



# SHIRE OAK DISTRICT



## Minutes of Beaver & Cub Leaders meeting Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008 The Grey Horse Horsforth 8pm

Present Alastair & Gillian Currie (Adel Beavers), Emma Dixon (10<sup>th</sup> Airedale Tuesday Beavers), Jaedon Green (9<sup>th</sup> Airedale Monday Cubs), Andy Ellner (10<sup>th</sup> Airedale Thursday Cubs) Sue Wilkinson (10<sup>th</sup> Airedale GSL & Wednesday Beavers), Jayne Billington (9th Airedale Thursday Cubs), Julie Tait (9th Airedale Thursday Cubs), Andy Gamble (Cookridge Methodists), Barbara Beck (ACC Sections).

Apologies Anne Foggitt (Cookridge Village Beavers), Jackie Fenner (Adel Cubs), Shasheen Stafford (Adel St Pauls Cubs), Deborah Mercer (Holy Name Beavers), Avryl Francis (10<sup>th</sup> Airedale Tuesday Beavers), Keith Brook (10<sup>th</sup> Airedale Beavers), Karen Heywood (Cookridge Methodist Beavers).

Alastair opened the meeting and welcomed and thanked all present for attending and thanked Barbara Beck ACC Sections for attending to support him in his recent appointment. He explained his appointment as District Coordinator for the Beaver and Cub Sections and that with the Leadership support in the District hoped to continue the success and development of Shire Oak District until a permanent DC and ADC's were appointed.

### Matters Arising

#### The Deep

Jaedon explained that 2 coaches were nearly full with more interest being expressed. If necessary the coaches can be filled from members of adjacent Districts. Thanks to Jaedon for suggesting and organising this activity.

#### Cub Trading Post

Unfortunately there was a poor turn out for this event but those who attended had a wonderful time. Congratulations to Adel Methodists (Winners) and 10<sup>th</sup> Airedale Friday Pack (Runners Up). Thanks to all who organised and ran the event.

#### St Georges Day Parade

Lots of discussion regarding the Parade. It was a good turnout considering the weather forecast although information regarding the wearing of coats needs to be addressed. Not all leaders were aware of procedures about carrying coats and no instructions were issued on exiting the church as to wearing coats. Most Leaders allowed members to put on coats but some were waiting for instructions from the Parade Marshall. All agreed that in future common sense must prevail to ensure the well being of members. Concerns were raised about the length of time standing at the start of the service, particularly as the Parade was slightly longer this year. Perhaps it could be amended for all to sit during The Opening Prayer. It was also mentioned that the younger members had difficulty reading the small print in the Order of Service perhaps it could be enlarged for next year. The Hymns were better this year as most members knew them from school. Thanks to everyone who planned and supervised the Parade.



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## **E News**

Alastair asked Barbara to explain the E News issued by the Programme Team at Gilwell Park, the reasoning behind it and the information it contained. Alastair will ensure its publication on the District Web Page when he receives a copy.

## **Chief Scouts Awards**

Barbara explained the new reporting procedure for CSBA and CSSA in the County. Under the old system some Districts were unaware of Awards being earned, the new system will overcome this omission. All requests should be made to Alastair who will forward them to Barbara. Certificates for those already reported are in the process of being issued.

## **Section Reporting**

It was decided to no longer give section reports at the meeting (Cubs did not do this) we tended to find each colony was covering the same basic programme, it was decided to discuss any ideas each section had for activities visits etc. instead.

It was suggested that Cookridge Village were considering organising a football competition for the Cub Section and Alastair suggested ten pin bowling competition for Beavers both were considered excellent ideas to bring the sections together.

Barbara informed us about their trip to the Planetarium at Harewood House and that it was tremendous value for £4.00 a head. It is ideal for the Cub/Scout sections.

## **Beaver Regional Olympic Challenge.**

Most Colonies did not receive the details of the Olympic Challenge despite the information being sent out to DC, ADC and GSL contacts. Most Colonies are now working on the challenge and Beavers are enjoying the variety of programmes planned by each colony.

Jaedon mentioned an exciting trip they had made to Rodley Nature Reserve which is free to visit although Andy Gamble mentioned that they were always grateful of donations. It is apparently a resource we should be encouraging the use of.

Sue mentioned their Group activity night on the Chevin at Otley. This was an activity they had resurrected from previous years involving the members of the Group and parents and families. Barbara mentioned The Clarion Club on the Chevin a facility she had used for camps, activities and sleepovers. No other Leaders had heard of this so Alastair will try and find out further information regarding the facility.



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This led onto a discussion on family camps and how the contact with parents and families can lead to useful resources within the catchment of parent's skills. It was confirmed that all those over 18 must have CRB clearance through the Scout Association for all events involving parents or family members.

## **County Trading Post**

This will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am at a Hunters Grieve Activity Centre, a hot dog lunch will be provided. Jayne informed us about the family camp they had held there and how they had cleared the entrance which could now accommodate 2 vehicles instead of only 1 when they arrived. Well done.

## **AOB**

Alastair explained how he intended to communicate with Leaders in the District by email and through the District Web Page. Whilst being aware that not all Leaders had access to the internet it was reasonably certain that most groups would have a Leader who could download information for those Leaders who had no direct access to the Net. He also explained that he had issued letters requesting updated contact details from Leaders at yesterday's Parade. Andy G asked if updated details could be emailed to other Leaders in order to aid contact regarding joint activities it was agreed by those present that this would be a good idea. Plans are also in hand for the District Directory to be updated although this will take some time.

We discussed the poor attendance at District events and meetings and decided this could be a communication problem. Changing the night or venue was discussed but these had been tried in the past with no apparent advantage it was decided to keep things as they were at present. Alastair informed the meeting that he had sent out an invitation to Gail's retirement doo to every Beaver Colony but had only received 5 replies. Those who had attended had enjoyed the evening and it was decided to make this an annual event nearer to Christmas.

Sue Thanked Alastair for taking on the role of District Coordinator and hoped that all the Leaders in the District would appreciate his doing so and support him. Alastair pointed out that his priority would still be with Adel Beavers but with the cooperation of all Leaders we should be able to keep Shire Oak vibrant until a permanent DC and ADC's are appointed

## **Date of next meeting**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2008 @ The Grey Horse Horsforth 8.00pm for 8.15 pm start.**  
If unable to attend please send apologies by email or text or send a representative

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