

MINUTES OF A CUB LEADER MEETING

HELD ON 11th APRIL 2011 AT DHQ

PRESENT: Jonathan Liver 16th Lancaster Rowallan Craig Graham and Judith Hunter 16th Lancaster McClean, Christine Dickinson and Lindsey Trimnel Forton, Mike Woods, 53rd Lancaster, Julie & Emma Pearce Slyne with Hest, Nikki & John Orton 3rd Morecambe, Helen Plumb Caton Church and Pat Armstrong ADC.

APOLOGIES: Lee Lace 23rd Lancaster, Mark Bleasdale 13th Lancaster and Mariet Allen 5th Lancaster

SWIMMING GUIDELINES see information attached to these minutes. Please be aware of these especially as the warmer weather is now with us and we are out and about more.

SAFEGUARDING EVENING takes place on 19th April, although I believe this one is full, the next one is on 19th May, contact Carolyn Blythe for a place on blythcarolyn@gmail.com

CUB CHALLENGE DAY takes place on 15th May at Littledale. Groups attending so far are: Caton, Forton, 16th Lancaster MaClean and Rowallan, 53rd Lancaster and Slyne with Hest. If you wish your pack to attend please contact me as soon as possible.

CAMP DATES I need dates when your Pack will be on camp. Please email me soon.

PROGRAMMES can I have new ones for next term. I again tried to visit packs but everybody was out. It helps me enormously if I know where you are.

Gift Aid – We are losing money if we don't convert our subscriptions from members into gift aid repayments. Again you might have a parent in the group who could do this 1 thing for you if the Treasurer does not want to do it, but have you asked them and is it group policy to do this – has it been discussed at your exec meetings. Again a template for gift aid is on www.scouts.org.uk and a word doc explaining what to do. Peter Ellwood the district Finance Committee chairman is prepared to help any group with advice on setting up such schemes. His name is shown in the District Directory

SILVER AWARD CEREMONIES a discussion took place regarding this and it was agreed at the meeting that Leaders will forward numbers of Cubs acquiring their awards in the next few months to me so I know how many we are working with, and we will put on a special night for them, invite Parents, siblings etc. Let me know your feelings on this please.

Welcome packs – does your group have one? Is it fresh and up to date? Does it include info re leaders, times of the sections sessions, reasons for the groups operating, behavior policy, CRB form and gift aid? There are templates for these on www.scout.org.uk so you can prepare your own. It could be a parent in the group who is good at IT who does this – it does not have to be every job that falls on the busy GSL!

PRESTON NORTH END groups visits may be of interest to you. Please see separate sheets attached to these minutes.

HEDGEHOG WATCH/WILDLIFE WATCH there are lots of activities for your Cubs at Heysham Hedgehogs, see separate sheet attached to these minutes.

NEW DISTRICT DIRECTORY this is out now in a new format for you to download at www.lonsdalescouts.org.uk

It will be updated twice yearly. Thanks to Jonathan Liver for his splendid work.

FESTIVAL OF SCOUTING this take place on 8th May and we need your support. **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP??**

3rd Morecambe, bottle rockets? Velama Keating, Knotting? Helen Plumb, Balisters? 16th Lancaster, flying things, Popcorn in a Pressure Cooker, Plant Pot Stilts, Campfire Songs?

I would like every group attending to run a simple base for **ONE HOUR**. Please let me know what your base will be.

District AGM – is to be held in Lancaster Town Hall on 6th July and a presentation of the Nepal trip will be shown. We have a new President – Susan Reynolds of Leighton Hall, she has been invited to Festival of Scouting as well as the AGM. We are hoping to say our Thank you to Peter Hewitt our retiring President at AGM.

NEWSLETTER No 4 for anyone not up to date this can be found on the Lonsdale Website. Please keep sending all your news and photos to Sarah Cruickshank our Media Manager. She is doing a fantastic job and will be only too happy to help if needed. Try her and see!!

VALIDATIONS does your training need validating; get in touch now if this is so.

GANG SHOW this will take place in November and several Packs have already shown an interest in taking part. If you have never been in a gang show, you are missing out, it is wonderful to see all the Cubs singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, dressing up, Get in touch and register your group **NOW**.

CUB GLOBAL CONSERVATION DAY –on 11th June 2011 at Waddecar. Are any Packs attending?

CROSS BAY WALK - this has been re-scheduled for Sunday 12th June 2011. .

WORLD WIDE WADDECAR – 2nd July a Fun Day for Cubs and Beavers.

OUTWARD BOUND DAY – more info shortly.

DIARY DATES:	FESTIVAL OF SCOUTING	8 th May at Williamsons Park
	CUB LEADER MEETING	10 th May (Tues) at DHQ 7.30pm
	CUB CHALLENGE	15 th May 2011 at Littledale Scout Camp
	SAFEGUARDING	19 th May at DHQ
	COUNTY CUB CHALLENGE	22 nd May 2011 at Waddecar
	CROSS BAY WALK	12 th June 2011
	CUB LEADER MEETING	13 th June DHQ 7.30pm
	WORLD WIDE WADDECAR	2 nd July 2011 at Waddecar
	CUB LEADER MEETING	11 th July at DHQ 7.30pm
	OUTWARD BOUND DAY	24 th September at Great Towers
	GANG SHOW	November 2011

