

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

4th September 2014

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District		Lorna Glass	1 st Bennetts End
Matt Smith	1 st Bennetts End		Dave Jermy	1 st Leverstock Green
Mary Plunkett	2 nd Hemel		Sue Downham	1 st Kings Langley
Steve Gilden	7 th Hemel			
Richard Haynes	1 st Leverstock Green			
Kevin Mills	1 st Apsley			
Karen Yilmaz	1 st Bennetts End			
Jacqui Donley	1 st Bovingdon			
Ross Dorran	1 st Bovingdon			
Phil McLachlan	1 st Kings Langley			
Garteh Ford	3 rd Boxmoor			

APOLOGIES.

Sue West, 4th Boxmoor, Joanna Hartley and Paul Carl, 1st Leverstock Green

Andy opened the meeting at 8.30pm welcoming all present and thanked them for coming.

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Added after the meeting: The search for a new ADC Cubs continues. In the interim Andy Glass will continue to fulfil the duties of ADC Cubs.

- A. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as being a true representation of that meeting
It was noted that minutes will be written up for meetings going forward, and these will be hosted on District website at <http://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/downloads-new/notes-from-cub-section-meetings/> as well as being circulated by e mail.
- B. Attendees took the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves to others in attendance.
- C. Review of recent and forthcoming events:
 1. District Family Camp. The majority of the feedback received was extremely positive with everyone suggesting it had been an extremely enjoyable and relaxed weekend. This sentiment was noted as also having come from parents. It was noted that proximity to County Cub Night Hike was difficult and that some Packs had elected to attend Family Camp instead of Night Hike. General feeling was that doing this camp

again was wanted. It was noted that if not organised as a District event that Groups could still attend directly through Phasels should they wish.

2. County Cub Cyclocross. Two Groups agreed to attend but unfortunately circumstances were such that only one Group actually managed to participate. Richard ran through what the event entails and it is hoped that greater numbers will take part in 2015.
3. Race Night. Unfortunately lack of take up for this event was such that it did not take place. There are however plans for a quiz evening in March 2015 (14th March). It was noted that this has previously been an extremely good evening open to parents as well as Leaders and that we should try to encourage attendance.
4. Fireworks spectacular. Took place at Hobbs Hill Wood school on November 5th. As previously, a number of Groups attended and were very enthusiastic about the evening, as well as a good fireworks show this is also an opportunity to earn some funds for Groups as a percentage of the ticket price is returned to Groups on tickets they sell.
5. Artist Badge Day. Took place at Hobbs Hill Wood School on Sunday 23rd November. Feedback was very good and it was considered to have been a very good day for Cubs attending. Badge day in 2015 will be Sunday 22nd November and this year it will be the scientist badge. A brief conversation took place around whether we should change the badges offered on the three year rotation, it was however agreed to continue with the rota Scientist/Astronomer/Artist.
6. Pantomime. A total of 177 Beavers, Cubs, family members and Leaders attended Aladdin at Boxmoor Playhouse over two days. Feedback from parents and Leaders was all extremely positive. Options as to how this should be moved forward were discussed. Consensus was that we should maintain a two year rota between Christmas party/pantomime for at least one more iteration. However points to note were that the offer of children attending alone with Leaders would be a cheaper option for parents. It was also noted that getting letters out sooner to ensure parents had the option to pay earlier in the expensive Christmas run up might be beneficial. **Action:** Andy to take this forward for Christmas 2016.
7. Swimming event: This will be taking place at Sportspace on Saturday 28th February. Information about this event has been sent out and Packs were reminded to let Keith Gower know if they will **not** be attending. Otherwise it will be assumed they are attending and lanes will be made available for them. Access will be available from 6.45 and Cub events will be starting no later than 7.15, Leaders were asked to remind parents that they will need to register their cars if staying to avoid a potential parking ticket. It was advised that only Leaders will be able to get poolside with youngsters and that Group Leaders will be responsible for the behaviour of their attending youngsters. It was advised that starting blocks are now a permanent fixture in the pool but that they would be covered and will not be available for this event. Lane markers will not be in place and there will as ever be breadth races for Cubs less able to swim. Leaders are responsible for assigning their attending children into races appropriate for their level of ability. Risk assessments for this event have been completed by Sportspace.

8. County Cub Bushcraft, taking place 21st Match 2015 at Harmergreen Wood. Letters will be out shortly and attendance will be on a first come first served basis across the County. Returns should go to County Cub Administrator at the address shown on paperwork. This was discussed as having been an extremely good event in 2014 and worthwhile taking part in.
9. Sixer and Seconder Day. Going ahead on 9th May, it was agreed that this will be a single day event on this occasion. Lees Wood has been booked for this date. It was discussed that we should ask District Bushcraft team to run a base at this event, avoiding the type of bases which will be run at County Bushcraft Day. **Action:** Andy to speak with District bushcrafters. Lorna Glass, Richard Haynes and Karen Yilmaz agreed to assist in organising of this event. **Action:** Andy to get previous organising material from Joanna Hartley to make organising of this event more straightforward.
10. District Cub Fun Day: Well End is not available on the date of this event (June 20th). Alternatives were discussed including Hudnall Park, Paradise Wildlife park, Wicksteed park or a nearby zoo. These were ruled out for various reasons and it was decided to run this event this year at Hobbs Hill Wood School as has happened previously. Timings will be 0930~1600. It was discussed using some of our District allocation of funds to consider bringing in some new and exciting activity or equipment. This was agreed as something the organising team can explore. Volunteers to assist in running this event were Mary Plunkett and Dave Jermy. **Action:** Andy to visit Hudnall Park to determine if this is somewhere we might use in the future.
11. County Cub water Activities Day. 21st June at Fairlands, Stevenage. Paperwork will be out in due course with returns direct to County.
12. County Cub Night Hike. 19th/20th September at Hobbs Hill Wood School.
13. Cub Scout Activity Badge Day. 22nd November. Scientist Badge this year.
14. Cub Christmas event. 13th December at Hobbs Hill Wood. Colonel Custard will be doing separate parties for Beavers and Cubs on this date.
15. Centenary of Cub Scouts. 2016. Some detail of major events for Cubs in 2016 as below:
16. District Cub Camp. 22nd/24th April 2016.
17. Cubjam 2016. <http://www.cubjam.org.uk/> Gilwell Park 28th May~3rd June 2016. Three Groups within the District have signed up for Cubjam. It was noted that anyone else wishing to take part should ensure they register as soon as possible as places are filling fast.
18. County Cub Camp 2016. Taking place at Tolmers 1st~3rd July 2016.

Details of all events can be found on Hemel District website at : <http://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/diary/>

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D. Discussion points from previous meeting.

1. It was agreed to put the District allocation of funds to Cubs in 2015 towards the Fun Day in June. Monies left over will be used to fund additional resources for Cub Badge Days.
2. Young Leader Training was noted as taking place again this year. Leaders were encouraged to ensure that any Young Leaders within their Packs were encouraged to take part in this training.

E. AOB: No AOB was raised prior to the meeting or on the evening.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.