

DISTRICT BEAVER SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

5th June 2015

Hobbs Hill Wood School

Present:

Nikki Wycislik	ADC Beavers. beavers@hemel-scouts.co.uk
Michelle Woodall	Apsley
James Allaway	Bennett End
Wayne Yorston	Gadebridge
Ingrid Allen	Active Support and minutes

Text in italics is either an update or additional information not said at the meeting, written by Nikki.

Apologies:

Suzanne Ford, Boxmoor. Chris Mazillius, Gadebridge.

Nikki opened the meeting at 8.00pm and thanked everyone for coming and gave out the new resources books and posters.

No minutes from the previous meeting were available.

Review of Events:

- Easter egg Hunt – Everyone had fun who attended despite the rain towards the end of the session.
- 11th July 2015 - cooking and campfire event – hard copies given out, Nikki said that the electronic version had gone out that evening. Looking at running 4 basis plus campfire with compare. (Each group to lead one song, *Please email Nikki your chosen song.*) Ideas for basis – Bum Sandwiches , smore's, vegetable kebabs plus 1 more. **Important update:** *Nikki has arranged for this event to be covered in the local newspaper. Therefore if you have any Beavers attending who cannot be photographed please email Nikki.*
- District Sleepover - Sat 14th November 2015 - Depending on school availability. It was decided at the meeting to work around the experiment Badge. Possibly to come dressed as popular TV characters. Each group attending will be asked to help by putting on an activity. **Nikki was asked to have letter ready before August Bank holiday.**
- Xmas party booked for Sunday 13th December. Separate Beaver and Cub both featuring Colonel Custard. *The following is copied from Cub minutes - Colonel Custard will be doing separate parties for Beavers and Cubs on this date. Intention in addition is to have a Santa's Grotto. Discussion took place around purchasing a better quality Santa suit to ensure Father Christmas is properly attired. Letters will be available at the first Leaders meeting of the autumn term.*
- Animal Friend Badge 31st Jan 2016. *Update: Unfortunately The Animal Shed who ran the event in 2014 is unable to repeat the event due to a change in their business model. Nikki will attempt to find another way to deliver the animal friend badge. However, it could be difficult to find something suitable. If this is the case the event will still go ahead as a badge day, but a different badge will be chosen. Nikki is currently considering doing the experiment badge, as it has been suggested and well supported as a good badge to do as a District event. Of course if this is the case then it would no longer be done at the sleepover and either another badge or theme will be chosen. Nikki will need to make a decision before the next leaders meeting so will not be able to discuss it with the leaders, but please email her if you have opinions about this so I can take them into consideration. Also let her know if you have ideas that could be done for the sleepover instead.*

- Possible Nature Day in the spring, TBC at next meeting.

District/County News/Future Meetings

- challenge every Beaver colony to accept the “Scout and About Challenge” where you are outside for every meeting during June, even if it is just 5 minutes.
- Training Train for leaders 6th & 7th June
- Awards Evening coming up 11th June - all welcome (however it could be a squeeze).
- Remember Scout Community Week 3rd – 11th October (further info to following in the summer).
- 5th November - Fireworks at Hobbs Hill Wood School. *50% of ticket price will go to the group with 50% going to the school to cover their costs.*
- 5th December - Phasels Woodland Wonderland. **Nikki to ask Clare at Phasels to email info out as soon as available.**
- Those around the table asked if they were attending Beavers in Tent – No one at the meeting was. **James asked Nikki to forward the info as he had not seen it.**
- 26th September - Paradise Wildlife park event (down to individual groups to organise or can be offered to beavers and parents to book and go themselves). *For information go to <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/beavers-family-fun-day-paradise-wildlife-park/>*
- Would leaders be interested in a session on the New challenge Badges. Those around the table said yes. (Michelle said she found the workshop on the new Badges interesting and informative and left her full of ideas). *Further news since County ADCs meeting, this event will happen on Sunday 18th October. It will be a hands on session for leaders to get ideas for the new Challenge badges.*

District Budget

- Beaver section has a budget to spend of £520. So far the following items have been purchased; first aid kit for district events and pencils.
 - ❖ It was suggested around the table that may the district could sponsor each beaver colony to have one session on the cresta run at Phasels as a gun event. Everyone liked this idea. *Update: This has been arranged with Phasels Wood. Please book with Phasels under the name "Hemel District Beavers Cresta Run" for a free session. It is one per Colony so groups with, for example, two Colonies can book two sessions. This is running until the 30th September so you can book a session anytime until then. If you have already booked to use the Cresta run please call Phasels to change your booking to the named event for a free session.*
 - ❖ If any money left over district could purchase a “few district cameras” to loan to groups to help with photography badge or record events. This could then lead to a district Beaver photographic competition over the course of 6 month?
 - ❖ Other suggestions were to purchase an easy pitch tent for beavers to put up at section meetings.
 - ❖ Nikki has a variety of musical instruments (purchased with the money from last year's budget) please email Nikki if you would like to borrow.

New programme

- A discussion about having a district sign off and action planning evening was discussed but it was not felt necessary.

AOB

Nothing to record.

Date of next meetings

1st September 2015 8 pm Hobbs Hill Wood School

5th January 2016 8 pm Hobbs Hill Wood School