

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS' MEETING



Notes of Scout Leaders' Meeting held on 10 October 2011 at the Dalton Rooms, Lancaster.

Present:

Caton: Sylvia Myall, Aileen Newby, **Forton:** Geoff Trimnell, **13 Lcr:** Des Bradder, Kirsty Dunnett, **16 Lcr:** Andrew Holland, Scott Pritchard, **33 Lcr:** Martyn Browitt, A. Keeping, **53 Lcr:** Andrew Buckley, Don Hartley, **16 More:** Alan Hague, Chris Stephenson, **Overton:** Bridget Worsnop.

District: Mark Walker (ADC), John Buckley (DSL).

Apologies: None recorded.

1. Review Minutes of 5 September 2011 Meeting

There was nothing additional to report that was not on the agenda for this meeting.

2. Chief Scout's Gold Award

Mark indicated that the next certificate presentation was being held at Preston North End FC in November. CSA badges were now only available from Mark, usually following his interview of the candidate.

Mark was endeavouring to get a list from County of the proposed dates and venues for future presentations; these were now proposed to be fewer in number, but larger in numbers being presented.

3. Competitions Update:

a. Hiking Competition 2011, 1 - 2 October

John reported that regrettably only four Troops had entered teams.

Results were: Senior hike 1st. 16th Morecambe, 2nd. 3rd Morecambe, 3rd. 53rd Lancaster.
Junior hike: 1st. 16th Morecambe, 2nd. Caton, 3rd. 3rd Morecambe

The juniors' navigation was in some cases patchy; suggesting training might be needed in what to do when a group realizes they have made an error. It was felt that some teams in the seniors hike could have taken more advantage of footpaths rather than using roads. This would have been safer and more interesting. One team had attempted to change their route during the walk. This should not be done as John needed to know where to look for teams in the event of their being over time at a checkpoint, based on their Route Plan.

Mark indicated that training in navigation could be mounted for leaders, if this was required.

b. Night Activity 19 November 2011

Entry forms had been circulated. Copies were also available on the website.

c. District Quiz

John circulated entry forms at the meeting. Copies would also be available on the website together with details of the first round draw.

All the first round matches must be completed by 31st January 2012

d. Swimming Gala, 8 October

Mark felt that this had run more smoothly this year. There were some issues concerning age ranges and results. These would be aired at the next meeting.

4. Patrol Leaders' Forum

To fit in with the County Forum, which was taking place after the Crew Challenge event at Waddecar on 12 November, it had been agreed to hold a District Forum on Saturday 22 October. The meeting would be from 10 – 12 noon at 16th Lancaster's HQ on Dorrington Road.

Two representatives were invited from each Troop; these should be PL's or APL's, preferably in the younger age range to maximize the value of the event.

Mark indicated that it was intended to hold the successful Patrol Leaders' Training Camp again in 2012, this time at SilverHelme. A request had been made for the date, once agreed, to be made available as soon as possible to minimise clashes with Troops' own events.

5. Leader Training & Support (Leaders meetings)

Please let Mark know of anything that you require.

6. County Events:

a. Go Alpine

The leaders had been chosen for this event which was to take place at Kandersteg, Switzerland in 2013 based around snow sports. Details are on the County website.

b. Crew Challenge

This popular event would take place on Beacon Fell on 12 November.

c. Go 4 Gold Camps

The first of these, based on the Global Challenge, was taking place the following weekend.

7. County Rally 2012

Mark stated that application forms would be circulated in Lonsdale January/February time. The likely cost for attending would be £30. Mark encouraged all Troops to consider attending the rally, which was an excellent event with good activities.

8. Any Other Business

a. Denmark Camp

Mark gave a report on this District organized camp. It had been greatly enjoyed and packed with exciting activities. The group had also visited the World Jamboree in Sweden and Copenhagen

b. District Scout Leaders Wanted

Mark was looking to recruit 2 or 3 new DSLs. If you are interested or know anyone who might be please contact him.

c. Project Peru

Mark had badges available at a cost of £1.00.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 7 November at 7.30 pm at DHQ..