

Cub leaders Meeting
 15th June 2009
 Meeting Commenced 7.05 pm

In Attendance:-

Sion Durham	1 st Pencoed / 3 rd Maesteg
Kay Gambol	1 st Pencoed
Jean Thomas	1 st Porthcawl
Carolyn Joseph-Waite	3 rd Maesteg
Margaret Hopkin	1 st Cornelly
Kieth Hopkin	1 st Cornelly
Maggie Richards	2 nd Bridgend
Jacky Hopes	3 rd Bridgend
Christine Faulkner	3 rd Bridgend
Emma Stephens	3 rd Bridgend
Peter Faulkner	3 rd Bridgend
Steve Sloan	DESC
Ann Sloan	3 rd Bridgend (Minuets)
Amanda Murray	1 st Cornelly (Beavers)
Janet Batters	1 st Nottage
Moira Batters	1 st Nottage
Marilyn Price	AAC Cubs

Apologies:-

Pam Watkins	1 st Pencoed
Christine Jordan	DC

Introduction of DESC and AAC Cubs

Dates for the Cubs leaders diaries:-

Chess and Draughts contest – 3rd October -3rd Bridgend Scout hut –
 - Start 1.45pm – Finish 4pm –

Mrs Whites – 21st November – 3rd Bridgend Scout hut – Times TBC

Carol Service – Details TBC

Next meeting of Beaver and Cub Leaders – 21st September –

- Porthcawl Scout hut – 7pm –

Feedback from the Welsh Scout Council Meeting

It was thought that the Moving on award was inadequate. It needs to be revised to become a more integrated badge as it was thought by the council

that 6 weeks is too short a time. However the majority of leaders attending our meeting felt that the Moving on award was fine, instead we needed to look at activities for the 9.5yrs to 10yrs range, something more interesting is needed for them. Ideally this subject needs to be revisited in the next Scout council meeting.

Cub Scout Leaders Conference

The next Cub Scout leaders' conference will hopefully be held in October 2010. To be held in Llandidnod wells. The cost is thought to be £10 for all those planning to attend and a hot lunch will be provided. It was suggested that an interim day should be put in place for Cub Scout Leaders to look at on-going learning and out of doors activities, before the Conference. Leaders are asked to think about what they would like to get out of the Conference, and this will be discussed and reviewed at the next Cub Scout Leaders meeting.

Welsh Scout Award

This was discussed, but the overall feeling was that there is not enough known about it. Margaret Hopkin was the only leader who was regularly putting scouts through the award. However other leaders expressed an interest if there was more information easily accessible.

AAC cubs provided some resources for various badges that were available to be looked through at the end of the meeting.

Five a side Football

The recent football competition was discussed, 3rd Bridgend expressed an interest in continuing the football competition. It was noted though that it didn't really work using the old districts as there were 6 from RCT, 1 from Bridgend, and 1 from Merthyr. The venue was also disliked as there was a lot of waiting around in corridors, a lack of facilities, and nowhere for the cubs to sit between games. It was asked if we could have the two pitches next year so there would be somewhere for the cubs to sit (the bleachers could be used for 2 pitches but not for 1), and there would be less interference from the game going on in the next pitch. It was noted the cost of entering would at least double next year if these issues are addressed; this may discourage more teams from entering. This year it cost £62 for the one pitch for 3 hours, and with the entrance fee from the teams, the activity only just broke even. Feedback from the other districts is needed before decisions are to be made.

Sion offered to organize a District Five a Side, based at Pencoed Comp, trying to keep the costs as low as possible using various school based schemes

to encourage sport in children. Not a huge amount of interest shown. The argument 'it doesn't appeal to all children' was used. Maybe we should look at an event that appeals to a wider range of Cubs?

Cub Presentation Evening

It was agreed that another one is required. Maybe at area level, and using the same location, time, and guest speaker, as it was agreed that the cubs seems willing to listen to him as he spoke them, not the leaders as such. The Evening will be sometime at the beginning of April, and names need to be decided on and handed in to the relevant person by the 14th February.

Sixers and Seconders Day

It will be held on the 11th October 09. Numbers need to be known by the 17th July. It will be run in Islwyn Camp Site, approximate start time will be 11am activities running till 4pm.

Attendees need to take a packed lunch, they may need wellies and waterproofs depending on the weather. They are not to take money, mobiles or other valuables as they are not covered by scout insurance.

Each district needs to provide 2 bases, the bases will be half an hour each, and additional leader volunteers are needed asap.

The bases so far are:-

- Barbara Turner – Caephilly – Problem Solving
- Crai – Shelter Building
- 3rd Bridgend - Bridgend – Pioneering

Scientist Badge

The scientist badge activity pack was introduced and discussed briefly. Activity days in Techniquet were mentioned, possibilities of cub only evenings was mentioned.

It was also noted that there are links to all the sponsored badges, and the activity packs connected are on Scouts.org

It was mentioned that the New Chief Scout is now Bear Grylls, and the new Commissioner is Wayne Bulpitt. The formal handover between Peter Duncan and Bear Grylls will be taking place at the Gilwell 24 Explorer camp in July.

CRB

It was re-enforced that all adults on camp must have a valid CRB, even if they are just in the cooking team, as how can you guarantee that they will have

absolutely no contact with the children. Also if you have a new leader starting in your group and the CRB has not come through yet then your group is liable. You must also allow plenty of time for your CRB's to come through in case there is something wrong.

There is an 'F' number on the CRB form, and if the person keeps a record of this number and their DoB, there is a way they can track their own CRB to know where in the system it is.

You must also make sure that your Home contact form has all the correct information on it, and is given to your Home Contact in plenty of time in case they have any quires. An up to date Home contact factsheet and form can be found on Scoutbase.org. Factsheet number FS120078.

It was also noted that Bron Allen is now in charge of the Warrants, and not 3rd Bridgend Scout Leader, as many people still believed she was.

Marilyn concluded her presentation at 8.40pm.