

LONSDALE DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS' MEETING



Notes of Scout Leaders' Meeting held on 5 March 2012 at DHQ, Moor Street, Lancaster.

Present:

Caton: Sylvia Myall, **Forton:** Geoff Trimnell, **5 Lcr:** Jonathan Holland, **16 Lcr:** Andrew Holland, **11 More:** Anthony Routh, Fiona Wetton, **16 More:** Alan Hague.

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

Apologies: Bridget & Mark Worsnop.

1. Review Minutes of 6 February 2012 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 County's expectation was that the award would appropriately be gained between the ages of 13 – 14 years.

The next County certificate presentation evening was to be held in South Ribble on 12 April. Any nominations should be sent to Mark, electronically please, to give him time to interview the Scouts in accordance with County policy.

3. Competitions Update:

a. District Quiz

John reported that the final tie would be contested between Caton and 16th Morecambe. A draw was held for choice of venue and it was subsequently agreed that the match would take place at Caton Church Hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 16 March.

b. Challenge Camp (formerly Camping Competition)

The possibility of Young Leaders taking a leading role in organizing this was continuing to be pursued. A date of 29 June – 1 July was agreed. The event would take place at SilverHelme campsite.

c. Hiking Competition

The date for this would be the weekend of 29/30 September. John indicated that the first day's Saturday hike for the senior teams would be about 9 miles long and the Sunday one about 5 miles.

A query regarding the possibility of entering more than one team per Troop was left in abeyance until the level of overall entries was determined.

d. Knight Activity

This would take place, "at a place not too far away," on Saturday 17 November.

4. Patrol Leaders' Forums

a. District

Mark announced that a forum was to take place on Saturday 21 April from 10 till 12 noon at 16th Lancaster's HQ on Dorrington Road. Each Troop was requested to send at least one representative please.

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

5 PL's from Lonsdale had attended. There had been a good mix of activities, and discussion groups talking about the future of Waddecar campsite, international opportunities and linking arrangements.

5. Football Competition, 11 February 2012

Andrew reported that 6 teams had taken part, which was a disappointing response really. Each team had played all the others and eventual winners had been 16th Morecambe with 1st Overton runners up.

It was felt that having just one age range for teams had worked well.

6. County Rally, 11/13 May 2012

The Lonsdale application form had been circulated and was available on the website.

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

Mark reported that County was keen to identify for the future a dedicated County Rally team and a flyer entitled "2012 County Rally – Can You Help?" had been published.

Andrew queried whether details of County Rally competitions had been circulated. Mark agreed to check this.

7. County Scout Team Update

a. Members Names in the Press

A notification had been received from County confirming that Association policy on photo captions in the press was that full names could appear. It remained the case that full parental permission must have been obtained for any individual to be photographed.

b. Project Peru 2012 – Join in packs

Details of this were on the County website. Badges were available from Mark at a cost of £1 each. There would be certificates issued to any members participating in the join-in programme.

8. Any Other Business

a. St. George's Day Parade

Following consultation with leaders the DC announced that the annual parade and service would take place in Morecambe on Monday 23 April from 6.30 pm. Groups should assemble on the Festival car park and would then process to the Platform for a service. It was proposed that this would include hymns and material relevant to young people. All flags would be presented inside, but without escorts. Groups would be dismissed outside the venue after the service. Morecambe Groups would have the privilege of leading the parade with their representative flags.

Fuller details would be announced nearer the time.

b. Badges

The DC reported that following the Badge Secretary's recent resignation badges were continuing to be available in DHQ. The future method of purchase and delivery was under review. Ordering by email with pickup of items at District meetings or from pigeon holes was one option. There was currently no provision for paying on line. Use of the postal system to deliver badges ordered was not felt to be a viable option owing to the unpredictability of charges.

What do you think?

c. Nights Away Camp

County was organizing this at Waddecar from 8 -10 June. This could assist leaders lacking in experience to provide a night's away experience for their Scouts.

d. Leader Training Issue

Andrew raised an issue that he had become aware of where it seemed that Module 3 - Tools for the job (Section Leaders), had not been delivered as part of the Getting Started package. Is this an issue that needs to be addressed?

e. Activity Bookings at Lonsdale's Campsites

Andrew queried who would be checking that leaders booking activities had the necessary activity permit.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for 2 April at 7.30 pm at DHQ..