

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

Minutes of Assessors Meeting held on Monday 17th March 1975 at Milton Road Methodist Church, Gravesend, at 8.00 p.m.

Members present: 25 Assessors, all attending Snowdonia at Easter.

Apologies for absence - These were received from C. Marshall, A. Marshall, C. Sayer, P. Rainey.

Ray Colechin opened the Meeting with prayer.

Base Camp - Supervision of boys when not on expedition.

This has been arranged so that 3 Assessors (1 with a car) are on base Camp to supervise the boys. This will include making sure that the groups are ready when the time comes for them to start their expeditions. The same 3 Assessors will, on their particular day, be responsible for manning the telephone box on a rota to be arranged by themselves.

Telephone. - To be manned as stated above. It was emphasised that this is an important link and must be maintained by each Assessor 'phoning in about every two hours, or sooner in an emergency or before leaving an outlying area. If the person in the 'phone box wants to send a message to base it was suggested he places an orange card in the window indicating to any passing Assessor that he wants him to stop and take a message.

Transport - The Coach will be arriving at 5.30 a.m. at Milton Road Methodist Church, Gravesend and departing at 6.00 a.m. PROMPT. It will be supervised by A. Price and S. Unsworth. Cars will be expected at Gravesend between 5.30 and 6.00 a.m. unless otherwise stated. Stops en route are Newport Pagnall Services on the M.1 and Shamrock Cafe, Wellington. All drivers to report to Robert at each stop. If there are any problems messages can be left with Mr. & Mrs. Hardy at Gravesend 4364 or, if after 4 p.m., the 'phone box at Capel Curig 200. The numbers attending are 29 Assessors, 4 Cooks, 35 Bronze, 17 Silver, 12 Gold. Total - 97.

Cooking & Equipment. - This has all been arranged by Paul Cheney. Cooks to be Sandra, Jean, Jane and Jane. P. Underhill to bring a double burner. C. Marshall to be asked to bring his also. EACH ASSESSOR WAS REMINDED TO TAKE A THERMOS FLASK FOR TAKING OUT HOT DRINKS DURING THE DAY.

Logs, and Logs Meeting. - Logs to be sent to appointed Assessors, as listed later, by Monday 28th April. Each group of Assessors to study logs during that week and at least one assessor, if not all, from each group to attend the Meeting on Saturday, 3rd May at 7.00 p.m. at Milton Road Methodist Church, Gravesend.

Radio Medway. - This has been arranged by John Young and from Wales C. Marshall will be speaking live on Radio Medway as follows:-

Good Friday between 8.30 and 9.00 and between 16.30 and 17.00
Easter Saturday " 8.30 and 9.00 " " 16.30 and 17.00
Easter Sunday " 8.30 and 9.00.

We will have D. Hollands, D. Kent & J. Young on Friday, Saturday & Sunday respectively in the studio to speak to Colin on the air.

Accommodation. - This will, as last year, be at Williams Farm - details are set out below. The Kitchen will be used by the four cooks only and will not be used for the eating of meals by anyone. All Assessors asked to look out for alternative accommodation and let us know of any possibilities.

Passengers/Visitors - Cars to be used for boys/assessors as directed. Any other passengers can only be taken if comfortable room allows, in which case, a contribution of £4. will be asked towards the transport costs. No food or accommodation can be arranged by us for them.

Easter Service. - It is hoped that a Church can be borrowed to allow us to have an Easter Service on Sunday Evening just before the Coach leaves. If this cannot be done it was felt that an open-air Service was not really an alternative. A. Price will arrange this accordingly.

Petrol Economy. - This is a very important thing with Petrol costing 73p. a gall. and the need for economy at ALL TIMES was stressed. It is important to note and deduct any private mileage. D. Berry gave some tips for improving M.P.G. which included, keeping top speed down - anticipating the road ahead with the use of gears and brakes and avoidance of over-revving the engine. The idea of a drivers log sheet for all journeys was suggested and will probably be given a trial run this Easter. This would also serve as a guide to the cost of assessing each route.

It was suggested that a tent should be available for Assessors when making the Glyders check and L. Norley said that he would have a tent that could be used for this.

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS.

LARGE BUNK HOUSE - C. Marshall, A. Price, P. Cheney. (S. Unsworth - on floor.)
R. Colechin, D. Thilthorpe, R. Hardy. (M. Harris - on floor.)

SMALL BUNK HOUSE - Sandra, Jean, Jane, Jane, Pat.

BARN - L. Norley, D. Berry, A. Marshall, M. Sayer, P. Underhill,
G. Steel, M. Hobden.

OTHER BARN. - C. Sayer, A. Smith, K. Burbridge, A. Webber, S. Filmer,
K. Francis, G. Melrose, T. Batt, S. Brookes, R. Champion,
C. Beevis, K. Thomas, C. Bradford.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

CARS - M. Harris, G. Melrose, S. Filmer, C. Beevis.
A. Smith, L. Norley, K. Burbridge. - leaving earlier in week.
A. Webber, M. Hobden, - Leaving Thursday P.M.
R. Hardy, D. Thilthorpe, P. Cheney, Sandra.
D. Berry, G. Steel, Jane, Jane.
A. Marshall----- Leaving from Bristol.
S. Brookes, C. Sayer, M. Sayer, P. Rainey.
P. Underhill, K. Francis, R. Champion, Jean.
C. Bradford, T. Batt, K. Thomas.
R. Colechin, S. Walker.
Dr. Furniss----- Leaving Friday.

MINIBUS - (C. Marshall - M. Cowley, D. Greene, G. Cullum, O. Anderson, P. Carr,)
(S. Baker, I. Gillet, P. Scott, P. Langley, M. Griffiths, T. Bowd,)
(G. Dawson----- leaving from Cambridge)

<u>COACH</u> - A. PRICE	S. UNSWORTH.	
M. Clarke	C. Dabkowska	T. Crittenden
R. Furniss	B. Leppard	V. Fromm
J. Gledhill	D. May	P. Lawson
K. Ingram	L. Moore	A. Morse
R. Pilbeam	J. Parker	R. Palmer
K. Fawsum	M. Pickard	P. Fisher
K. McLaren	A. Finn	A. McFarlane
C. Painting	R. Finn	P. Stanton
R. Payne,	D. Flagg	P. Townsend
C. Skinner.	P. Hobson	S. Beevis
G. Tomsett	C. Potter	C. English
J. Fielder	L. Horn	S. Collings
R. Nash	J. Naylor	A. Ralph
S. Riley	B. Perry	D. Rogers
G. Usnar	G. Phillips	M. Rogers
J. Berry	P. Anes	C. Hill
A. Coombes	D. Curtis	