

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

4th June 2015

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District			
Matt Smith	1 st Bennetts End			
Mary Plunkett	2 nd Hemel			
Simon Fancourt	1 st Apsley			
Richard Haynes	1 st Leverstock Green			
Sheila Neep	1 st HH/District			
Karen Yilmaz	1 st Bennetts End			
Jacqui Donley	1 st Bovingdon			
Lorna Glass	1 st Bennetts End			
Dave Jermy	1 st Leverstock Green			
Sue Downham	1 st Kings Langley			

APOLOGIES.

J Hartley and G McKerrell, 1st Leverstock Green; D Willmore, K Mills and F Dandy, 1st Apsley

Andy opened the meeting at 8.15pm welcoming all present and thanked them for coming.

Andy noted that the search for an ADC Cubs continues, conversations are taking place with one individual, Leaders will be kept up to date as this progresses. In the meantime Andy will continue to undertake the duties of ADC Cubs.

Russ had made a point of noting the District Awards evening taking place on June 11th at the Civic Centre. He advised that here was an open invitation to Leaders, if you have youngsters being awarded Chief Scout you are more than welcome to attend. Be aware though, uptake has been large so there may be limited space available.

It was noted at the plenary session that there were some resources available on the new programme, these were being supplied by District to each Colony, Pack, Group & Rabble and are a badge poster, activity pack and Badge book. These were handed out this evening to Groups attending. Andy has the extras for Packs not at this meeting and will organise delivery of these resources.

- 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. There being no new attendees on this occasion it was agreed that everyone knew everyone else and there was no need for introductions.

C. Review of recent and forthcoming events:

1. Swimming event: Feedback on this event was positive and it was noted that the Cub section would like to see this repeated on an annual basis. Format as currently used is considered fine, as ever making sure it is advertised in a timely manner and across all Cub Packs was considered essential. Participation from Scout section was less good so need to explore if this should be a Cub only event going forward. If Cub only then consider adding in some more 'fun' type events to ensure all Cubs wishing to participate are able to. It was also noted that the cost of this event from Sportspace has increased substantially over the last couple of years, offering on the previous 'free' basis might be something which needs to be re thought. **Actions:** Andy to verify cost for 2016 event with Sportspace. Andy to check with Scout Leaders if they wish to participate. Andy to verify booking date with Sportspace, as previously to try and ensure there is a fixed date in the Calendar for this event.
2. County Cub Bushcraft, took place 21st Match 2015 at Harmergreen Wood. Feedback from Cubs was very positive, some of the less successful activities from 2014 were dropped and the day was considered to have been a great success. 2 Groups from Hemel took part. Event will be taking place again in 2016. In line with how County is operating at present, detail will generally be forwarded to Cub Leaders directly as opposed to going through the website. If Cub Leader detail in Compass was accurate when Compass temporarily expired (!) then detail should be e mailed to you. It was noted at this point that various changes to Cub Leaders are such that not all Packs are getting County detail. **Action:** Richard H to ensure that Andy copied on all County Cub e mails. Andy to ensure that these are forwarded to District Cub Leaders until such time as Compass is back and contact structures correct.
3. Sixer and Secunder Day. Took place on 9th May at Lees Wood. Feedback positive, in particular as regards using Lees Wood and the Les Willis field for this activity. Intention is to keep this on a rolling two year programme, mixture of activities was felt to be right, climbing felt to be worthwhile and to be continued. Feedback from Cubs at end of day was overall good with no specific base being the most popular, input from Cubs covered almost all bases. A couple of points to note: Leaders running bases need to be swapped during the day to make sure they get some variety in what they are doing. Need to make sure we have some 'I am the Leader' or similar badges, intention being that one Cub within the groups would be able to wear this per activity and actually have some form of leadership role in what is going on. We also need to ensure that Leaders running activities are properly skilled in what they are imparting to the Cubs. Facility for wet weather also needs to be considered. Consideration should also be given to making sure Leaders are aware before they arrive of what they will be doing for the day. It was acknowledged that information on this event should have been sent out earlier than it was. This is a fair

point, but it does need to be acknowledged that it was in the District Diary, and delivered successfully. We also need to ensure that 'non participating' Packs are targeted to try and ensure we get the numbers for this event to where they possibly can be.

