

## DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

1<sup>st</sup> September 2016

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District		Jane Wyton	3 <sup>rd</sup> Boxmoor
Matt Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Bennetts End		Gareth Ford	3 <sup>rd</sup> Boxmoor
Sharon Harris	3 <sup>rd</sup> Boxmoor			
Simon Fancourt	1 <sup>st</sup> Apsley			
Richard Haynes	1 <sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green			
Sheila Neep	1 <sup>st</sup> HH/District			
James Harris	3 <sup>rd</sup> Boxmoor			
Jacqui Donley	1 <sup>st</sup> Bovingdon			
Lorna Glass	1 <sup>st</sup> Bennetts End			
Dave Jermy	1 <sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green			
Kevin Mills	1 <sup>st</sup> Apsley			

APOLOGIES.

None received

Andy opened the meeting at 8.30pm.

- 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. 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. District Night Hike 2016. Andy acknowledged that there were known to have been issues with this event, but feedback was sought to make sure that running of this event on future occasions can be tailored to suit. Primary issue was felt to have been that communications were late in coming out and then did not adequately address what was expected of Leaders during the event, this being particularly the case during the Saturday afternoon where it was felt that Leaders had far too much to do in organising badge activity and also trying to prepare, or assist Cubs in preparing dinner. It was also felt that specific detail as to equipment needs were inadequate.

Andy noted that to a degree this was as planned, District whilst organising events were not attempting to take over every aspect of this event and were trying to leave some of the activity to the imagination and experience of the Group Leaders, as best knowing their Cubs. In hindsight this clearly should have been communicated and going forward we need to consider the level of information actually supplied to Leaders. It was also noted that trying to undertake two badges during this event is considered too much. Discussion also took place around what food was appropriate for Cubs to cook at this type of event. One school of thought was that having Cubs cook chicken is a risk that was considered unacceptable to some Groups, others were less of this opinion and felt that food had been perfectly appropriate. The important thing being that lessons are learned from this event, to make sure that in future it can continue to be supplied for Cubs.

2. County Cub Herts 100 Camp. Feedback was that this had been thoroughly enjoyed by the Groups taking part. It was considered to have been an excellent event with Cubs kept occupied throughout with a range of exciting activities. Thanks were expressed to the County Team to take back to their next meeting. Richard advised that attendees had been c3,000. Andy asked if there were any specific learnings for the County Team, Groups advised that initial cost projection had been prohibitive, other Group Leaders had family commitments etc so there were no specific learnings to pass back from this.
3. County Cub Night Hike is the next big event coming along on 24<sup>th</sup> September. This will follow a similar format and route as previous iterations. Paperwork on this occasion is all being done online and it was advised that the badge being covered this year will be Communicator; bases are being realigned to suit the updated requirements of this badge. Requests for assistance will be forthcoming from the DC but it was noted that there will be opportunity for people to lend a hand should they wish.
4. County Cyclo Cross will be taking part 9<sup>th</sup> October. Paperwork and detail will be available from the County site at . <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/> As with 2015, there are no restrictions on numbers of participating Groups per District.
5. District Cub Activity badge day will be Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Event will run at Hobbs Hill. Details for YP and Leaders are within the e mail advising the minutes of this meeting.
6. Cubs 100 Year celebration. This is scheduled to take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. As agreed at previous meetings of the section, plan was to have a circus at Phasels Wood for all District Cubs. This was checked across Groups and agreed as a way forward. Unfortunately the supplier has been prevaricating so discussion took place at this meeting around possible alternatives. Planet Ice was suggested. **Action:** Simon Fancourt to check on availability and possible numbers for this date. Andy to check on availability and restrictions around the use of Sportspace for this date. **UPDATE** since meeting: Richard has again been in touch with circus provider. They are unwilling to supply a circus in a Big Top and want instead to run in an indoor venue. On this basis it has been decided to cancel the circus. Andy to revert to Cub Leaders when answers to Actions above from Simon and Andy are available to plan for this date.

7. Swimming Gala. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017. To follow same format as previously. Keith Gower will organise but be unable to attend on the evening. Discussion took place around coffee shop, it was decided to ask Sportspace to have this open for parents. **Action:** Andy to contact Sportspace to arrange.
8. Sixer & Seconder Day: Again to follow similar format to previously, to be run at Lees Wood, Les Will is Field on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Richard Haynes volunteered to assist in organising this event. **Action:** Andy to book Lees Wood accordingly.
9. District Cub Fun day. Discussion took place around the format and date for this activity. Various inputs were supplied and it was finally agreed to have an evening event on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at Phasels Wood. Event was decided to take the format of cooking bases and a campfire and to run 1830~2030. Dave Jermy and Jane Wyton volunteered to assist in organising this event.
10. County International Cub Event. Intention is to rerun this reorganised 2016 event in 2017, probably in August, intention again is to go to Antwerp, this time for two days. Paperwork will be available on County website <http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/> in September 2016.
11. The rolling two year plan was again agreed. Discussion took place about a District Cub Camp in 2018. Various opinions were put forward. Intention is to run a poll across District Cub Leaders around whether to do this, where to go, format etc. This will be a computerised poll. Watch your emails for an invitation to participate.

Details of all District events can be found on Hemel District website diary at :

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- 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January. All Leaders. Hobbs Hill Wood

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