

NORTH KENT BATTALION, THE BOYS' BRIGADE - D.E.A. EXPEDITION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Assessors Meeting held Monday, 1st April 1974 at Union Street Methodist Church, Maidstone, at 8.00 p.m.

Members Present: Assessors attending Snowdonia at Easter.

Apologies for absence: These were received from P. Cheney.

Ray Colechin opened the meeting with prayer.

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

It was reported that T. Darge was unlikely to attend Snowdonia to supervise the boys at Base Camp. It was agreed that 1st Year Assessors and 1 other Assessor should be responsible for these boys on a rota basis. This to be arranged in conjunction with the assessing schedule by D. Thilthorpe.

2. Telephone - A rota of 1st Year Assessors would be arranged to man the telephone box. It was again emphasised 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 be called out unnecessarily.

3. Transport - Coach should be used for boys and girls and S. Brookes and A. Webber. 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 160Lbs. tents to take the loading should be done on time.

Number attending: 54 participants, 3 Cooks and 26 Assessors.

4. Cooking Staff and Food - Sandra, Caroline and Jean as Cooks. Paul has arranged the Menus as of previous years. EACH ASSESSOR WAS REMINDED TO BRING A THERMOS FLASK FOR SOUP ETC. DURING THE DAY.

5. Equipment - Roy Colechin again to be responsible for collecting equipment assisted by S. Filmer, Double Burners to be requested from Alf Furniss, Colin Crittenden and Peter Underhill.

6. Logs, and Logs Meeting - Logs to be in by Monday, 13th May 1974 to appointed Assessors. Meeting - Saturday, 18th May 1974 at 7.00 p.m. Menu to be decided.

7. Meeting Points en Route - Newport Pagnell Service Station and Shamrock Cafe, Wellington. All Drivers to report to Robert at each stop.

8. Urgent Message en Route - 'Phone West Malling 842513 (Mrs. Hollands)

9. Petrol - Many garages may be shut on Bank Holiday - it was suggested that all drivers carry a spare 2 gals. with them. The need for economy was stressed at 55p. per gallon!!

10. Radio Medway - Martin to make arrangements with Radio Medway. These are in fact:-
Good Friday - 8.40 a.m. and 16.40
Easter Saturday - 8.40 a.m. and 16.00
Easter Sunday - as and when the groups are back at camp.

Please circulate to your Companies.

11. Importance of Correct Gear etc. by Assessors - It was stressed that all Assessors MUST be properly equipped when going out assessing in case they are required to search for boys or to go on the more remote checks.

12. Accommodation etc. see on other side.

12. Accomodation arrangements and Meals - Meals: Cookhouse not to be used by Assessors for eating of meals except those occupying the Bunk Houses.

Accomodation - LARGE BUNK HOUSE - R. Colechin
R. Hardy
D. Hollands
A. Price
P. Cheney
M. Harris - floor
D. Berry - floor
D. Thilthorpe

SMALL BUNK HOUSE - Sandra
Caroline
Jean
Barbara
Pat

BARN - J. Kelly
D. Kent
P. Underhill
E. Austin
A. Marshall
B. Greenwood
M. Sayer

OTHER BARN - P. Buckley
G. Melrose
S. Brookes
M. Hobden
J. Hamilton
K. Francis
S. Filmer
G. Steel
A. Webber
B. Hawkins

Nye closed the meeting with prayer.

SPECIAL NOTE: Tuesday, 9th April B.B.C. 1 9.25 p.m. Documentary on last year's Snowdonia Expedition by Hertfordshire Boys!

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS re: North Wales.

CARS - *J. Kelly, K. Francis, J. Hamilton, G. Melrose
*R. Hardy, Barbara, Sandra, Paul
*G. Steel, S. Filmer
*M. Harris, Caroline, D. Kent, A. Felstead
*E. Austin, P. Rainey, P. Buckley, M. Sayer
*D. Berry, B. Hawkins and G. Delaney, K. Hobson
*P. Underhill, Jean, D. Hollands, M. Hobden
*R. Colechin, M. Bubb
*D. Thilthorpe - leaving early
*A. Marshall - Going from Bristol
*A. Price - Going from S. Wales
*B. Greenwood. - Going from Cambridge
*Dr. Furniss - leaving Saturday Night

* = Drivers.

COACH

C. Beevis	K. Burbidge
R. Champion	Terry Crittenden
A. Smith	T. Batt
D. Dickerson	C. Bradford
R. Carter	S. Lower
P. Selleck	J. Waugh
C. Aird	M. Best
D. Erin	S. Walker
M. Clarke	J. Abnett
T. Burgess	R. Furniss
J. Gledhill	K. Ingran
R. Pilbean	M. Brown
M. Drayton	J. Askeell
S. Knee	K. Boyle
C. Burgess	B. Connolly
R. Dean	M. Pickard
I. Saker	Trevor Crittenden
V. Fromm	D. Griffiths
P. Lawson	R. Palmer
S. Snile	N. Dolan
R. Hagg	H. Sabharwal
D. Upple	C. Potter
Ladies: C. Dabkowska	B. Leppard
L. Moore	S. Raynor
G. Rock	R. Welch
Assessors: S. Brookes	A. Webber

ASSESSMENT OF LOGS

Completed Expedition Logs are to be taken or sent by NOON on MONDAY, 13th May 1974, to the Assessor whose name and address appears next to your group:-

Record Books MUST be sent also.

GOLD A R. Colechin, 8a, Tovil Green, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 6RJ
S. Filmer, A. Webber.

GOLD B A. Price, 44, Allington Drive, Strood, Rochester, ME2 3SZ
D. Berry, K. Francis.

GOLD C D. Hollands, 7, Wren Close, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent. ME20 6JS
S. Brookes, M. Hobden, P. Rainey.

GOLD D R. Hardy, 176, Colyer Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent. DA11 8AS
D. Harvey, D. Thilthorpe.

SILVER A R. Colechin, 8a, Tovil Green, Maidstone, Kent. ME15 6RJ
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BRONZE A E. Austin, 38, Fartherwell Avenue, West Malling, Kent. ME19 6NQ
M. Harris, G. Steel.

BRONZE B J. Kelly, 29, St. Georges Crescent, Gravesend, DA12 4AR
J. Hamilton, G. Melrose.

BRONZE C D. Hollands, 7, Wren Close, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent. ME20 6JS
S. Brookes, M. Hobden, P. Rainey.

NOTE FOR ASSESSORS: Will each Group of Assessors please arrange to meet during the period 13th May to 17th May 1974, in order to make a preliminary assessment of their batch of logs prior to the Log Assessment Meeting to be held at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday, 18th May 1974, at 7, Wren Close, Larkfield, Kent.

Any other Assessor able to assist with log assessment, should contact R. Hardy. (Gravesend 4364).