

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

3rd January 2017

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District		Jane Wyton	3 rd Boxmoor
Peter Mann	1 st Gadebridge		Gareth Ford	3 rd Boxmoor
Gordon Short	4 th Hemel		Sarah Nixon	4 th Hemel
Simon Fancourt	1 st Apsley		Michael Albon	4 th Hemel
Richard Haynes	1 st Leverstock Green		Mary Plunkett	2 nd Hemel
Phil McLachlan	1 st Kings Langley		Smiley	2 nd Hemel
Steph Memczak	1 st Leverstock Green		Jan Maddern	7 th Hemel
Sue West	4 th Boxmoor			
Lorna Glass	1 st Bennetts End			
Dave Jermy	1 st Leverstock Green			
Kevin Mills	1 st Apsley			

APOLOGIES.

Sheila Neep, District Cub Scouter

Andy opened the meeting at 8.20pm.

- 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. Andy welcomed all attendees at this meeting, noting the large number of Cub Packs which were represented. With there being a number of new attendees the opportunity was taken for each leader to briefly introduce themselves and advise which Group they represented. Andy noted that these meetings generally take the form of a review of events since the last meeting, development of future plans followed by AOB as necessary.
- C. Review of recent and forthcoming events:
 1. County Cub Night Hike 2016. It was noted that number of participants in 2016 was substantially lower than in previous years. One question asked was if the online booking system had been part of this reason. It was noted that an online system will continue for County events although alterations to improve the functionality of this have been, and continue to take place. It was acknowledged that there was a lot of

Cub section activity in 2016 and this may have been the main reason for a reduction in numbers. It was suggested that a review will take place, if considered necessary after the 2017 event, more detail on that later in these minutes.

2. County Cyclo Cross 2016. There was no Hemel involvement in the County event at Well End. Event will run again in 2017. Detail later.
3. District Cub Activity badge day 27th November 2016. Badge done in 2016 was Astronomer. Andy acknowledged the amount of work put into this event on an ongoing basis by Phil and noted that having other Leaders assist in this, and other events would avoid putting too much burden on individuals. 2016 event was noted again as having been a success for the Cubs. Timings to complete some of the bases were noted as having been variable, some were felt to have needed longer, and some could have been done together. It was also noted that some bases required dark rooms, and these were run in rooms where light was necessary for other bases. Needs a bit more thought when this iteration next comes around. It was noted that we run these bases (Astronomer, Scientist and Artist) on a rolling three-year basis. More detail for 2017 event later.
4. Cubs 100 Year celebration. Various possibilities were looked at for this event. The circus option as we know eventually proved unworkable, skating in Hemel then fell apart when there was a conflict with our date. Richard at that point came up with the option which we eventually used so a huge thanks to him. It was noted that funding for this event was obtained from District funds, Andy explained at this point how funding could be obtained for events within sections on an as needed basis after consideration by the District Executive. The skating was generally felt to have been a very good and memorable event thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was noted that collection of shoes after skating was somewhat confusing, unfortunately we were working within the constraints of the supplier, and whilst it took time it was ultimately successful. Staff at the location were considered to have been extremely helpful and accommodating.
5. Swimming Gala. Saturday 4th February 2017. To follow same format as previously. Letters have gone out. Some Leaders had not received this message. Andy noted again the importance of ensuring that e mail addresses in Compass are correct as this is the system which feeds the District mailing system. Letters have been resent to a couple of Leaders who had advisedly not received this. Anyone else needing resend please contact Andy on clanglass@hotmail.co.uk Any reiterated some of the instructions within letters, noting arrival times, responsibility of Leaders to manage their young people on poolside, the fact that each Group will have an allocated area poolside, the fact that Cubs may leave at Leaders discretion after Cub events are finished, and the importance of Cubs knowing their Group to ensure scoring can be completed. Andy also noted that Sportspace have been requested to have the café open on the evening of our event.
6. County Cub Bushcraft. Saturday 18th march at Harmergreen Wood. Details available from County site. Link attached later in this note. Advice was that this is a very good event, well run by a bunch of keen and interested Leaders. Participation will be limited to 36 teams of 6 Cubs, suggest booking early if interested.

7. Sixer & Seconder Day: To follow similar format to previously, to be run at Lees Wood on Sunday 14th May 2017. Andy has booked Lees for this event, Les Willis Field was unavailable so we will instead be on the Beechwood site. Format was advised as being a number of bases, the event is designed for older Cubs within packs and will be run in a way such that Cubs from different Packs will be put together to complete a number of team building activities. Examples of types of bases which may be involved were noted as pioneering, river crossings, cooking, gutter runs etc.
8. District Cub Fun day. Phasels Wood. Original plan had been Friday evening 16th June. This had several conflicts and it has subsequently been suggested and agreed that we shall do this on Friday 9th June instead. Campfire, plus sites 23,25,26 and 27 at Phasels Wood have been booked for this activity. Intention is to run 1830/2030. Dave Jermy and Jane Wyton are leading the organisation for this evening, but plan is basically to run some cooking bases and a campfire. Additional assistance will be required to get wood, start and manage fires etc.
9. County Water Activities Day. Sunday 18th June. Taking place at ESSA water activity centre. It was noted that there is no need for Leaders to attend this activity, however Cubs still require to be got to the activity site so reliance on parents helpers as a minimum will be required.
10. County International Cub Event. Uptake for this event has been very limited so County have decided to shelve this for now. Potentially 2019 inline with next Scout Jamboree.
11. The rolling two-year plan was again discussed and agreed. Previous discussion around a District Cub camp in 2018 had been such that an online poll about this event had been agreed. Andy acknowledged that he had not done this as intended, intent is to get a poll in place within next couple of weeks, to allow a decision by end February 2017 on what this event may look like. Watch your emails for an invitation to participate.
12. County Cub Night Hike. Saturday/Sunday 23/24 September 2017. Taking place as previously from and staying at Hobbs Hill Wood school. This is a large County event with several hundred Cubs taking part. Detail and booking will be from County website.
13. County Cyclocross. Sunday October 8th. Takes place at Well End. Detail will be available from County website.
14. District Cub Activity badge day. Sunday 26th November at Hobbs Hill Wood school. Badge for 2017 will be artist. Letter swill be available September 2017. Any additional helpers would be appreciated, please let Andy know if this is possible.
15. Christmas 2017. Colonel Custard is booked to undertake parties for both beavers and Cubs on Sunday 17th December 2017. Letters will be available September 2017.

Details of all District events can be found on Hemel District website diary 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 noted previously, the previous practise of sections being given funds basis capitation no longer takes place. If there is a specific cost associated for something that District support is required for, a case should be made to District Exec. Funds have been allocated for Centenary circus which will not now happen. Funds have also been made available Swimming gala to keep this as a free event for participants.

- E. AOB: Andy reminded Leaders to ensure their contact details are correct in Compass to assist with preparation of new District Directory.
- F. Andy also reminded Leaders that plan for 2017 St Georges day was to let Groups run things within their own Groups. In 2018 intent is to again organise something centrally.
- G. Andy reminded Leaders of the plan to run a Town Centre recruitment session on Saturday 10th June 2017. Volunteers will be needed to assist, further detail from Simon Fancourt.
- H. Simon also reminded folks to keep him up to date with spaces within Groups to allow him to allocate new members accordingly.

- I. Dates for next meetings:
 1. Thursday 20th April 2017. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
 2. Tuesday 5th September 2017. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
 3. Thursday 4th January 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
 4. Tuesday 17th April 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
 5. Thursday 6th September 2018. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.