

Minutes of Assessors meeting held on Monday, 28th April, 1977, at Milton Road Methodist Church, Gravesend, at 8.00 p.m.

Members present: 19 Assessors, all attending Snowdonia at Easter.

Nye Price opened the Meeting with prayer.

Apologies were received from:- S. Lower. A. Marshall. K. Francis. S. Walker,
R. Furniss, D. Kent. P. Cheney, C. Marshall, R. Colechin.

TRANSPORT. The Coach will be arriving at 5.30 a.m. at Milton Road Methodist Church, Gravesend on Thursday 7th April, and departing at 6.00 a.m. PROMPT. It will be supervised by G. Melrose & J. Parker. Cars will be expected at Gravesend at 5.30 a.m. unless Robert is otherwise notified. Stops en route will be:- Newport Pagnall Service Area on the M.1. and the Shamrock Cafe, Wellington. Newport Pagnall about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Any problems en route 'phone Mr. & Mrs. Hardy, at Gravesend 4364 and leave a message for us. Utmost importance for economy at ALL TIMES. A lot of petrol stations now offer money off, please take advantage of this as much as possible. A driver's Log Sheet will be provided which, if correctly filled in, will indicate all the D.E.A. mileage that you do. In some instances there are long waits between checks - we do not expect to pay for any running around you wish to do whilst killing time.

Numbers attending are:- 28 Assessors, 3 Cooks, 19 Bronze, 22 Silver,
20 Gold. Total - 92.

It was suggested that a float be given to car drivers towards their petrol costs. Anyone who was not at the Meeting, requiring same, please contact Robert for a cheque. The balance of petrol costs will be paid by cheque at the end of the weekend.

COOKING & EQUIPMENT. This has been arranged by Paul Cheney. The three cooks are Janet, Helen and Ruth. Will the assessors remember to bring Thermos Flask with them for taking out hot drinks during the day. Also bring your own teatowel. All assessors should have their own I.D. Card. Please take this with you. If you don't have one please arrange with Mick Hobden at W. Malling 845971. All assessors should also have proper and suitable clothing including their own emergency rations. T. Batt to arrange Tent for the Glyders check. Emergency rucksac, including tent, first aid kit etc., will be available at the 'phone box. Jim Kelly to arrange this.

ACCOMMODATION. This will again be at Williams Farm. Details are set out below. The kitchen will be used by the three cooks only and will not be used for the eating of meals by anyone. All assessors to look out for alternate accommodation and let us know of any possibilities.

RADIO MEDWAY. This has been arranged as before. Colin Marshall will be speaking live on Radio Medway to John Gledhill in the studio at the following times:-

Good Friday	between 8.30 and 9.00 and between 16.30 and 17.00.
Easter Saturday	" 8.30 and 9.00 " " 16.00 and 16.30.
Easter Sunday	" 8.30 and 9.00 a.m.

BASE CAMP Supervision of girls and boys when not on expedition. This has been arranged so that two cars of assessors are in charge on base camp each day. It will be their responsibility to ensure that groups are camped up and also ready to leave base to start their expedition, allowing plenty of time to travel to their starting point. Details of transport for the groups will be found on the sheets in the large bunk-house. You MUST make sure that the groups going out on Expedition have their I.D. Cards, Orange Cards and the emergency telephone number.

TELEPHONE. This year we shall use the 'phone box at Bwlch-yr-haiwn, M.R.779594. Dave Thilthorpe will make sure the 'phone is working and note the number to give to assessors. A rota has been worked out whereby the 'phone will be manned by a car of assessors for two shifts a day i.e. 9 - 2 and 2 - 8 (or until everybody is accounted for). Please ensure that you are not late for the changeover as the morning shift will be going on to checkpoints. Will everybody PLEASE ensure that they 'phone in about every two hours, or sooner in an emergency, or before leaving an outlying area.

