

## DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS MEETING

4<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Hobbs Hill Wood

PRESENT.

Andy Glass	District		Lorna Glass	1 <sup>st</sup> Bennetts End
Sheila Neep	District		April Parrott-Carter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hemel
Mary Plunkett	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hemel		Sue Downham	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley
Steve Gilden	7 <sup>th</sup> Hemel		Jane Wyton	1 <sup>st</sup> Warners End
Richard Haynes	1 <sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green		Keith Gower	1 <sup>st</sup> Gadebridge
Kevin Mills	1 <sup>st</sup> Apsley		John Allen	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley
Karen Yilmaz	1 <sup>st</sup> Bennetts End		Dave Jermy	1 <sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green
Jacqui Donley	1 <sup>st</sup> Bovingdon			
Joanna Hartley	1 <sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green			
Phil McLachlan	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley			
Alex Penn	1 <sup>st</sup> Kings Langley			

APOLOGIES.

Richard Weller 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Langley; Sue Stretton 1<sup>st</sup> Hemel; Tammy Watts 1<sup>st</sup> Kings Langley.

Andy opened the meeting at 8.00pm welcoming all present and thanked them for coming.

Andy advised attendees Paul Carl had stepped down as ADC Cubs. Recent changes in his employment are such that he was no longer able to commit the time required to support the Cub Section as required. A new search for a replacement ADC has commenced. In the interim Andy Glass will fulfil the duties of ADC Cubs.

- A. There were no minutes from the previous meeting. However it was committed 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 Cub Camp. This was well received and Cubs who took part all thoroughly enjoyed their time at Gilwell. There was a badge competition and the winning entries were amalgamated into a badge. Badges from this event were handed out for distribution to participants. Permission has been gained to wear this badge as an 'occasional' badge on uniform, this can be worn until the end of 2014.

2. County Cub International Expedition: Richard Haynes gave a brief on the County Cub expedition to Antwerp. An extremely busy couple of days saw Cubs explore Antwerp, visit the zoo and have a traditional Belgian meal. Cubs advisedly all had a great time and were great ambassadors for Scouting in general and Hertfordshire in particular. By all accounts it was an extremely 'full on' couple of days with limited amounts of sleep for the Cubs.
3. Gilwell Fun Days. Noted as once again being an excellent day to take part in a range of exciting activities at Gilwell.
4. District Family Camp. Taking place at Phasels Wood 12<sup>th</sup>~14<sup>th</sup> September. In excess of 200 participants from 8 Groups. Information booklet for this camp has been distributed via Groups, each family also will be given a copy of the yellow card. It was noted that ensuring adults are adequately covered by a CRB check is the responsibility of the Groups.
5. County Cub Cyclocross. Taking place at Well End 12<sup>th</sup> October. Hemel District can enter a maximum of 4 teams, each team should consist of 4 Cubs. Requests for entry should be made to Andy Glass who will forward to Richard Haynes in his County role.
6. Race Night. Taking place at Hobbs Hill Wood School on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> October. This is a fund raising event for the 2015 Jamboree, letters will be distributed shortly. Jamboree fund raising team are organising this event, it will be open to families.
7. Fireworks spectacular. Hobbs Hill Wood school on November 5<sup>th</sup>. As previously, an amount of the entry price will be paid back to Groups.
8. Artist Badge Day. Hobbs Hill Wood School on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Hard copy letters distributed at this meeting. Electronic copies to Groups requiring these will be emailed within next few days (completed Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September). Hard copy letters to those Groups not in attendance will be delivered within next few days.
9. Pantomime. Conversation continues with Boxmoor Playhouse for this to take place Sat 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Intention is that letters will be available by end September at very latest when final agreement on cost will be available. Intention is to offer this to Beavers and Cubs with Groups attending on one day or another with both Beavers and Cubs together from a Group. This is to ensure that parents having children in both sections need only be inconvenienced once. Intention also that places will be offered to siblings and parents. Dates will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
10. Swimming gala: Request has been made of Sportspace to have this event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015 to avoid clashes with half term. Sportspace to confirm, letters will be available at latest by half term. Discussed with Keith Gower re using previous format which has been successful.
11. County Cub Bushcraft, taking place 21<sup>st</sup> Match 2015 at Harmergreen Wood.
12. Sixer and Secunder Day. It was agreed after discussion that this will take place 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Lees Wood. Discussion re making this an overnight event took place but was inconclusive. Discussion also took place around doing the new Backwoods Cooking badge at this event. **Action:** Andy to book Lees Wood for this date.
13. District Cub Fun Day: It was agreed after discussion to do this 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Well End. Various alternatives were discussed but the consensus was to go to Well End

who advisedly have a number of activities that could be utilised, with additional activities being brought by Hemel District. This will deliver a fun event, consistent with Scouting and at a price which should make it available to all. **Action.** Andy to book Well End for this date.

14. Cubjam 2016. <http://www.cubjam.org.uk/> Gilwell Park 28<sup>th</sup> May~3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
15. County Cub Camp 2016. Taking place at Tolmers 1<sup>st</sup>~3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016.

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, each section was allocated monies based on the 2014 census returns. It was made clear that this money needs to be used or it will revert to the District account. At this stage it was noted that the Cub Section have in the region of £450 remaining which should be used in 2014. (Subsequent check with Sheila Neep confirms that there is actually £516 remaining). To date the only use of this money has been the funding of a Barbecue for Leaders at District Cub Camp. Discussion took place around possible use of this money to have Packs attend Phasels for a District completion as has been done by both Scouts and Beavers. It was agreed that doing this by the end of 2014 is not possible but this should be considered for 2015. **Action.** Agree what this looks like at January meeting. In the interim, it was agreed to consider using the remaining cash for 2014 on the purchase of resources for the rolling programme of activity badges. **Action.** Andy to investigate resources.

E. Information Sharing.

1. Badge books developed by East Sussex County Scouts were distributed per Pack. This has been updated to include the recently issued badges for Cubs.

F. District/County News/Future Meetings:

1. It was noted that we have decided to reduce the number of Leaders meetings taking place to make sure that we were listening to the needs of the Leaders. Next Section Leaders meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Hobbs Hill Wood School.

G. AOB:

Nothing was brought forward for AOB either from the pre meeting request or on the evening.

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