

1st Stotfold Scout Group

Minutes of the Leaders' Meeting 11 February 2009

Present: Tammy Evans, Tina McCann, Sam Powell, Peter Cheney, Anton Allen, Nick Peace, Mark Mollison, Tony D, Andrade, Ray Kilby, Clare Kilby, Duncan Saunders

Apologies: Liz Kenny, Pam Craig, Peter Evans, Pam Craig

1. **Matters Arising**

The cleaning rota seems to be working. Please make sure that you know when your Section has got to do it. List at end of these minutes.

ACTION

2. **Leaders, Training etc**

Nick has spoken to Chris Bent about his Leaders who are doing training and asked him to come along on Wednesday 18th March at 8pm to talk through their training with them. If anyone else would like to talk to him please contact Nick and he will arrange for him to come earlier. Tammy & Sam said that they would like to meet him so **Nick will ask him to come at 7.30pm**. If anyone else is interested please let Nick know asap.

Nick

Oliver Green (Ollie) wants to be a Leader with Thursday Cubs. **Ray will get some forms to him.**

Ray

3. **Waiting Lists**

There are about 10 names on the Beaver list who will hopefully be given places over the next couple of terms.

There are no names on the Cub list.

There are still quite a number of names on the Scout waiting list who have been there for a long time but Nick could not see any places becoming available for quite a while.

There are names on the Explorer list.

Please can Leaders make sure that they do not take young people in who are not on the official waiting list without checking with Clare as it is not fair if people jump the queue.

Nick suggested that we have a formal time at the Leaders' Meetings to organise the moving on between Sections so that each Section knows who is coming up. **Please bring names of members who will be moving up during the next 6 months to the next meeting.**

Section Leaders

4. **Absences' & Discipline**

Tony wanted to know what the procedure is if children don't attend regularly and seem to be using Cubs as a stepping stone to Scouts.

There should be a set of guidelines set down – e.g. regular attendance, full uniform etc.

Tina said that she had produced something like this for their Beavers and would email it out to all the Leaders.

Tina

5. **Section News**

Beavers

Chyenenne – They will have 18 after Easter. They had an enjoyable spaghetti construction night. Their bank account has been sorted out.

Chickasaw – Beavers went to Hollywood Bowl for their Christmas treat. This was subsidised by some of the money from the sponsored fundraising event earlier in the year. They enjoyed a fun Christmas party. This term they have worked towards their Creative Badge – Pirate them and their Safety Badge.

Cubs

Cherokee – They have sorted their programme out up to Easter. Emma doesn't seem to be coming anymore. The new young Leader, Ollie is not coming every week. Duncan will contact Sian to see if she would like to help on a Thursday as

she is unable to continue in Wednesday Beavers due to her work commitments. They have 20+ Cubs at the moment.
Comanche – They have 20 Cubs. They have been doing their Community and Global Challenges, First Aid sage 1 & 2. Tony is now an Air Rifle Instructor.

Scouts

They had 3 groups in the District Hike. They had a joint Christmas Party with the Guides. They made £250 for Children In Need at the November Camp. They made over £2000 from the Co-op bag packing. They have a full programme for the spring. Gilwell Winter Camp was exceptionally cold but very enjoyable. District Camp is this coming weekend. They are going to London for the Gold Award weekend and presenting the awards on the top of St Paul's Cathedral. They are doing another PL and APL camp. They had a visit from the Acting DC at a joint meeting for both evenings – 45 Scouts were there 6 Scouts and 1 Leader were invested and badges were presented.

Explorers

No Leaders present.

General

Tina asked if it would be possible to have a Group photo of all Leaders and young people. She would be willing to go round to each section and take them and then merge them into one photo. She will email Leaders with details.

Tony is buying one Lottery ticket each week on behalf of Comanche Cubs. He will let us know when he gets the jackpot!

Nick asked if we could please send him photos of Section activities with a couple of lines of writing about the event.

There are three Group Badges and Nick wondered if we would like to consider working towards one of them. We will talk about it at the next meeting.

6. Scout Hut Extension

Nick explained Ray's model and ideas that were produced about 10 – 12 years ago. It would be a huge project and would cost a lot of money and effort. Peter Evans has volunteered to look into various funding options.

We then discussed whether we really needed a climbing wall. If this wasn't part of the plan then we could possibly use a prefabricated building. Leaders present unanimously agreed that we did not need a climbing wall. Anton then said that he had the opportunity to get a portacabin approx 22' x 9½'. Everyone thought this was a good solution as we would be able to see whether an extension was necessary or not.

Summary of discussion – we would like an extension as another room would give us more flexibility. Anton will find out about the portacabin.

7. Supporters

The last Bags2Scouts collection made £216.

There is a Jumble Sale on Saturday 7th March. If you are able to help please come along either Friday evening from 6.30pm or Saturday afternoon from 1.45pm or both. Also there will be another Bags2Scouts running at the same time. Bags are in the entrance.

We will be running a crockery smash at the Festival Fete in June (Sat 20th). We hope to do a Treasure Hunt during Festival Week and also one at the Mill Weekend. We will need volunteers to help man the stall at the Mill event. We are looking into running an event with Hair by Philip during Festival Week.

5. GSL Report

Peter needs your census figures by Friday 13th February.

Members Name, Address, Postcode, Date of Birth. Also Leaders details for your Section (not date of birth).

Section Leaders

Anton

All Leaders

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6. **Stotfold Newsletter**

Please send items to Clare by the end of each month for her to put into the Stotfold Newsletter.

All Leaders

7. **AOB**

Tina asked if someone could invest her.

Cubs will be doing the Gun Run at the Festival on Saturday 20th June

St Georges' Day is Sunday 26th April. It was agreed we would do the same as last year. Clare will contact the church.

Clare

Cleaning Rota 2009

January	Tuesday Scouts
February	Monday Cubs
March	Thursday Cubs
April	Tuesday Beavers
May	Wednesday Beavers
June	Explorers
July	Monday Scouts
September	Tuesday Scouts
October	Monday Cubs
November	Thursday Cubs
December	Tuesday Beavers

Please note that the next meeting is on Wednesday 8th April at 8pm at the Scout Hut