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### Explorer Leaders Meeting

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Lonsdale District Scout HQ, Moor St, Lancaster

7.30pm- 8.30pm

**Present:** Craig Dewar (DESC), David Clingain (DESA), Pierre Willingham (DESL), Mel Turner (AESL - The Erics), Jane Lyde (AESL - Silverdale), Tom Armitstead (AESL - The Bulls eyes), Anthea Manderson (AESL - The Erics), Andrew Manderson (AESL - The Erics), Karren Ingleby (AESL - The Saints), John Hornby (AESL – Castleton)

**Apologies:** Lynn McCann (ESL - The Saints), Paul Geddes (ESL – Lune Valley), Hannah Detko (AESL – YL), Cathie Metcalfe (ESL – YL) Pat Nelson (DESL)

### Leadership News

We have two new Leaders at Castleton Explorers. They are Rosie and John. Welcome.

Rob Taylor has stepped down as AESL at Lune Valley due to commitments at work. Thank to Rob for his service to the section.

Diane Riley is doing Unit admin for the Young Leader Unit.

### Action Points for last Meeting.

Craig is currently supporting Castleton.

David is currently supporting The Erics and The Saints.

David now has Kneekers and is distributing them as needed.

Jane has completed her First Aid course.

Pierre has spoke to Martin about his Walking Permit.

All Actions had been completed, no actions brought forward.

### Accounts

Unit accounts need to be in for May. Make sure they are up-to-date. We are using our own form rather than the one that was sent out by post. This is because the spreadsheet has been approved by the finance and support group and is more appropriate for Explorer Scout Unit.

Craig urged units to ensure they paid their capitation on time, to avoid a fine. If units were struggling the should contact Craig or David immediately. The Erics ESU has not received a bill.

AP – Craig to find out where the bill is for Erics Capitation.

### Unit Reports

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| The Erics -      | Good number of Explorers attending on a regular basis. Dan Horton is now back. Working through the programme. Entering a team in the MAC. Hopefully going to have a good turn out to District Camp.   |
| Castleton -      | They went Extreme Dining last Sunday which was fantastic. They went up Ingleton falls. Invested some Explorers behind the falls. Thank you to Kevin Greene for organising the event.  |
| Lune Valley -    | No Report Given. Noted that Rob is no longer at the unit and some support may be needed.  |
| The Saints -     | Attendance has been hit and miss for a few weeks. After a small incident the Explorers seem to have taken advice and acted upon it and behaviour has improved.  |
| The Bulls eyes - | There are regular numbers attending. Still working through programme and started on badge work. They are entering a team in the MAC. Not all members are currently wearing uniform. Tom to apply some pressure, District ES Team support if needed. |

- Silverdale - They went to Manchester on a treasure hunt then did a bit of shopping afterwards. Went really well. The Explorers have produced their own Newsletter. Not really interested in MAC or District Camp at the minute- could be due to exams.
- Young Leaders - They are running a training this weekend at Little Dale. It seems to be the same young leaders attending training, so work is being undertaken to take training to the young leaders in these sections.

### **Leader Training**

If you book on training please make sure you attend as we have to pay for the courses upfront. Craig has a hit list of those who need training! Be warned!

Validation Evening at DHQ next Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 at 7.30pm.

### **Up and Coming District Events**

- Explorers at Work- This is coming up soon. Could all Leaders please try push this at their Unit meetings. This is a great chance for the Explorers to put something back into the campsite.
- District Camp - Going to be held on the weekend 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April at Great Tower Campsite. Leaders don't need to pay. Thanks to Karen for organising the camp.
- Festival of Scouting - This is going to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at Williamsons Park. The Explorers have had loads of input into the event. This will be a brilliant day and will hopefully attract some publicity. A reminder to leaders that each unit is running a base. Please confirm the base with Craig ASAP. Silverhelme want to do some fundraising for shelter box.

AP – Craig to check if we can charge for activities to help Shelter Box.

AP- Unit Leaders to confirm festival of scouting bases with Craig

### **Up and Coming County Events**

- County Camp - The Information and booking forms are now on the County Web-site. The theme this year is Circus. This is always a good event. Please encourage as many Explorers to attend.

AP – Craig to send out County Camp Spreadsheet

- The MAC - This is going to be held on the first weekend of April. Forms will be on-line soon. Any questions contact Pierre.

AP – Leaders to confirm numbers of Explorers for MAC to Pierre by Saturday 19th

- Development W/E - This is going to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Help to show how to recruit both Leaders and Young People. If you would like to attend, contact Craig.

### **Up and Coming International Trips**

There are several international trips coming up, Peru 2012, Canada 2012 Explorer Belt 2012. All the information for these trips is on the County Web-site. We now expect to have at least 4 people from Lonsdale on the Peru trip.

The Nepal trip deadline has been extended to the 14<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Gilwell 24**

This sounds like one of the most exciting events on offer for under £50 this year. This weekend is at Gilwell Campsite from the 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July 2011. There are going to be loads of events run for 24 hours straight. The cost is £45 plus transport. We need 10 Explorers to want to go to make the trip possible.

### **Awards**

Pat and Craig interviewed explorers for their Diamond award and pleased to announce Harry Stephenson and Steven Lyde have obtained theirs.

### **AOB**

There was an update on the Canoe Trailer, some canoes are still useful and the trailer is in good condition. Tom Armitstead informed us that the canoe club he attends has some boats for sale. Pete will look at the boats, the trailer and present a report to the Explorer Finance and Support Group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May

AP – Find out if we need the boats and can we afford them.

**Next Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 (We will have a briefing/update on District Explorer Scout Camp)**