

Minutes of District Beaver Meeting 5th September 2017

Present: Michelle Woodall 1st Apsley
Tyla Stevens 2nd Hemel
Jethro Blackband 5th Hemel AFC
Sue Minter 1st Hemel
Rebecca Wharfe 1st Hemel
Rob Rivers 1st Hemel
Jan Maddern 7th Hemel
Helen Dyble-Bassett 1st Leverstock Green
Chris Loake 4th Boxmoor
End of meeting Simon Fancourt 1st Apsley

Apologies: None

Everyone introduced themselves to leaders Jethro, Rebecca, Rob and Jan who have not attended District Beaver meeting before.

Chris informed the group that he is stepping down from Beavers to become a Scout Leader. Sue is stepping down as Beaver leader and taking on a support role. In her place Rebecca and Rob will be Assistant Beaver Leaders at 1st Hemel.

It is noted that the meeting is poorly attended and leaving the organisation of events to the usual few.

Michelle advised the new members of the group that the meetings generally take the form of a review of events since the last meeting, looking through District calendar, and the development of future events.

Review of events since last meeting:

International Badge Day January 2017

155 Beavers signed up from 8 groups. Cost £3 per Beaver. Everyone had good comments about the event with plenty to keep the Beavers occupied and interested.

The late start of the event made the first half of the session over-run, however, after refreshments break, everything on schedule. Letters should have said arrival time 1.45pm for a 2pm start. We will ensure this happens for next event.

Beaver Challenge Hike May 2017

150 Beavers signed up from a lot more groups and brought with them one/two parents plus siblings, dogs etc. Cost £1 per Beaver. The walk was quite quick but just about right for Beavers. We had 180 hotdogs plus veggie. A lot of parents expected to receive a hotdog. Once all siblings had a hotdog free of charge, parents had the remainder. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event with campfire songs after hike. There was not enough time and people to set up and cook the hotdogs ready for hike arrival, something to look at next time.

Forthcoming events:

County Beavers Paradise Park Day 1st October

Letters for this event should have already gone out. This is an excellent day out and worth encouraging Beavers and their families to take part.

Christmas Party 17th December

Colonel Custard magic party being held at Hobbs Hill Wood School. The Letters have been emailed to you and forms need to be returned by 24th November.

Badge day 28th January 2018 not 25th Feb as stated on District Calendar

Not quite decided on theme. Letters will need to go out by half term to be returned by end of term.

Animal Care – Tyla sending Michelle contact details for lady in Aylesbury. Ameyzoo, Zoolab, Jungle Jo, dogs trust, guide dogs Michelle to look into these options. If we can't get one company to serve over 150 Beavers then look at getting 2 or 3 companies. We would look to have 6 bases where everyone can move around after 15/20 mins this could include craft bases ie origami dogs and frogs, colouring, stickers – simple crafts.

Kidzania – This may be very costly. Michelle to look into cost as we would have to get coaches. We could look at this for a future “special” event.

Promise Renewal 23rd April 2018

**Please can the event start as early as possible so it is not too late for the Beavers. The consensus was around 6.00/6.30pm.

Beaver Challenge Hike May 2018

After the success of 2017 it is decided to do it again, but this time we charge everyone who signs up to walk. We then know how many to cater for. Simon suggested we arrange for a team to do the catering ie Jamboree participants, for a donation to their fund raising efforts. We could charge £2 per person or £3 with £1 going to Jamboree, 55p for badge and 45p left for sausage, roll and squash. No date has been allocated for this. It was mentioned that we should put on the letter No Dogs allowed.

Jamboree Launch & 4th July Party Phasels

Sue mentioned that it would be good to have an outdoor cooking event as Beavers really enjoy this. Simon informed us that there will be cooking at this event.

Next meeting 4th January 2018