

Northampton District Cub Scouts Leaders Meeting

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 11th October 2017
Held at Will Smith Overstone

Meeting started at 19:50

Those Present: Esther Phillips (ADC, 38th) Charlie Mackenzie (27th) Tim May (46th) Mel Minor (46th) Graham Tew (30th) Pennie Crow (38th) Adam Chater (38th) Victoria Mayle (34th) John Hunter (34th) James Mahony (13th) Alan Facer (36th) Mike Rushton (1st Wootton) Tracey Alex (23rd) Karen Simpson (43rd) Alistair Brooker (22nd) Alan March (4th) Marie Mawby (5th)

Apologies: Chris R Smith (47th), Sue R Smith (49th), Tracey Spires (49th) Lisa Woliter (27th) Mark Pindar (50th) Jade Hurst (50th) Oliver Bazley (16th) Adam Kerr (16th) Rachel Baker (23rd) Mark Cookman (2nd) Jonny Brinkman (1st Wootton) Steph Hinds (55th) Natalie Rice (11th)

District Cub Camp – 16th -18th June 2017 Aftermath.

Esther asked for feedback following the recent District Cub Camp Held at Overstone. 6 Discussion points were placed on the walls of the Will Smith and each leader had the opportunity to place their thoughts under each item – Esther went through all of these in detail at the meeting and the findings are forwarded with these minutes. In general the camp was a great success and we have good positives and negatives to take forward to the organisation of the next camp.

Archery & Shooting Competition – 7th October 2017.

The results from this competition have already been published – all packs who attended had a great time. Esther thanked all of the leaders and instructors who helped run this event. Esther was a little disappointed in the number of packs who did attend (7) and would like to see more packs in attendance at this type of event.

District Update

New District Appointment of Chris Gyles – ADC Scouts subject to approval.
District Diary – being worked on – to be used as a rolling diary.
Awards and Celebration Evening to be held on the 1st December at Lings Forum
St Georges Day 22nd April 2018 2pm TBC
AGM – Date 15th July 2018 – Overstone to be combined with a Skills Weekend
District Structure under changes – Active Support Units to support the District Assets

Esther has advised that when she receives any updates these will be forwarded to all leaders.

NAN Forms

These need to be completed for ALL nights away for all sections. Please ensure that these are sent to Craig and copy Esther in. Keep in Touch – please carefully consider who you are using and ensure that they have sight of a full itinerary for the time you are away. If large groups are away then you may need to consider more than one keep in touch contact. Further details regarding this will be sent via District/HO in due course.

County Cub Camp 2018 – Superhero Theme! 29th June – 1st July 2018

Esther outlined that the information for this camp has now been launched via the County Team – Esther has forwarded to all leaders the details and links. Badge Competition – it would be nice if Northampton District could win this so Esther has encouraged all leaders to circulate this competition within their packs. Overstone Park – usual venue – Camp Deposit £25 per pack by 1st February 2018. Price £30 per Cub Scout, Leaders/Young Leaders £5 each. Lots of new activities, Northampton District has been asked to support with the security again. The camp will be mixed this year – as we have to lose a sub camp due to access. Campers will be divided into 5 sub camps which will be mixed from all other Districts.

Cub Jam 2019

This event has been oversubscribed, please register your interest and get deposits in asap. Graham confirmed that he has not had a reply regarding his deposit – Esther to investigate.

Gang Show 9th – 12th May 2018

The Gang have a new home – they will be returning to the Derngate for the next 3 years – Esther will advise when she is made aware of the Cub Scout Auditions.

District Competitions

Esther asked for the leader's thoughts on the competitions we should run for 2018. It was agreed to continue to run the Archery & Shooting completion but also re-invent the Quiz/Challenge as we have a trophy for this event. So with this in mind we will be holding a Cub Scouts Challenge Day on the 17th November 2018 at Overstone.

Euro Disney 25th – 27th January 2019

Euro Disney 2019 was launched at this meeting and information sheets were handed out to all leaders. Various points from the information sheet were discussed and all packs within the District are invited. Pennie, Esther and Adam meet with Craig over the summer and this event has been approved by the Exec. Further details have already been circulated. Cost approx. £360 (to include food) £310 payable to District and the remaining £50 to be kept back by groups to cover food costs.

Diary Dates 2018

District Cub Scouts Leaders Meeting Dates 7th March, 13th June, 17th October 2018 Venue TBC

Archery & Shooting Competition 13th October 2018

Cub Scouts Challenge Day/Competition 17th November 2018

AOB

Overstone – various issues are now arising regarding various activities including the campfire circle being run down, Roy's Challenge potentially being unsafe and not usable – which is very disappointing. Various signage has been placed asking for pieces of the challenge not be used but issues are being raised but nothing seems to be happening. Alan March confirmed that various areas within Overstone are being looked at but everything costs and this could be the problem. Esther will raise these issues to Craig.

Scout Shop – this is run by volunteers and the shop needs support – Karen Simpson asked if all groups could support to ensure we kept the shop open.

Esther asked for all packs to do a quick highlight – these included Chief Scout Silver awards, planning meetings, Pack Holidays, Camps, Remembrance Parades, Night in the Museum, Carols for Cynthia Spencer House, ice skating, hikes just to name a few so a lots of exciting activities planned.

Meeting Closed – 21:45