better scouting for more young people.
- Training & Leader support?
Agreed that money should be put towards supporting adults (informally as well as required training to complete the wood badge).

Russ thanked everyone for their input and made clear that it was to give him direction in coming up with a proposal for the district executive who would then agree the final budget.

A draft will be shared prior to the next GSL/team meeting for comment as the final decision will be made the following evening.

Fundraising for groups, district and capital appeal (Karen Moxom)

Karen outlined three potential fundraising initiatives,, which were accepted as good ideas, particularly as the intention was to split the proceeds with groups, rather than the district keeping them!

- Quiz night – March 2014
- 100 Club
- Christmas bag-packing

Further details will be available at the November meeting.

Development projects for 2014

Russ explained that the new Beaver Colony at 1st Kings Langley was coming on well, with adults identified to lead the section.

Very early discussions have taken place with 4th Hemel after they indicated they would like to open a Beaver Scout colony if possible.

7. Forward planning (in outline only)

- Sixer and Seconder Challenge – cancelled by Cub section meeting
- Pinewood Derby (7th December) – letters to be available shortly
- Beaver Xmas Party – now Beaver/Cub Christmas party (15th December), letters to be distributed before the end of October.

8. Dates of future meetings - See table overleaf for dates and agenda items



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Date	Forthcoming Events – details	Forward Planning - outline	Main Topic(s) for Discussion
12th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sixer and Secondar Challenge Beaver Xmas Party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring 2014 activities St. George's Day 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training provision for those reaching appointment review Jamboree support group Membership enquiry process
12th December – propose we cancel			
4 th Feb 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring 2014 activities St. George's Day 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Week Summer 2014 activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Census arrangements
22 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Week Summer 2014 activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Autumn 2014 activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback from Group meetings and annual census

Section Leader Meetings

Resources available and programme ideas swap shop if possible

Brief feedback on previous events, forward planning for upcoming events, headline detail for up to 1 year in advance

Date	Audience	Notes	Venue
Summer 1 (May)	Individual sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do sections want 	Andy to arrange
Summer 2 (25th July)	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea generation for 2013/14 With PLs, APLs and Explorers? End of year BBQ 	Phasels Wood
Autumn 1 (5 th September)	All sections, GSLs/Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward planning large events into diary 	Hobbs Hill Wood
Autumn 2 (November)	Individual sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts – 11th Nov Beavers – 12th Nov Cubs – 14th Nov 	ADCs to arrange
Spring 1 (7 January)	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Hobbs Hill Wood
Spring 2 (March)	Individual sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	ADCs to arrange
Summer 1 (May)	Individual sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	ADCs to arrange
Summer 2 (24 th July)	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Idea generation for 2014/15 End of year BBQ 	Phasels Wood
Autumn 1 (4 th September)	All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward planning large events into diary 	Hobbs Hill Wood