

## Minutes of District Beaver Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Present: Michelle Woodall 1<sup>st</sup> Apsley  
Tyla Stevens 2<sup>nd</sup> Hemel  
Andrea Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup> Hemel  
Rebecca Wharfe 1<sup>st</sup> Hemel  
Rob Rivers 1<sup>st</sup> Hemel  
Carrie Stanworth 1<sup>st</sup> Gadebridge  
Simon Fancourt

Apologies: Mary Pilides 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Langley

### **Review of events since last meeting:**

#### ASAP (Activities Spectacular at Phasels) 16th September

Every year Phasels open all their on site activities, bring out their mobile equipment & add extras such as inflatables, bumper cars and segways. There is also evening entertainment and fireworks late in the evening. The day event costs approximately £15 for Beavers and slightly less for Adults, but you do need the ratio of 1:6. It is excellent value for money and the young people have an amazing time and tick off lots Adventurous activity requirements. The site is available for overnight camping but Michelle and Simon suggest a day event with Beavers bringing a pack lunch.

#### County Beavers Paradise Park Day 1st October

Not everyone got the letter to give to their Beavers, therefore not many groups attended. Those that did attend, or who has attended before said that it is a great day out, excellent value for money and the Beavers tick off many badge requirements. Each group books themselves direct with Paradise and tickets are then posted out for distribution. This coming year Michelle or Simon will forward the letter on to all so they may adapt the letter for themselves.

#### Colonel Custard magic party Hobbs Hill Wood School 17<sup>th</sup> December

Again, Leaders are saying they did not receive the letters. However, those that did attend said it was fantastic and loved the parachute games. Some said that we could easily increase the price to £6 and include a drink and biscuit after visiting Santa. So we would like to book for Christmas 2019.

## **Forthcoming events:**

### Animal Friend Badge day 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 not 25<sup>th</sup> Feb as stated on District Calendar

Repsmiles have been booked to come in with various reptiles and will do talks covering the badge requirements. Michelle is waiting for Repsmiles to reply confirming final details for the day. The day will run as follows:

12.30pm Leaders/helpers meet in the canteen. Help set up canteen and set up bases:

1. Hedgehog craft. Adults draw around hedgehog template ready for Beavers to use.
2. Decorate Biscuits and squash. As this base will be in the canteen, we will get everything ready in the kitchen.
3. Games. Set up in hall. Carrie to lead.
4. Animals. Possibly 3 animal bases which will need adult help to move tables and chairs to make space.

1.45pm Beavers arrive in the canteen, sit at a table with their group and complete a word search or colouring while waiting for everyone to arrive.

2-4pm Each Beaver will move around 20/30 mins bases in their group.

Each Scout group leader will be given the badges at the start to hand out to their Beavers at home time.

4pm We will need as many Adults as possible to put the school back as it was.

For hedgehog craft Beavers read a fact sheet about hedgehogs and then will cut out a cardboard hedgehog, draw a face and glue on penne pasta for the quills. Once done I suggest that they put their hedgehogs on their group table as glue will still be wet. Rob offered to run this base, but will need other helpers.

For Decorate biscuits, Beavers will read a fact sheet of a spider, ladybird and ants, they will then decorate two Rich Tea biscuits on a named paper plate: For a spider – black icing, black laces, smarties for eyes. For ladybird – red icing, black laces, chocolate drops. For ants – green icing (grass), chocolate sprinkles. They can then eat their biscuits with a drink.

For Games, Carrie will organise and run it with Rebecca. We are looking to use the large parachute that was used at the Christmas party, Michelle will ask Andy.

It was mentioned that we should invite Young Leaders to help, so please do.

Once we have exact numbers, final details of the event will be emailed out to leaders.

### Promise Renewal 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Information and invites will be sent out at half term. It will be bring a friend event, Beavers and Cubs arrive early, there will be some activities, then Scouts and Explorers arrive for Promise Renewal. Beavers and Cubs can then go home.

### Beaver Challenge Hike 13 May 2018

After the success of 2017 it is decided to do it again. We will walk from KL Common to Phasels. We will charge everyone who signs up to walk £2 with £1 going to Jamboree if they can do the catering of hot dog and squash. In the letter we will mention the fund raising efforts of the Jamboree participants and No Dogs allowed. It was suggested that the Jamboree team could have tea, coffee and cakes for sale. Tyla said she would speak to Justin one of the Jamboree Leaders if he will do it.

### Jamboree Launch & 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Party Phasels

Simon informed us that there will be cooking and various activities relating to USA and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, letters coming out at half term.

### Christmas Panto December 2018

The consensus was that we try and book local; KL or Boxmoor, or try and get a company to come into the school. The suggestion of going to St Albans on a school week night was rejected as it would be a rush to get from school to Phasels for 4pm as most schools finish at 3.30pm and parents are not always home from work at that time. We would also rather give our money to local Theatre companies.

It was suggested that in the Summer of 2019 we hold a Jamboree Fun Day for Beavers at the school with American Activities and Craft.

**Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**