

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS' MEETING



Notes of Scout Leaders' Meeting held on 9 January 2012 at DHQ, Moor Street, Lancaster.

Present:

Caton: Sylvia Myall, **Centurion w W:** Ted Myers, **Forton:** Geoff Trimnell, **Halton:** John Elliott, **16 Lcr:** Andrew Holland, **33 Lcr:** Martyn Browitt, Paul Croker, **16 More:** Alan Hague.

District: Mark Walker (ADC), John Buckley (DSL).

Apologies: Paul & Clare Burrows, Andrew Buckley, Bridget & Mark Worsnop.

1. Review Minutes of 5 December 2011 Meeting

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

2. Chief Scout's Gold Award

Mark reported that the next County certificate presentation evening was to be held in Ormskirk. He would be carrying out the interviews entailed shortly. Nominations for the following presentation should be sent to Mark.

3. Competitions Update:

a. District Quiz

John gave a progress report. 3 Troops had gone through to the second round on byes. The only other match of which he was aware was to take place shortly. All the first round matches must be completed by 31st January 2012.

Semi-finals might possibly take place in February.

b. Challenge Camp (formerly Camping Competition)

The possibility of Young Leaders taking a leading role in organizing this was still being pursued. Andrew would contact Jonathan Liver (YL Leader) regarding progress.

A possible date of 29 June – 1 July was suggested.

4. Patrol Leaders' Forums

a. District

Dates for District PL's forums would be confirmed. Another PL's Training Camp was also proposed. Venues and details would be advised in due course.

b. County PL's Day, 18 February

The County Scout Team is running a FREE Patrol Leaders' Day on Saturday 18th February 2012 at Waddecar. The day will be in the format of outdoor activities and discussion groups. There are still places available. Please encourage your PL's to attend. A lot of work goes into organizing these events to help your PL's.

Documents detailing the event and how to apply are available on the website. Lonsdale District Team will be helping out on the Explorer base with a construction project and help from leaders would be welcomed.

5. Football Competition, 11 February 2012

Andrew is organizing this. Entry forms were handed out and are in pigeon holes in DHQ. Cost will be £10.00 per team, maximum 2 teams per Troop. Help in organising and refereeing would be appreciated.

6. County Rally, 11/13 May 2012

a. Theme

The theme for the camp is the Olympics; Each District had been allocated a country and Lonsdale's will be Germany.

b. Numbers

147 had attended from Lonsdale this year and it was hoped that more might be encouraged to attend in 2012.

c. Information Pack

This would be available soon. In respect of camp fees, it was proposed that this would be in just one payment this time of £30 per person (includes transport by coach). Entries would need to be returned no later than the end of March so that arrangements for coaches etc. could be put in hand in good time.

A leaders meeting to finalize arrangements was planned for Monday 30 April at the Greaves Hotel.

7. Any Other Business

a. Review numbers at leaders meetings

Attendance at these meetings is still meager, although showing a slight increase this month. It would be beneficial if Troops could send at least one representative to contribute views on proposed events and proposals.

b. Attendance at Events

There was a lengthy discussion on why there was a generally poor representation from Troops at District and County events; the one notable exception being the Knight Activity. Scouts are missing out on many opportunities to take part in exciting, adventurous and fun activities. Are they made aware of events and the opportunities they offer? Some felt that there was a nervousness to participate owing to lack of experience and possible embarrassment in performance achieved. We all have to start somewhere!

Please ask your members through your Troop Forum or Troop Leadership Forum for their views and what District might do to gain improved participation. What are your views? Please let Mark know.

c. ADC (Scouts)

Mark announced his intention, for reasons outlined, to resign as ADC with effect from 31 May 2012. Is anyone aware of any person who might wish to be considered as a replacement? If so, please let the DC know.

d. First Aid Course, Broughton Scout HQ. 14/15 January.

There are 2 places available. Cost £45.00, from 9-5 both days. Please contact Mark.

e. Scout Section Calendar 2012

Events penciled in as follows:-

Challenge Camp	29 June – 1 July
Hiking Competition	29/30 September
Knight Activity	17 November

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 6 February at 7.30 pm at DHQ..