

NORTH WEST DURHAM BATTALION BOYS' BRIGADE

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 23rd January 2009 **At Catchgate Methodist Church**

Present: Paul Knowles (Chairman), Rachel McAdoo (Secretary), Colin Carroll, Graeme Stobbart, Neil Moffett, Phyllis Jackson, Eric Hepplewhite, Eric Stoddart, Vicky Davison, Derek Hague, Joy Sykes.

Apologies: Vicki Morris, Adam Morris, Glyn Davison.

Paul Knowles welcomed everybody to the meeting and Joy Sykes led the opening devotions.

Matters Arising

Rick Assessments – For competitions this is OK as churches and sports centres will have a risk assessment that will cover us. However, we need a generic risk assessment for competitions such as the cross country.

Junior Section Results

Carol Service Service was very good, with a good turnout.

Olympiad 2 companies took part and there was a tie between 14th Lanchester and 17th Delves Lane. Lanchester will keep the trophy for 1st half of the year and then it will be give to Delves Lane. Thanks to Adam Morris for setting the competition up.

Company Section Results

Pool 1st – 14th Lanchester, 2nd – 2nd Consett, 3rd – 17th Delves Lane.

Forthcoming Events – Junior Section

GK Quiz Wednesday 28th January at Lanchester Croft View – 6.30pm start.

Indoor Games Tuesday 10th February at Blackhill, 6.30pm start.

Scripture Quiz Monday 9th March at Delves Lane
Passages - 1 Samuel ch 17 vs 1 - 54 and Luke ch 19 vs 1 - 27 (extended as Zaccheus not long enough)

5 A-side Friday 20th March at Greencroft School, 7pm – 8.30pm.

Forthcoming Events – Company Section

Table Tennis Tuesday 3rd February at Consett, 7pm start. 1 team per company.

Scripture Quiz Thursday 26th March at Delves Lane
1 Samuel ch 1 vs 19 - 28 and all of ch 3, and Acts ch 9 vs 1 - 31.

Battalion Business

<u>Finance</u>	Current Account	-	£493.49
	Reserve Account	-	£1000.00
	Bursary Account	-	£249.51
	Deposit Account	-	£246.44

Total of collection from Founders Day Service and Carol Service amounted to £103.00. This will be sent to Butterwick Hospice. Colin will notify Headquarters that this has been sent. Also a cheque for £120.00 from The Grove Methodist Church will go to the hospice along with our cheque.

Correspondence

E-mail from Rob Ciantar regarding Engage a Generation and the progress our Battalion is making with this scheme. Paul will respond to the e-mail informing of our progress.

Update on Publicity Drive

Method	Person to find information
Displays in shop windows in Stanley and Consett	This will be set up in Paul Young – Optician Shops in Stanley and Consett in the New Year – It was decided that these will be put up in Spring. It was discussed that uniform, flags and trophies will be put on display.
Leaflet drop in advertiser	Paul Knowles - £299 for 10000 leaflets, this includes A5 single sided leaflet, designed, printed and delivered. Need to put on an alternative contact, e.g. through local libraries. These will be arranged to be sent out in the next couple of weeks.
Posters	Each company is to personalise their own and send it out to where they want. For contact details, please put on the Battalion website address. Posters MUST go out in the next few weeks.
DVD/Powerpoint Presentation	Possibility of looking into showing one of these at the Empire and Lamplight Theatre – Ongoing.

Any Other Business

Change of appointment – helper to lieutenant for Adam Morris – approved.

New helper at Delves Lane – Michael Grundy – approved.

New captain at Catchgate – Joy Sykes – approved.

Change in registration in January regarding girls in BB companies. Forms were sent out in the Captains mailing. These must be sent off, signed and approved by your church.

If companies say yes to allowing girls into their brigade, they need to be allowed into competitions. Once companies are allowing girls into their brigade, there is no going back.

Next Meeting – Monday 16th March at Lanchester Methodist Church, 7pm start.

The meeting closed with the sharing of the grace.