

# LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS' MEETING



Notes of Scout Leaders' Meeting held on 4 April 2011 at DHQ, Moor Street, Lancaster.

**Present:**

**Caton:** Sylvia Myall, **Halton:** John Elliott, Kizzy Felstead, **5 Lcr:** Jonathan Holland, **16 Lcr:** Scott Prichard, **53 Lcr:** Andrew Buckley, **16 More:** Alan Hague, **Overton:** Bridget Worsnop, **Slyne:** Kim Worthington.

**District:** John Buckley (DSL)

**Apologies:** Mark Walker, Don Hartley, Geoff Trimnell, Mark Worsnop.

**1. Review Minutes of 7 March 2011 Meeting**

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

**2. Chief Scout's Gold Award**

Copies of the new West Lancashire Scout Council's 'The Essential Map to gaining the Chief Scouts Gold Award' had been placed in the pigeon holes.

West Lancashire County Scout Section had produced the document in the form of a 'map', as part of their commitment to the development of Scouting within the County.

The aim of the map was to help Scouts track their individual progress from investiture to their, hopefully, ultimate goal of achieving their Chief Scout's Gold Award. It had also been designed with the Leaders in mind to help support you and your Leadership Team and your Troop Programme.

The Map explains about keeping records, maintaining a portfolio and the process that will happen once the Scout has completed the Chief Scout's Gold Award.

**3. Competitions Review:**

**a. Camping Competition, 17-19 June 2011**

Entry forms were circulated and would be available on the website. John outlined the proposed format for the weekend with the Saturday's programme being run by the District and focusing on pioneering. It was hoped that the change of season might encourage more Troops to take part.

**b. Quiz 2011**

The final had taken place at Yealand on Friday 18 March between 1<sup>st</sup> Warton and 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe. Congratulations were extended to 16<sup>th</sup> Morecambe who came out as winners. Thanks to the SASU members for running this.

**c. Swimming Gala, 8 October 2011**

This year's gala was to be held at Lancaster University on the above date. All sections events would take place on the same day.

**4. Patrol Leaders' Forum**

The District Forum scheduled for Saturday 5 March had had to be postponed owing to Mark's work commitments. It was proposed that this now take place during the County Rally. The PL's training camp planned for 16 – 17 July at Littledale was in the planning stage; entry forms & details would be circulated in due course.

## **5. Leader Training & Support (Leaders meetings)**

John ran a practical session on the basics of map & compass or 'navigation for beginners', focusing on ways of putting the subject across to Scouts. Thanks to him for organizing this.

## **6. County Rally, 14/15 May 2011**

Application forms etc. had been circulated. The County's fee would be £14.50, which, including this, would be £25.00 in total for Lonsdale. The party would walk into Waddecar from Delph Lane end as last year. (fee for leaders would be £14.50). Central cooking was now obligatory and would be undertaken by the District Team as previously. There was to be a show again in the marquee with other exciting activities. There would be a County PL's Forum on the Sunday.

If Leaders cannot attend you can send Scouts along as part of the party.

Kim indicated that up to that moment she had not received any confirmation of numbers attending, but a number of Troop's representatives present at the meeting indicated their attendance.

John recommended that Troops go up to Waddecar on the Thursday evening to erect their tentage. Troops needed to provide their own seats and tables for the dining area in the marquee. Some gas burners/cylinders might be required depending on numbers attending the camp.

There would be a full discussion on the Rally at the May meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

### **Issue of Badges at Meetings**

Jonathan suggested that it would be helpful if badges were available for sale at meetings. It was pointed out that this had been suggested and tried previously but demand had not warranted the Badge Secretary turning out on these nights.

The Badge Secretary was amenable to taking badge orders over the phone, which might be picked up at a mutually convenient time and place.

### **County Orienteering Competition, 8 May 2011**

Details of this annual event had recently been received and were available on the website.

### **Cross Bay Walk, 12 June 2011**

Details of this fundraising event in aid of the Jamboree Fund were also now on the website..

### **Join in Jamboree Nights**

Scott indicated that he was available to visit Troops to give a PowerPoint and video presentation about the World Jamboree. Badges were available to purchase at a cost of £1.00 each. You can contact him at [scottprichard@hotmail.com](mailto:scottprichard@hotmail.com)

## **8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was arranged for 9 May at 7.30 pm at the Greaves Hotel. County Rally will be the main subject on the agenda.