

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS' MEETING



Notes of Scout Leaders' Meeting held on 2 April 2012 at DHQ, Moor Street, Lancaster.

Present:

Forton: Geoff Trimnell, **Halton:** John Elliott, **16 Lcr:** Andrew Holland, **53 Lcr:** Tom Law, **16 More:** Alan Hague.

District: Mark Walker.

Apologies: John Buckley, Sylvia Myall, Bridget & Mark Worsnop.

1. Review Minutes of 5 March 2012 Meeting

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

2. Chief Scout's Gold Award

The next County certificate presentation evening was to be held at Fylde District HQ on 5 May, when Wayne Bulpitt, UK Chief Commissioner, would be the presenter.

A subsequent presentation would take place in July at Penwortham Girls High School. Any nominations should be sent to Mark, electronically please, to give him time to interview the Scouts in accordance with County policy.

Mark was endeavoring to obtain a list of dates for future presentations together with deadline dates for submission of nominees.

Mark also reported that the County's "Road Map" leaflet, which had been circulated to all troops, was being received favourably outside the County.

3. Competitions Update:

a. District Quiz

The final tie contested between Caton and 16th Morecambe had resulted in a narrow win for Caton. Congratulations were expressed to them.

b. Challenge Camp (formerly Camping Competition)

A date of 29 June – 1 July had been agreed. The event would take place at SilverHelme campsite. Entry forms were now available on the website.

c. Suggestions for other events

Mark reported that a number of events were being run successfully, and being well attended, in other Districts in the County. It was suggested that a list of these might be collated from ADC's minutes etc. so that the meeting might consider possibilities of running some in Lonsdale.

Andrew suggested reviving a "Bull's Eye Trophy" style event where one Troop might challenge another on any subject or sport, the winner holding the trophy until challenged by another Troop. Also, a navigation style event, incorporating the Navigator's activity badge, where teams would visit other Troops' meeting places to undertake an activity.

d. Shooting & Archery Competition

Mark advised that this proposal was being pursued.

4. Patrol Leaders' Forums

a. District

The previous proposal to hold a forum on Saturday 21 April at 16th Lancaster's HQ was revisited. As this date fell within the Easter school holiday period it was decided to look for another date. More on this later.

b. District PL's Training Camp

This was scheduled for the weekend of 15/16 September at SilverHelme. Please encourage your PL's to attend; Last year's event was very successful and enjoyable. It is intended for PL's or APL's starting out on their leadership roles.

c. County PL's Day, 18 February

74 PL's had attended this event at Waddecarr. A similar day was being proposed on a regional basis where it was reported that there would be 50 places available; this would equate to around one PL per District. The proposal was to hold this on a bi-annual basis and the County one could perhaps alternate with this.

5. County Rally, 11/13 May 2012

The closing date for Lonsdale applications was that night. Mark reported that, with numbers submitted at the meeting, there were presently 43 who would be attending from Lonsdale. This was a significant drop in numbers from previous years.

Lonsdale would be involved in organizing a modern decathlon, sailboat building & racing and backwoods.

Andrew raised an issue regarding leaders having to pay the same camp fee as Scouts, which was felt to be unreasonable. Mark reported on the County's response on this, which he would circulate. There was an option for Lonsdale to partly offset the leaders' cost but this was dependent on a certain minimum number of Scouts attending and this number had not yet been reached. It was also possible that Group's could meet leaders' costs.

Mark requested views on holding another District camp.

6. District Scout Leaders

Mark enquired whether anyone was interested in joining the District Team, or knew of anyone who might. Please contact him if you are interested.

7. County Scout Team Update

a. Bowlander Hiking Competition

153 Scouts in 28 teams had taken part in the recent hiking competition. Congratulations to 16th Morecambe, Lonsdale's only entrants, on a creditable 3rd place.

b. Go 4 Gold

Details of this County initiative to support participation in Challenge badges would be on the County website. The next event would take place in July at Great Tower. Volunteers were being requested to help run activities.

c. Linking

There is an issue with some Cubs not moving on to Scouts. Are Cubs details being passed on to SL's? Try utilizing the Moving-on award if you are not currently doing this. A similar situation applied for Scouts moving on to Explorers. Comment was made that certain Troops had never had contact from an Explorer Unit.

d. Go Alpine 2013

Mark reported that there was one place available on this event.

8. Any Other Business

a. Nights Away Permit Interviews

Alan apologized to those who had submitted applications and were still awaiting interview. It was hoped to arrange a date for these very soon.

b. Activity Permits

Andrew enquired whether there were any leader training/assessment courses available for archery and shooting permits. Geoff indicated that he had found courses through contact with County Office. It was also stated that archery sessions were held at Guys Farm.

Discussion took place on the use of various permits by leaders and their friends and what these actually authorised leaders to do. Reference should be made to the appropriate rules in P.O.R. [Link to POR](#).

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 30 April at 7.30 pm at DHQ..