

## Beaver Section:

### How to run a Log Chew Online

#### What is a Log Chew?

A Log Chew is made up of the Beavers and Scouters.

The Beavers sit down and talk about the activities they did over the previous program cycle while reviewing what they enjoyed or didn't enjoy and why.

The Log Chew can be used for Scouters to talk about anything important which the beavers should know such as rules and expectations. Beavers come up with ideas of things they would like to do and Scouters take note to externally determine feasibility to run these activities.

Older Beavers, such as Lodge Leaders & Conn Beavers, can be given responsibility to lead the log chew with help from the Scouters. This prepares them for their journey into older sections.

#### Key areas of Responsibility:

A Beaver Colony should have regular log chews, usually about once a program cycle (6 weeks in most cases). These meetings are usually held during the Beaver Meeting nights and need not last longer than 15-20 minutes. The Group Leader should be invited to Log Chews so Beavers know who they are and what they do in the group and listen to their ideas of how the group can be improve. Scout groups are encouraged to use the Plan-Do-Review method when planning programs. The Log Chew is a great tool for Scouters to use in the 'Review' stage and coming up with future ideas is a valuable tool for the 'Plan' stage.

#### How to adapt to meeting Online:

Online meetings have some significant advantages and can be implemented for a number of reasons. If circumstances are in place preventing you from being unable to physically meet (such as extreme weather warnings, public health warnings or other extenuating circumstances) then using Online tools is the best way to keep scouting going. They can also be used when you are required to meeting outside of your regular allocated Scout meeting times.

#### Discussion suggestions :

1. What activities they liked doing (**Review**)
2. What activities they didn't like doing and why (**Review**)
3. What badgework they did (**Review**)
4. What badges they would like to work on (**Plan**)
5. AOB: The 'Any Other Business' section of a meeting covers any other topics or points that need to be discussed. It allows people to bring up items which are of concern or interest to the Beaver Colony.
6. The Beaver who lead the Log Chew can take what was discussed and write about it for the Group & County Reports. This can be with the assistance of an adult.

### Running Online Meetings

In order to run an online meeting with the whole unit, a Log Chew should be run prior to the Unit meeting in order to organise programme, adapting to the current climate and to figure out how to effectively run a Unit meeting online.

There are many different video conferencing platforms available for online meetings, including Zoom, WhatsApp, Microsoft Teams, Facebook and Skype. Prior to the meetings, Scouters should risk assess each platform and make a decision on which one would suit their Unit's needs best. Parental consent must be given for each youth member attending a video call, and parents must have prior knowledge of the details and content of the meeting. The waiting room feature (available on certain platforms such as Zoom and Teams) can be used for participants while waiting for people to join the call, this means no one-to-one calls. These meetings must comply with Safeguarding and Scouter to Youth Member Policies. Further information can be found on the link below:

***Disclaimer - Online Safety Guidelines should be adhered to and can be found in the link below:***

<https://www.scouts.ie/Parent/Safety/Guidance-on-How-to-Run-a-Virtual-Scout-Meeting-08-04-2020.pdf>

### Running a Programme Night Online

There are many activities that can be adapted to an online platform. The group should look at the programme they had planned and see if any of it can be adapted to become part of an online meeting.

Other programme ideas for online meetings may include:

- Quiz
- Covering theory for any relevant badge work eg. first aid theory
- Planning for future camps / meetings
- Reviewing previous camps / meetings
- Special interest badge work and updates
- Chief Scout Award work and updates