4. District Cub Fun Day: Taking place this year on 20th June at Belswains School, Barnfield, HH. District Diary suggests this is at HHW, request to have this changed has been made. Timings for Cubs 1000~1600 with Leaders requested to arrive at 0900 for a briefing and to set up. As discussed at previous meeting, District funding has been used to subsidise zorbing for this Fun Day. Letters have gone out and there will be a final planning meeting the week before this event to finalise groups for the day. It was noted that the date for this event clashes with a couple of events locally, Kings Langley Carnival and Bovingdon Primary school fete. It is assumed that this may affect numbers taking part. However at this time there is nothing that can be done to avoid this. It was again acknowledged by Andy that the timing of information for this event should have been better.
5. Bring a friend day at Phasels 9th July 2015. There having been zero information on this activity it is assumed that it is not going ahead. **Action:** This to be confirmed.. This has been chased down and it is confirmed that this activity will not be taking place, to be removed from District Diary.
6. County Cub water Activities Day. 21st June at Fairlands, Stevenage. Detail on this event was direct from County to Cub Leaders. This activity can be attended by Packs or directly by parents taking their youngsters along without the need for a Cub Leader. It was noted that if this is happening, Cub Leaders should be made aware to ensure that badges activity can be recorded. **Action:** Richard H to ensure from a County perspective, that Leaders of Cub Packs are made aware of their Cubs attending this activity.
7. ASAP. Taking place again at Phasels this year. Dates 11th~13th September. Option to attend and have catering undertaken by Phasels generally available.
8. County Cub Night Hike. 19th/20th September at Hobbs Hill Wood School. Information will be available within the following week or so from this meeting.
9. Scout Community week takes place 3rd~11th October. Detail within District Diary shows contact for this event being Jan Maddern. Technical difficulties are not letting me included the link for this site here. Sorry.
10. County Cub Cyclocross. 11th October. Detail again will be direct to Cub Leaders from County. Previous restrictions on taking part will be removed, any Pack can apply and if there are more than one team from a Pack then that will also be possible going forward. It was noted at this point that registering on the County Facebook page would ensure that you are kept up to date on events and able to track required paperwork through the County website.
11. Fireworks spectacular. 5th November at HHW. As previously, this is available to Groups as a fund raiser whereby 50% of the ticket price is returned to the Group selling the ticket with the over 50% covering the cots for HHW School.
12. Cub Scout Activity Badge Day. 22nd November. Scientist Badge this year. Letters will be available at the first Leaders meeting of the autumn term.

13. Cub Christmas event. 13th December at Hobbs Hill Wood. 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.
14. Centenary of Cub Scouts. 2016. Some detail of major events for Cubs in 2016 as below:
15. 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.
16. County Cub Camp 2016. Taking place at Tolmers 1st~3rd July 2016.
17. County Cub International Expedition. 19th~21st August 2016. By Eurostar, destination still to be decided although will not be as complex as Antwerp which was previous destination.
18. 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. **Action:** Leaders to consider which badge to cover for discussion/agreement at September Leaders meeting. Sue D, Mary P, Karen Y and Andy agreed to organise this event.
19. Cub Centenary event. Various discussion took place around what we might consider, and when we might consider doing it. It was advised that Watford are holding a circus in the town centre. This was felt to be a great idea in that it was low maintenance for Leaders , and addressed potential weather issues at the latter time of the year. **Action:** Richard H to engage circus contacts to determine if this is a possibility for us. **Action:** Andy to request funding from District Exec to subsidise cost of an event for Hemel District to celebrate 10 years of Cub Scouts. **Action:** dependent on September meeting and decisions there, to engage West Herts to join with us for a 100 year event.
20. 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 noted previously, Cub allocation ex subs has been utilised on zorbing for the Fun Day. Money left after this will be used for resources to address activity badges days.

2. It was advised that there is some additional information forthcoming about Young Leaders, how they should be engaged and utilised, watch this space for this arriving.

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

F. Dates for next meetings:

1. Tuesday 1st September 2015. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood
2. Tuesday 5th January 2016. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood

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