

Minutes of Assessors Meeting held Monday, 9th April 1973 at 7, Wren Close, Larkfield.

Members present:- Assessors attending Snowdonia at Easter.

The meeting opened with prayer.

1. Base Camp - Supervision of boys when not on Expedition.

Tin Darge and David Bridge (3rd Maidstone) had agreed to be at the Base Camp for supervising boys when not on Expedition. Members of the Assesing staff would assist then i.e. David Kent - Thursday, Alan Marshall - Friday, Ewart Austin - Saturday, and Mick Sayer - Sunday.

2. Telephone - use of telephone as previously. The use of the telephone was appreciated if correct use was made. It was suggested that a rota be drawn up of people manning the telephone box. It was impressed that ALL Assessors should report at every specified time in order to keep a track of any irregularities. Also ~~for~~ use by boys in case of emergency, so that Police and Mountain Rescue should not be called out unnecessarily

After some discussion to the use of the telephone it was agreed that the telephone, if working, should be used every two hours 0800 to 2000 hours and each hour if waiting Assessor requests.

3. Transport - Coach should be used for boys and girls and L. Norley and C. Sayer. The coach would leave the rear at Milton Road Methodist Church, Gravesend at 6.00 a.m. The need to depart on time was stressed and the loading of the coach should start at 5.30 a.m., as there were no 160 lbs. tents to take this year the loading should be done on time.

D. Bridge and T. Darge were to be asked, if possible, that both take their cars together with P. Gibbons and M. Sayer, so that a spare car would be available in an emergency. The cost of petrol would be met by the D.E. A. Committee.

In the event of R. Colechin not being able to go, D. Barry had agreed to take the van that Ray would be driving.

4. Cooking Staff - Caroline Dickinson should be fit to go, but if not, Mrs. Hollands had agreed to go instead.

5. Food - Paul Cheney to arrange this together with the menus and quantities. Each Assessor was asked to bring a thermos flask for soup etc. during the day.

6. Logs - List of Assessors to receive which logs after Easter for vetting.

7. Lady Assessors - It is possible that in the future there will be Lady Assessors on the staff.

8. Training Weekends - The possibility of holding two training weekends in October and March to lessen the load on present staff with the very large number of young people taking part, was thought, on the whole, to be a good idea. The timetable would have to be looked quite closely, as some periods take longer than others on various items with different groups. It would be a help if all participants had an elementary knowledge of map and compass before the training weekends.

9. Expedition Log Meeting - This meeting to be held on Saturday, 19th May, at 1900 hours at 7, Wren Close, Larkfield. Logs to be in by 14th May.
Small committees of 3 assessors would vet the logs for the meeting on the 19th May.

10. Equipment - R. Colechin to arrange the cooking gear, and C. Marshall would be bringing a double burner and gas cylinder from Cambridge. All equipment would be picked up from Kenwood House by arrangement. If R. Colechin unable to do it, D. Berry would assisted by J. Kelly on Tuesday, 17th April.
11. It was impressed on all staff the necessity for correct gear, clothing and equipment when in North Wales.
12. Meeting points en route for Snowdonia: 1st Stop - Newport Pagnell Service Station. 2nd Stop - Shamrock Cafe past Wellington.
13. Urgent Messages en route - Please telephone Gravesend 4364 if the need arises on the journey to Wales (Mr. & Mrs. Hardy) and leave a message. Robert will then 'phone then to find out if anyone has phoned in (to not 'phone before 0700 hours.)

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

D. Hollands - Jill and Mark Hollands
 R. Hardy - Caroline & A. Marshall
 J. Kelly - P. Rowell & D. Kent
 M. Harris - Hazel (leaving early in the week).
 D. Berry - Simon Walker.
 R. Colechin - E. Austin (Van)
 D. Thilthorpe - (Motorcycle leaving early in week)
 S. Unsworth - A. Gibson (leaving Thursday night)
 C. Marshall - Kevin Croxall & Ian Smith (Leaving from Cambridge)
 B. Greenwood - (Leaving from Cambridge Thursday night)
 T. Darge - M. Sayer
 D. Bridge - P. Gibbons
 T. Bacon - M. Hobden, C. Jones, G. Steel, A. Webber
 P. Underhill - M. Barr-Hamilton, B. Brookes, S. Filmer
 P. Cheney - C. Beevis, R. Garrett, S. Lower, B. Pearce, C. Poynter;
 (Minibus) J. Conway, S. Gabriel, K. West, T. Oxenham, R. Kerreen,
 M. Thomas.
COACH - L. Norley, C. Sayer + 50

P. Buckley, K. Francis, J. Hamilton, P. Jones, W. Lachford, G. Melrose,
 K. Thomas, M. Wiles, A. Finch, T. Batt, P. Selleck, K. Burbidge, R. Champion,
 T. Crittenden, D. Guildford, P. Sutton, K. Whitnell, C. Aird, M. Best, D. Prin,
 C. Smith, G. Delaney, D. Howard, A. Falstead, K. Hobson, P. Marks, G. Smith,
 M. Clark, A. Dickinson, J. Gledhill, R. Gliddon, D. Richardson, G. Eaves,
 I. Hensman, K. Ingram, R. Pilbeam, J. Singclair, M. Whittle, C. Bush,
 P. Byrne, B. Cook, C. Morris, J. Abnett, I. Eaves, Girls: M. Garrett,
 B. Harvey, J. Parker, M. Pearce, P. Painey, G. Rock

Gold Group B - with T. Bacon & P. Underhill to be dropped at
 Dolwydellan 735524 E.T.D. 17.00

Silver Group A - with P. Cheney in Minibus to be dropped at Trefriw 781632
 E.T.D. 17.00

Silver Group D - with P. Cheney in Minibus to be dropped at Dol-Gorn 744573
 E.T.D. 17.00

Amendments for ASSESSORS LIST (previously circulated)

D. Thilthorpe - Gravesend 68573
 M.&C. Sayer - Maidstone 63003
 S. Unsworth - Medway 73885