

DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL(SLDSC) MEETING

DATE: 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021

TIME: 19:30. ULLESTHORPE CAMP SITE


Item (in order covered, and numbered from agenda)	Description	Who needs to take action and what needs to be done. Information	By when	Finish time
		<u>Procedural</u>		
1 a	Welcome and attendees:	Attendees: Claire Gill, Chair; Rob Row, DC; Victoria Speed, Secretary; Kev Peacocke, Appointments Committee Chair, James Henson. DYC;	Chair Secretary	19:28
1 b	Apologies	Nic Rowe, UCS Chair. Elizabeth Hope, DESC; Karl Collins, Treasurer	Chair/ Secretary	
2	AOB	<p>The Chair opened the meeting and shared that there would be changes in the DYC membership due to young people moving on in education or in their employment journey. So, we will be losing two members.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>Secretary to write to DYC members who are leaving and thank them for their service and wish them well.</p>		19:29
3	Chair's update	<p>Chair gave her update first to set out the big issues for the meeting: how and when we would like to discuss these issues, being:</p> <p>3.1.1. Volunteer resourcing as people leave and arrive across the District.</p> <p>3.1.2 Encourage District ownership of the campsite. Is it a good time to take stock since quite a lot of work has been done over the last few years on the campsite? This can be <u>carried forward</u> to the next meeting.</p>		19:45

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		<p>3.1.3 Structures and committees. The Exec needs to be involved in monitoring and supporting Groups. <u>Carry Forward</u></p> <p>3.2 Sub-committee quorate arrangements: for review and amendment. <u>Carry Forward</u></p> <p>The decision was taken to go through the business items and reflect on the big issues throughout.</p>		
4	4.1 Treasurer's report	<p><u>Financial accountability & stability</u></p> <p>Chair was able to give the Treasurer's report.</p> <p>DECISION</p> <p>Just under £200 of expenses claims for Explorers was approved by the meeting. The meeting approved the payment of the expenses and for the decision to be minuted.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>Secretary to check what previous limits were agreed for needing approval by the Exec and how much can be managed within Explorers.</p> <p>The anniversary gifts have been ordered and are on the way.</p> <p>Treasurer will send out information for budgets to each section to allow the ADCs to forecast for upcoming events for the rest of the year.</p> <p>Bank mandates for the current account still need to be resolved so a formal letter is needed to request change of signatures because of the change of people.</p>	<p>As convenient by Treasurer</p> <p>Before next meeting</p>	


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		<p>ACTION Secretary to prepare a formal letter to request change of signatures and pass to Treasurer.</p> <p>Appointments Chair, asked about a feature of OSM which has been answered by the DC, and related to additional functionality but this is part of a trial.</p>	By mid-October	
5	5.1 Proposals for next year's camp site fees.	<p><u>Facilities and events</u></p> <p>On behalf of Chair of UCS, the DC presented the proposal for campsite fees for 2022 to the meeting. Essentially, there is no change for Scout Groups within SLDSC using the site, and no change to groups from Scouts or Guides – coming from outside the District. There is a new category for site fees for <u>other users</u>.</p> <p>There is a modest increase in charges for use of the buildings for all users.</p> <p>There is no change to the regular weekly charges for local Scout Groups who regularly hold meetings at the campsite. They pay on an annual basis.</p> <p>ACTION: Secretary to ask whether the new buildings charges should say for all users. <i>Updated 09/10/21. Yes to all general users but not to our "Resident groups" whose preferential rates are unchanged.</i></p> <p>ACTION Secretary to check that the fees run from January 2022 – from the start of the calendar year. <i>Updated 09/10/21 – Yes.</i></p>	ASAP – emailed and advised by UCS Chair	19.52

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		ACTION Secretary to check that the details are added to the campsite website. <i>Updated 09/10/21. Yes – already on OSM and will be added to UCS website following Exec approval.</i>		
6	District events	<p>DC, said that ADC Beavers is preparing the programme for this term. Cubs ADC consists of a team of three. There is no ADC for Scouts. Explorers and Network will be planning their own events.</p> <p>In previous meetings we talked about a celebration for 40 years of the District, and also to celebrate the lives of the recent Scouters we have lost. Also, to celebrate long service awards.</p> <p>ACTION DC, and Chair, to contact and arrange a celebrant for the memorial service</p> <p>ACTION Secretary to check campsite availability for the outdoor chapel on Goodacre site for the memorial service from mid-October to end of November and check who else is likely to be on the site. And to check campfire circle and Goodacre Hut for the District event which could be on the same day as the memorial service – in the evening – or on a different day in early December.</p>	<p>As convenient (in progress)</p> <p>ASAP – emailed (in progress)</p>	20:00
7	Appointments update	<p>Appointments</p> <p>Appointments Chair, said it had been very quiet over the summer. The Appointment Secretary says one person is ready to go through appointments and one more is coming through. It is likely to get busy soon.</p>		20:10

