

## WIMBLEDON AND WANDLE DISTRICT SCOUT GROUP

### Minutes of the meeting of the District Beaver Leaders held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the Morden Hall H.Q.

**Present:** John Tweedley, A.D.C.; Florence Miles, 1<sup>st</sup> Morden; Joan Condon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Morden; Clare Tweedley/Jason Rivers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham; Viera Hamid, 5<sup>th</sup> Morden; Peter & Sharon Wraight, 6/12<sup>th</sup> Mitcham; Shakeel Khan, 13<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon; Elizabeth Maloney, 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon and Linda Vaudrey

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Andy Dimon, 1<sup>st</sup> Wimbledon; Anna Harris, 1<sup>st</sup> Merton Park; Nicky Hayward, 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden; Luke Griffin, 8<sup>th</sup> Morden; Jane Ginty, 16<sup>th</sup> Morden; Jenny Tew, 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon; Liz Strutt, 19<sup>th</sup> Wimbledon; Dominic Moore, 22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon and Paul Drinkwater, 23<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017, were accepted, and signed as a true record.

#### 3. Matters arising –None

#### 4. Sports Day

Although attendance was poor, the weather held out and all those who attended seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

#### 5. Gilwell Fun Day

This was enjoyed by all who attended. Some leaders expressed disappointment that the aerial run way was not available but, on the whole, it was a good day out. The zone layouts were good. Especially popular were the experiments, planetarium, reptile and circus skills zones. It was noted that the processing of names system had improved.

#### 6. International Badge Day and other dates

Sports Day 2018. John had been sent a list of dates to consider for Sports Day next year. These were 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> May; 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The venue would probably be the Wimbledon Sports Arena, although this was to be confirmed. Leaders were asked to decide whether they wanted to go or to do something else. Please e-mail your preferred date. This item would be discussed at the next meeting. **ACTION ALL LEADERS**

Fun Day – 1<sup>st</sup> October We are awaiting numbers. The afternoon would cover fun and scouting items. There will be a cooking base, knots base, inflatable slide and football game; possibly a running game; pioneering, swingboat and a string trail. Some of the bases can be ticked off for badge work. There will be a break for refreshments at half time. Beavers will be split into groups, joining with other colonies.

January 2018 meeting Leaders were asked if they would like the annual meal on this date. If so, suggestions for a venue would be appreciated. This would also be discussed at the next meeting.

**ACTION ALL LEADERS**

International Badge Day It is hoped to hold this at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Morden H.Q. on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The day will be run on similar lines to last year, with 8 bases. **ACTION PETER AND JOHN**

Bike and Scooter Ride This has been booked for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Further details later.

District Beaver Outing It was proposed, if leaders agreed, to hold an outing next year. John had looked at a couple of venues, Duxford and Portsmouth had proved too expensive, but the possibility of a trip to RAF Hendon was mooted. Please let John know at the next meeting if you have any other suggestions, and definitely before January, as we need to book. **ACTION ALL LEADERS**

7. Chairman's Remarks

The ADC reminded everyone that he needed to have a copy of their programmes. A copy should also be forwarded to their GSLs. It was important to have these as if, for example, there was an incident, John needed to know where colonies were and what they were doing. They also show that a colony is working properly.

8. County Report

Nothing to report except to say that there is no ACC Beavers at the moment. The County Conference was also mentioned. This was open to mainly GSLs and ADCs. Some youngsters had also been invited.

9. Colony Reports – attached.

10. Date and time of next meeting - Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00 p.m.

11. Any other business

Leaders were advised that there would be a Skills Day on 7<sup>th</sup> October; details in Links, to be held at the 4<sup>th</sup> Worcester Park H.Q. This would cover Module 18; if leaders wanted to book a meal they should do so via 'Everbright'.

One colony had behavioural problems amongst the Beavers. Various strategies were suggested including, time-out, one-to-one, and getting parents involved, especially on trips. Leaders were reminded to ensure that parents sign a consent form for photograph/video taking.

It was confirmed that if a colony only had one or two Beavers who wanted to attend the Fun Day this would be in order as they would join with other Beavers.

There was a discussion on the placing of the lodge leader's stripe. They go on the same arm as the district badge. Not all colonies issued these.

Wandle Voluntary Weekend – this was held here over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> September. A number of scouting activities were on display. It was hoped to encourage more adults and children to join the movement. We are a bit out of the way here but a few leaders did their best to interest passers-by! It was hoped to do the same next year, with perhaps more advertising beforehand.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Signed.....

Dated.....

## **COLONY REPORTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Merton Park** We are still filled to capacity with a very long waiting list (42). As the whole 1<sup>st</sup> Merton Park group is also very full, we are not anticipating much movement until January at the earliest. As such I am advising new enquirers to consider other groups – **do any other groups have places still available or a shorter waiting list?** We are currently working on a variety of badges – safety, space and adventure (with the aim that they will take us up until Xmas). We have also just started using OSM which so far is looking great. I planned my session from it this last Monday. The group went to Walton Firs at the end of last term for their overnight stay – all had a brilliant time. For some it was their second time and others their first. This was the end of lots of activities that resulted in the Beavers achieving their My Outdoors badge (including nights away). Many of the Beavers have also completed their 1<sup>st</sup> year joining in badge as well.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Morden** Numbers at present 16; 1 warranted leader and 1 young leader and group helper (1 leader on maternity leave).  
Programmes will be based on finishing items in the Challenge Badge to award Beavers their badges. Lighting a candle – science – healthy teeth – emergency aid – Halloween, making spider cakes etc. 3 Beavers will be going into the Cub Scouts in the middle of October. Have a new Group Helper who we hope will lead to a future leader. Numbers for Fun Day will not be with Linda until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mitcham** 3 leaders, 22 Beavers.  
At the moment we have 15 invested Beavers and 7 new ones who started this term. We are working on the Skills Badge, including learning how to fold and iron our scarves!  
In October we are going for a night walk in Morden Hall Park where we hope to spot some bats if we are lucky. 17 Beavers have said that they are coming to the District Beaver Fun Day.

**16<sup>th</sup> Morden** Not much to say re report as only back tonight (15<sup>th</sup>). Have 15 beaver scouts on book with a possible 3 to join. Have full programme organised for the coming term. Delighted to report that I presented the Chief Scouts Bronze Award to William Elgar (Andy's son) at the end of last term.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Wimbledon** 32 members, 5 leaders, 1 helper.  
We welcomed 6 new Beavers into the colony. This term we will be completing the Experiment and Community Impact badges. We will be doing our annual Halloween and Fireworks nights and 21 will be attending our PGL weekend, celebrating our Group's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

