

THE BOYS' BRIGADE NORTH WEST KENT BATTALLION DEA COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Battallion D.E.A. Committee held on the 20.9.81

Present were N Price, R Hardy, G Steele, R Champion, D Thilthorp, S Brooks and A Fishwick.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Bronze Weekend

17 groups, 95 candidates, 16 assessors, 17 probationaries, one of the groups to attend the Silver and Gold weekend. There was voiced concern on the low numbers of assessors available for the Bronze weekends and a considerable amount of chasing-up of returning forms was needed to make the weekends possible.

Notes on weekends

Girls would work and sleep in the canteen. Boys would work and sleep in the Conference Hall.

Silver and Gold Weekend

5 Gold groups, 6 Silver groups, 21 assessors, probationaries to be asked to attend with full kit. Sleeping and working - girls in the canteen, boys in the Conference Hall. Sunday morning - Silver groups in the canteen, Gold groups in the Conference Hall. Both courses together after lunch.

General

Weight-saving on equipment to be stressed for all especially girls as all groups are expected to carry all their own equipment. Assessors would serve canteen on Saturday as they see fit. Meals to be taken in 2 sittings and expeditions to return by 10 pm. 1st Bronze weekend, assessors to accompany groups at all times and 1st Silver and Gold weekend, assessors to accompany groups part of the time until assessors are satisfied that the group is working as a team and can navigate.

The meeting then closed with prayer and Robert Hardy was thanked for his hospitality