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		<p>ACTION: DC, will explain to Appointments Chair how to view the waiting list for appointments.</p> <p>ACTION Appointments Chair and Chair to run an online session for new Exec committees in Scout Groups</p> <p>There was some discussion to explore whether DYCs could be involved with Appointments as part of the welcome committee when meeting prospective new volunteers and DYCs would be keen to get involved.</p>	<p>As convenient</p> <p>As convenient</p>	
8	DYC update	<p><u>Group Support / DC Updates:</u></p> <p>The new YouthShaped / YouShape award for Beavers Cubs Scouts and Explorers was shared.</p> <p>There is some similarity with the Young Leader award and it should be planned, lead and represent young people. Scouts in all Sections (Beavers to Explorers) are really encouraged to get involved and can work as a team, in a patrol, or a six, or a lodge depending on Section. Aim is to capitalise on this badge so that the DYCs can present the badges and really support and encourage the young people taking part. The award can be recorded on OSM too - there are three stages.</p> <p>ACTION: Secretary to add a link to the minutes – kindly provided by DYCs. And the launch is on 5th October https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/</p>		20:21

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		 <p><u>YouShape Award Scouts</u> The YouShape Award makes it even easier to embed being youth shaped into your programme. At the same time, it'll help young people work with their leaders to learn leadership skills that they'll use for the rest of their lives. www.scouts.org.uk</p>		
9/10	Explorers/Network update	<p>DC, gave an update for Explorers. Essentially the Section is getting too popular and needs more leaders. The Explorers that meet at Countesthorpe on a Monday are getting up to the maximum of 25, and are attracting new members from the north of South Leicestershire District and the Ullesthorpe Campsite group of Explorers tend to be picking up members from south of South Leicestershire District and will have a maximum of 35.</p> <p>This section is also producing Young Leaders and DESC is doing lots of work online with the Young Leaders.</p>		20:24
11	Groups in challenging situations and Group health check	This item was covered after item 12.		
12	Training update	<p>DC, gave the update for training. We are in a good position in the District.</p> <p>First Aid is still a problem, with only one event each month taking place until December. It is possible however to do two hours of self-study online, then two hours on a Zoom call, then take the test online and complete the physical part of the training later on.</p>		20:32

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		<p>It should be remembered that people with suitable first aid qualifications from their work or other places can be considered and the training manager would need to see that qualification.</p> <p>A query was raised about a situation where you might have a GP who is offering to be a volunteer leader and would they still be required to do a first-aid course? The answer is they would need proof of having done a first-aid course and due to their workplace training that should be sufficient, but it still needs to be seen.</p> <p>Adults who are not up-to-date with their mandatory training or have not finished it Wood badge within three years will need to be suspended from their roles. Cut-off date for this will come The Scout Association.</p>		
11	Groups in challenging situations and Group health check	<p>11.1 DC, talked through of the issues for Groups in the District. Most Groups are doing well with young people numbers and there is some capacity in Groups. Most leader positions are reasonably well occupied but there are a number of vacancies in Exec and GSL roles.</p> <p>However, some Groups are without a GSL. DC will keep in touch with Groups, and will have conversations with people to try and get the GSL roles filled.</p> <p>11.2 The Covid readiness risk Association assessment team has been disbanded because there is no need for externally assessed risk assessments since Scout groups are doing the usual risk assessments and these now include Covid.</p> <p>ACTION: Secretary to remove Covid-readiness risk assessments and face-to-face Scouting from the agenda as it is no longer needed.</p>	Future meetings	20:54

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		<p>Linking back to agenda item 3.1.1 about volunteers across the District the DC, said that there was a national recruitment focus within Scouts and locally we need an external recruitment focus to bring in new volunteers.</p> <p>To support local Execs it would be good for Chair and Appointments Chair to have an online event for new Exec members, and the need for up to date information was discussed.</p> <p>ACTION: DC to find resources for Exec roles to share with you new Exec members.</p> <p>https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/executive-committees/</p> <div>  <p><u>Executive Committees Scouts</u> Executive Committees . Each Group, District and County/Area has an Executive Committee that acts as its board of trustees. www.scouts.org.uk</p> </div>	As convenient – shared and included in the minutes	
13	Safety monitoring	Nothing to report		
	AOB	<p>Naming of the outdoor classroom</p> <p>ACTION:</p>		

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		DYCs to ask young scouts for a name for the outdoor classroom that has been built on the campsite. Suggestions so far were Beech Hut (<i>sic</i> – named after the tree), Scraggy Crows' Nest and Raven's Nest.		
14	Date of next meeting	See below for planned dates.		
13	Review of previous minutes	Action points were reviewed and the minutes agreed by the meeting. Action points reviewed and the minutes were accepted by the meeting and were signed by the Chair.		21:05
14	Close			21:06

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Dates for meetings 2021-2022

Proposed dates for South Leicestershire District Scout Council meetings; Summer 2021 to Summer 2022. All dates are Mondays apart from the AGM.

2021

Monday 1st November (6 weeks – meet online)

Monday 13th December (6 weeks – meet at UCS)

2022

Monday 7th February (8 weeks – meet online)

Monday 4th April (8 weeks – meet at UCS)

Monday 16th May (6 weeks – meet online)

AGM Friday 10th June or 17th June TBC.

NB Easter 2022 Good Fri 15/04/2022 and Easter Sun 17/04/2022