

ACTIVITIES TEAM MEETING MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2013

MEETING MINUTES

1. Christopher Tems (ADC activities) opened the meeting and thanked everybody for coming. He introduced himself as the new ADC responsible for activities within the district and defined the purpose of the meeting as both to introduce himself to members of the district as a point of contact for activities, as well as to identify the areas under the activities umbrella which are functioning well and those that need looking at.
2. 23 members of the district attended the meeting and introduced themselves, highlighting their current activity roles/permits and any areas that they are interested on developing/gaining a permit in.
3. There was then a general discussion about what happens within the district currently. It was highlighted by Dan Nathan (ACC activities for Hertfordshire) that Hemel is one of the most active districts in the county, and that much of what already goes on is excellent. It was agreed that sailing as an activity had traditionally been very strong within the district, but in recent times due to lack of leadership and direction this had dropped. There are still plenty of leaders willing to run sailing activities so this is one area highlighted for improvement.
4. It was highlighted that the district trip to Lochearnhead was the main priority for working towards permits in the short term, but that a longer term approach also had to be taken to ensure that we continued to develop activities within the district. Certain activities need to increase the number of permit holders before this event. CT said that he will be attending a meeting with the organisers in the next couple of weeks and the exact number of permit holder requirements will be looked at then.
5. A discussion was had about how to go about gaining a permit. All those who want to gain a permit were informed to contact CT via ctems@hotmail.com and he would forward on the relevant paperwork. Fill it in, send it back and CT will pass it on to an appropriate assessor. The county runs lots of training courses and these would be passed on to all those who have shown an interest as and when they become available. Likewise it was encouraged if anybody was organising an event where extra help might be required they should contact CT to pass on through the district.
6. A discussion was held about the activity matrix which was aimed at introducing activities to all sections – from Beavers to Network giving something for the young people to work towards and improve their skills. This is due to start in Spring 2014.
7. DN advised that the law and rules regarding driving minibuses was/had changed and that everybody should check that they are driving legally. We also have access to a lot of minibuses within the district and minibus permit training is available.