

THE BOYS' BRIGADE - NORTH WEST KENT BATTALLION

D.E.A. EXPEDITION COMMITTEE.

Minutes of meeting held 5 - 10 - 80.

1. A.Price opened with a prayer.
2. Nye said that as Ray was now in a difficult position as far as his job was concerned, he felt unable to continue as Expedition Organiser. Nye had been asked to fill this post and indicated that he was willing to do so.
3. Paul resigned as Q.M. as he is not too sure of his future plans. Geoff. was asked if he would like to fill this post and indicated that he would - Paul to continue as Deputy Q.M..
4. The problem of candidates being too tired to absorb instruction on the Sunday of Training Weekends was discussed and Nye suggested that as a trial measure the expeditions should begin at 1500 with assessors walking with the groups and using the daylight hours to give practical instruction whilst walking. The problems and benefits of this idea were discussed and it was decided to give it a try for the next two Training Weekends. No marks to be given for the expedition - either suitable or not - but individual written and ~~XXXI~~ oral examination to continue.
5. Numbers for the next two Training Weekends - Bronze , 51 candidates, 20 Assessors and 3 Cooks. - Silver / Gold , 79 candidates, 23 Assessors and 3 Cooks. Due to the high number of candidates, and low number of Assessors possibly available for Easter it was felt to be impossible to take Bronze candidates to Wales this time. Local expeditions to be arranged - probably Brighton area. D.T. to arrange routes etc..
6. A rearranged Programme was then drafted for the two " October " Weekends - Robert to arrange distribution.
7. Assessors meeting - Venue to be changed from Metal Box Training Centre to Alans house - 33I Queens Rd., Maidstone - 8.00 pm. 11-10-80.