LOGS & LOGS KEEPING. Logs to be sent to appointed assessors, as listed later, by Monday, 9th May, 1977. Each group of Assessors to study logs during that weekend and at least one, if not all, assessors from each group, to attend the Meeting on Saturday 21st May, 1977 at 176 Colyer Road, Northfleet, Kent, at 7.30 p.m.

EASTER SERVICE. Ray Colechin to arrange this, with Jim Kelly's assistance on the Sunday afternoon/evening - as and when the greatest number of people are available.

FINANCE. As it was thought that the cost of Easter may be too much for some people Robert Hardy would seek from the Battalion, via the D.E.A. Convener, Mr. Fishwick, a grant towards expenses. An amount of £50.00 or £1. per head was suggested.

Provisional dates for next session are:-

22nd - 23rd October, 1977.	Bronze weekend.
5th - 6th November, "	Silver & Gold weekend.
7th January, 1978.	Assessors course.
11th - 12th February, 1978.	Silver & Gold weekend.
25th - 26th February, 1978.	Bronze weekend.
23rd - 26th March, 1978.	Easter Expeditions.

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS.

LARGE BUNK HOUSE. C. MARSHALL. D. THILTHORPE. P. CHENEY.
R. HARDY. R. COLECHIN. P. UNDERHILL.
FLOOR - J. KELLY. M. SAYER.

SMALL BUNK HOUSE. A. MARSHALL. D. KENT. G. STEEL. S. FILLER. S. WALKER.

WOOL BARN. K. FRANCIS. A. WEBBER. S. BROOKS. J. HAMILTON.
G. MELROSE. P. BUCKLEY. T. BATT. S. LOWER. R. PALMER.
A. MORSE. R. FURNISS.

OTHER BARN. L. NORLEY. K. BURBIDGE. R. CHAMPION.

CARAVAN. JANET, HELEN, RUTH, JO.

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS.

S. LOWER	FROM BIRMINGHAM.
A. MARSHALL	" NOTTINGHAM.
D. KENT. RUTH.	" CHESHIRE.
C. MARSHALL. A. Collis. P. Stead, G. Cullum.	" CAMBRIDGE.
K. BURBIDGE. L. NORLEY.	LEAVING EARLY IN WEEK.
D. THILTHORPE.	" " " "
J. HAMILTON. K. FRANCIS.	LEAVING LATE THURSDAY.
R. COLECHIN. S. WALKER.	
G. STEEL. A. MORSE. R. CHAMPION. R. PALMER.	
P. UNDERHILL. P. CHENEY. J. Underhill. S. Cheney. ✓	
S. BROOKES. P. Alston. R. Hall. G. Funnell. ✓	
M. SAYER. T. BATT. S. Martin. S. Stevens.	
R. HARDY. J. KELLY. JANET. HELEN.	
P. BUCKLEY. R. FURNISS. S. Agalwatte. G. Saunders. ✓	
A. WEBBER. N. Francis. A. Hann. ✓	
S. FILLER. P. Colegate. ✓	

COACH. G. MELROSE. J. PARKER. ✓

S. Betts	D. Flagg	J. Kent	P. Hobson
G. Beevis	S. Moore	H. Talbot	S. Collings
C. Nankervis	H. Sabharwal	F. Jeal	S. Riley
K. Melhuish	P. Townsend	J. Thomas	T. Cornwall
J. Moss	M. Baker	J. Berry	C. Earle
L. Wood	S. Norton	A. Coombes	S. Morton
P. Shadbott	A. Robertson	J. Naylor	S. Talbot
J. Foreman	D. Upple	G. Phillips	G. Seabrook
A. Hale	P. Ames	J. Fielder	N. Wills
R. Hethrington	S. Cotsgrove	S. Beevis	J. Stokes.
T. Jeffrey	S. Harvey.	P. Fisher	N. MARTIN.
G. Barclay.	B. Hicklin.	C. Potter	S. STEVENS.