

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 4th 1979

PRESENT: R.Colechin; A.Fishwick; R.Hardy; D.Thilthorpe; P.Underhill.

APDLOGIES WERE RECEIVED FROM: P.Cheyney; N.Price.

1. TRAINING WEEKENDS - STATISTICS:

BRONZE WEEKEND 3&4 March: 39 Candidates
22 Staff
3 Cooks

SILVER & GOLD WEEKEND 17 & 18 February:
51 Candidates
28 Staff
3 Cooks

Understudies for administration have been selected as follows:

BRONZE W/E: S.Norton
P.Ames

SILVER & GOLD W/E: S.Moore
M.Baker

2. PAPERWORK

Assessors are to be asked to vet test papers on both weekends and report any ambiguities to M.Sayer.

All other forms are to be checked by the committee for clarity or ambiguities.

3. EASTER TESTS - STATISTICS:

90 Candidates
35 Assessors
3 Cooks

In the light of these statistics, and after lengthy discussion, it was decided that we could not take the Bronze Groups to Snowdonia.

With the staff available we could not maintain the high level of safety normally provided.

It was therefore decided to plan a Bronze Test Weekend on the South Downs in April/May of this year,

P.Underhill is to contact the Brighton Battalion, as they have held bronze expeditions on the South Downs and could possibly provide ready planned routes - which we could check and use.

The second Bronze Weekend is to run as normal.

On Saturday Feb 17th T.Stone and 6 others to be asked to go to South Downs and plan six Bronze Routes.

4. ACCOMODATION IN SNOWDONIA

A fully furnished bunkhouse, BRYN DU in Llanberis has been booked for 1980 and we can look forward to a more comfortable stay in Wales in the future.

5. RADIO MEDWAY

Broadcasts have been planned as in past years.