

# 14-25 FINANCE AND SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

## 8 May 2019<sup>1</sup>



### Notes from the Meeting held on 6 March 2019

- The District Chair apologised that he had not circulated the notes from the previous meeting except to those members of the District Executive Committee.
- The District Chair passed-on the District Executive Committee's thanks to Tracy Seton for the comprehensive information she had produced (which had been incorporated into the above notes).

### District Explorer Scout Administrator's Report

- **District Explorer Scout Fund:**
  - Currently there is in excess of £5,000 in the fund, mainly due to:
    - Fees for County Camp (probably in excess of 50 participants from the District).
    - Fees for Gilwell24 (ten participants to date but probably more).
  - Confirmed that if an Explorer Scout required a further Necker then the cost would be £10 each.
- **ESUs' Finances:**
  - At present there are no great concerns.
  - A new bank account has been opened for Erics ESU.
  - Understood that Silverhelme ESU has opened a new bank account (but not with Barclays Bank).
  - Agreed to write-off the legacy Membership Fees due from Saints ESU (which had been paid from the District Explorer Scout Fund to the District). It was felt that this was a debt which should not be a burden on the current members of the Unit. Such a decision is not without precedent.
- **Explorer Scout Numbers:**
  - For many Units numbers are increasing.
  - The ESU based in Caton has started with ten members.

### DESCOM

- Identified Leaders needed for Odyssey ESU.
- Perhaps need a recruitment drive for all ESUs (ESU based in Caton was mentioned).
- **Environment Camp:**
  - Planning for a camp (to emulate that run at Waddecar).
  - Suggested first offer is to assist at Littledale (to test the methodology).

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1. *Present:* Tony Andrews (acting Chair); Dave Squirrell (DESCOM); Tracy Seton (District Explorer Scout Administrator); and Jamie Carbert (District Network Commissioner).  
*Apologies:* None.

- As the work is to support the Activity Centre, suggested that DESCOM - through the District Chair - requests the Activity Centres Management Board for some support-in-kind during such a weekend.
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Award:**
  - Delivery Team working well.
  - Currently 31 young people engaged (Bronze and Silver Awards).
  - Agreed to purchase one suitable polo shirt for the four members of the Delivery Team (charge to the District Explorer Scout Fund).
  - Learnt much from this year's engagement; identified need to plan ahead (and publish dates well in advance).

#### **District Network Commissioner**

- Believed that only three from Lonsdale attended the recent National Network Gathering at Great Tower.
- Triton Competition, in June 2019, organised by the District for Network in the County (plus Lonsdale Explorer Scouts).
- Jamie concentrating on Top Awards; perhaps seeking a volunteer to assist with programme co-ordination.

#### **Trustee Governance Document**

- Reviewed relevant section of the current document (for submission to the District Executive Committee).
- Identified particularly:
  - District Explorer Scout Administrator is planning to make a Gift Aid claim in the near future.
  - There are some concerns about keeping track of the District's Explorer Scout equipment - some items need to be retrieved from elsewhere. Additionally, a system for better control is needed. This (plus an update of the inventory) to be a subject for discussion at the next meeting of the 14-25 Finance and Support Group.

#### **Any Other Business**

- There were no other items for discussion.

#### **Next Meeting**

- This had already been programmed for 10 July 2019.