

Unit Forum minutes

Monday 11th February 2008

1. Present

Moz (ESL), Emma (Chairman), Eddie (Secretary), Kris (Awards Officer) and Jake (Treasurer).

2. Welcome

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm. Emma welcomed everyone.

3. Apologies

Josh apologized that he couldn't attend because he was babysitting.

4. Minutes of last meeting

As these were not ready for the meeting, they will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Matters arising

See above

6. Changes to Explorer Scouting

Moz said that it is now a requirement for every Explorer Scout unit to have its own forum. As this is the same as the old committee the name has been changed to 'Unit Forum'. There are also new badges for how long you have been in Scouting (participation) and for completing young leader training modules.

7. Programme Evaluation

Now at every Forum meeting the Forum must review the most recent nights and camps

7th Jan – French bread – 4* - Would like to do again with different food

14th Jan – Wide games – 5* - Would like to do again

21st Jan – D of E route cards – 2* - Would like to do again if more fun

28th Jan – D of E route cards 2 – 4* - Would like to do again

4th Feb – D of E kit / Crepes – 4* - It was a good idea to split the night so that those who knew about D of E kit did not have to listen

8. Secretary's report

Eddie had nothing to report

9. Treasurer's report

Most of the Ardèche deposits handed to Jake have been deposited into the bank. Those who paid for the cancelled winter camp can either request it back or have it deducted off their next camp payment

10. M&G's report

Josh was not present

11. Awards Officer's report

Jethro has paid for a D of E book. We have got a wall chart to record everyone's progress with D of E and the Chief Scout's and Queen's Scout award. New Explorer Scout membership packs (replacement of the navigator files) are available for £5 each and a badge book is included for an extra £2

12. AOB

Moz said there is no chance of a grant for Ardèche but we can still fundraise. He has also found 5 canoes for sale at £50 each. Eddie said that if we bought them they could pay for themselves by Explorers paying to go canoeing. Forum agreed it would be a good idea to look into buying them. Moz also showed the Forum Danny's letter that got published in the Scouting magazine. Kris asked when do we pay for the outdoor show but Moz said that he doesn't know when were going yet.