

## TROOP MEETINGS ON COURSES

### **Purpose:**

- (a) to demonstrate variety,
- (b) to show how to prepare,
- (c) to demonstrate how to conduct,

To demonstrate means that each meeting should be conditioned to meet the present needs of the Unit and the objectives they are seeking.

Demonstrate how to prepare them. Means to recognise the real needs of the boys who belong to the Troop, in order to prepare a programme responding to the real motivations and wishes of the boys.

Demonstrating how to run is the fundamental objective to which this subject refers in the programme of the Wood Badge Courses.

### **Different Types**

It is apparent from the handbooks that different types are included and we must see that these differences are maintained.

### **Method of Handling**

Every Troop is a living Unit. It has a phase of birth, growth and finally, maturity.

Difference between a meeting conducted by the Scouter and that which is initiated by the Scouter but conducted by the Patrol Leaders must be made apparent especially on courses.

### **Staff & Course Relations**

Staff should never forget that they are demonstrating how to hold a meeting in relation to the special needs of boys and that in order to avoid any misunderstanding they should let the participants discuss, reflect and criticise to ascertain if the meeting has achieved its objectives.

### **A Running Commentary**

Short commentary of explanation is useful as also a summary at the end of the meeting concerning its purpose and different parts. It is essential to hear the interpretations and criticisms of the group after each meeting.

Avoid involving too many Staff Members. Never involve more than one or two for one meeting. Otherwise it becomes unrealistic and candidates will feel that while this may work in the course, it may not work in their Troops

### **Equipment**

Avoid elaborate, expensive or cumbersome equipment. Emphasise the point that proper equipment is essential. Demonstrate preparation, availability, handling and removal to show how such equipment should be dealt with.

### **Run Strictly to Time**

By keeping within a certain limit there is a guarantee that this meeting will be a Demonstration and not a "Diversion" or Amusement only.

By keeping the time allotted, it ensures exactly what one was doing and where one is wanting to arrive.

### **Let us remember the origin of the Meetings**

Meetings were born as part of the preparations for life outdoors. Everything in the meeting was oriented to prepare for that activity.

### **Discipline**

A nation to be prosperous must be well disciplined, and you only get discipline in the mass by discipline in the individual. By discipline I mean obedience to authority and to other dictates of duty.

## **Crew Meetings On Courses**

### **Purpose:**

- (a) to demonstrate variety, ,
- (b) to show how to prepare
- (c) to demonstrate how to conduct,

To demonstrate means that each meeting should be conditioned to meet the present needs of the crew and the objectives members are seeking.

Demonstrate how to prepare them. Means to recognise the real needs of young men who belong to the crew, in order to prepare a programme responding to the real motivations and wishes of members of the crew.

Demonstrating how to run is the fundamental objective to which this subject refers in the programme of the Basic courses.

### **Different Types:-**

It is apparent from the handbook that different types are included and we must see that these differences are maintained.

### **Method of Handling:-**

Every Crew is a living Unit. It has a phase of birth, growth and finally, maturity.

Difference between a meeting conducted by the Scouter and that which is initiated by the Scouter but conducted by Rover Mates must be made apparent especially on courses.

### **Staff & Course Relations:-**

Staff should never forget that they are demonstrating how to hold a meeting in relation to the special needs of young people and that in order to avoid any misunderstanding they should let the participants discuss, reflect and criticise to ascertain if the meeting has achieved its objectives.

### **A Running Commentary :-**

Short commentary of explanation is useful as also a summary at the end of the meeting concerning its purpose and different parts. It is essential to hear the interpretations and criticisms of the group after each meeting.

### **Involving Staff Members:-**

Never involve more than one or two for one meeting. Otherwise it becomes unrealistic and candidates will feel that while this may work in the course, it may not work in their crews.

### **Equipment:-**

Avoid elaborate expensive or cumbersome equipment. Emphasise the point that proper equipment is essential. Demonstrate preparation, availability, handling and removal to show how such equipment should be dealt with.

### **Run Strictly to Time :-**

By keeping within a certain limit there is a guarantee that this meeting will be a Demonstration and not a "Diversion" or Amusement only.

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