

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

5th January 2016

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District			
Matt Smith	1 st Bennetts End		Joanna Hartley	1 st Leverstock Green
Mary Plunkett	2 nd Hemel		Gareth Ford	3 rd Boxmoor
Simon Fancourt	1 st Apsley		Phil McLachlan	1 st Kings Langley
Richard Haynes	1 st Leverstock Green			
Sheila Neep	1 st HH/District			
Tracy Barnes	1 st Gadebridge			
Jacqui Donley	1 st Bovingdon			
Lorna Glass	1 st Bennetts End			
Dave Jermy	1 st Leverstock Green			
Sue Downham	1 st Kings Langley			

APOLOGIES.

None received

Andy opened the meeting at 8.50pm.

Andy noted that the search for an ADC Cubs continues. In the meantime Andy will continue to undertake 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. Thanks to Karen Yilmaz for having compiled these minutes.
- B. With it being the usual attendees on this occasion it was decided that there was no need for introductions.
- C. Review of recent and forthcoming events:
 1. Swimming event: This was scheduled to take place late January/early February 2016. Andy however had to apologise as not having set this event up there is no option but to cancel it for 2016. There was an appetite amongst Cub leaders to continue to do this on an annual basis so Andy confirmed that he would take this forward for 2017.

Request was a fixed date late January/early February which will not encroach on Feb half terms. **Action;** Andy to take this forward with Sportspace.

2. Cub Scout Activity Badge Day. 22nd November 2015. Positive feedback as ever, almost 200 Cubs attended this event. Date to be retained for Activity badge in 2017. Artist badge to be done this year. It was discussed and agreed to keep the rota which currently exists of badges to be covered. Scientist Badge this year. Letters will be available at the first Leaders meeting of the autumn term.
3. Cub Christmas event. 13th 2015 December at Hobbs Hill Wood. Feedback re Colonel Custard was again very complimentary. Discussed format for future events and it was agreed to keep the current two year cycle with party/pantomime. Decided to again book Colonel Custard for two years hence. Decision to be arrived at during April Leaders meeting as to what to do as regards a pantomime, various options were again discussed. **Action:** Andy to obtain some data on local pantos for 2016 for decision at April meeting. Costs were also discussed, it was agreed that Colonel Custard party at £5 was appropriate, it was noted that with 200 YP attendance in 2015 that a profit of approx. £200 was made, this to be retained within the Cub section and used to obtain resource for subsequent events.
4. Cubjam 2016. <http://www.cubjam.org.uk/> Gilwell Park 28th May~3rd June 2016.
5. County Cub Camp 2016. Taking place at Tolmers 1st~3rd July 2016. There having still been no volunteer to Champion the District regarding this camp it was noted that the ADC e mail address is supposedly being used for communications on this subject. It was also advised by Richard with his County hat on that costs for this event have again been adjusted downward, current cost is £39 for the camp with Groups/Districts imposing their own catering costs in addition. It was noted that spaces are filling fast. To date there are 1500 registrations with an intention that this will max out at 2,000. **Action:** Any volunteers to be District Champion to Andy Glass
6. County Cub International Expedition. 19th~21st August 2016. In light of recent security concerns on mainland Europe it has been decided at County level to defer this event until 2017.
7. District Cub Night Hike. 7th/8th May 2016. Similar to previous format whereby a badge/s will be targeted for coverage on the hike, with other bases to suit. Phil McLachlan and Gareth Ford volunteered to front the organisation of this event, intention being to have letters out soonest and responses back by mid April. Similar format to previous years to be utilised.
8. Cub Centenary event. It was noted that the Cub section have been allocated £1500 from District funding to help in organising this event. There was no consensus as to what we should do as a District, attempts to potentially find a circus have proven unsuccessful to date. It was agreed that a decision in this regard needs to be made at April Leaders meeting to have any chance of making this event happen. Richard Haynes and Mary Plunkett committed to do some more research as to options. **Action:** any suggestions of ideas to be sent to Richard and/or Mary.
9. Previously discussed two year rolling programme for substantial Cub events in the District was discussed and again agreed. It was agreed to keep a rotation whereby we will run Sixer & Seconder Day plus Fun Day one year, and the following year have

a District Night Hike and a District Camp. 2016 however being the 100 year anniversary of Cubs and with the events available, it was decided only to run a District Night Hike, and not to hold a District Cub Camp that year.

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

Details of County events can be found at: <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/>

D. Discussion points from previous meeting.

1. As has previously been noted, the allocation of an amount per child as a resource fund has been discontinued; going forward sections can make a request of District if they require assistance in funding any particular event. This year Cubs have received £1500 for a centenary event and £500 for a swimming event, this will not be used as noted previously but it is hoped it can be retained within our centenary fund to purchase badges for each Cub in the District.

E. AOB: Andy noted the initiative that had been brought up in the 'market place' session regarding Adult recruitment and urged leaders to consider whether or not they would be willing to engage in this.

F. Dates for next meetings:

1. Thursday 21st April 2016. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood

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