

EAST SUSSEX SCOUT NETWORK

NETWORK COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY GARLAND, HORAM, Wednesday 12th February 2003



19:30 hrs

Present

Del Smith	CSNC
Phil Collins	CSNL
Steve Sims (minutes)	CSNA
Paul Bolland	CSN 18-25 Advisor
Graham Henshaw	CSNL(A) – Central
Becci Marchant	CSNL(A) – East (later)
Elizabeth Coles	Coordinator Brighton
Gavin Sweetman	Coordinator Anvil
Peter Comper	Coordinator Eastbourne (later)
Becky Rimmer	Coordinator Elect Anvil
James Henley	Coordinator Eytetik (later)
Chris Street	Member Brighton

Apologies

Vicki Clare	CSNL(Awards)
Malcolm Watson	CSNL(A) – North
Melanie Jones	CSNL(A) – South (got lost)
Dean Layen	Coordinator Vanguard
Richard Watson	Coordinator Plumpton
Catherine Carr	ACCES – by SMS

ACTION BY

- 1 Introductions were made around the table.
- 2 Apologies for Absence were received.
- 3 New members were welcomed.
- 4 Previous minutes were read by Del and agreed to be accurate.
- 5 Leaders and Coordinators were asked to give resumes of their current situations. In the County as a whole we now have 88 Members and 8 Networks. None of these are in the North.
 - 5.1 Potential Leaders for the West were discussed. Dave Jackson has promised contact details for one and Liz has proposed another. Phil will contact Dave to get the promised details and then Del will contact both proposed Leaders and carry the process forward.

PC & DS

- 5.2 West - Del asked Liz to progress recruitment in the West as much as she could and feed back any info to the Team. LC
- 5.2.1 Approval Meeting for Brighton was described to Liz. It was agreed that the Approval meeting would take place on 18th February. DS, PC, SS, PB & LC
- 5.3 Central - Graham has lost contact details for Richard Watson at Plumpton. Steve to send this to him so that he can make contact and find out how things are running. SS & GH
- 5.3.1 Gavin Sweetman is standing down from Coordinator, but hopes that he has found his successor in Becky Rimmer. His programme is not running due to small numbers and lack of his personal availability. A view was taken that a wider physical area might be canvassed for members. The four potential members seen at the Hailsham meeting have not made contact. Graham will take this up. GH
- 5.4 North – Nothing has been heard and no representative was present.
- 5.5 East – Very active and running well
- 5.5.1 Bexhill are actively working towards the approval meeting for Eyetik. JH
- 5.5.1.1 Programme is running well, with much efficient delegation by James. Climbing activity was lost due to unavailability of instructor. There was some discussion in the meeting of who might be called upon. To be followed up by Del and Phil. DS & PC
- 5.5.2 Krowten is very busy planning DoE and other awards working with Vicki. The 007 Launch made £125 for which they were congratulated. Programme is meeting some sticky patches due to low numbers turning up. Names collected at the Launch are too young at present but have been noted for future follow up. SF
- 5.6 South
- 5.6.1 Eastbourne failed their initial approval meeting due to lack of support. They are to be revisited on 25th February for a further chance. An additional 6 potential members from the East end of Town are expected. PC, DS & PB

- 5.6.2 Vanguard – Known to be active but nothing heard as no representative. Concern was expressed that Becci had encountered (elsewhere) two Leaders of network age, who had just been warranted in Seahaven, but knew nothing whatsoever about Network. Becci contacted Dean and with his permission began the recruitment process by giving one of these Leaders the Vanguard recruitment pack. This omission needs to be followed up, possibly with ADCLT's DS & MJ
- 5.6.3 Peacehaven – It is known that Melanie was extremely busy at present and this may have limited their activity. Nothing known as no representative.
- 6 3 Leaders are attending Appointment Committees. Becci's was the same evening as this meeting. Graham and Vicki's were due on Monday 16th February.
- 7 CRB forms were explained for the benefit of new delegates by Del. Steve described the process and indicated the recent changes. Liz volunteered that she had had business experience of the forms, and talked herself into being seconded to assist at the forthcoming 'seminar' on form completion by Area Leaders. Steve indicated that he would be contacting Leaders for a mutually suitable date, and that the meeting would be an evening one at 2nd Hailsham HQ. SS and LC
- 8 Authorisations. Becci indicated that she had not had any approaches for permissions as yet. Becci will be judging each case on its merits. Delegates were reminded that the responsible person does not necessarily need to be the Coordinator. Everyone was reminded of the need to contact Becci in good time for permission to camp. ALL
- 8.1 Someone to act as Activities authoriser is still being sought. Del expects that the County Activities Team will approve the chosen individual. DS
- 9 Steve reported on the website, and that we had now exceeded 1000 hits since last April. More detail is constantly being added, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme data is to be expanded. Minute of past meetings are to be forwarded by Del and Steve will set them up on the website. DS and SS
- 10 County programme – Del introduced the existing items.

- 10.1 The Happening – Easter Camp at Great Tower. Numbers are now required. Numbers are currently estimated at 10-15 total. Del will create application form and Steve will distribute. DS & SS
- 10.2 Windsor – Bus is booked. Phil will contact families to see if they want to use bus. If numbers will match bus capacity then we will go ahead and confirm Pete & bus. There is a choice of 16 seater or 14 if wheelchair access required. If this doesn't match then cars will be used. Members to be canvassed to see who wants to go. Phil can supply date – time etc. information. PC
ALL
- (Peter Comper arrived at this point)
- 10.3 Monopoly – Everyone has had details, and interest is now being sought. It will be organised as a County event rather than at individual Network level. Checking system to confirm points visited will be set up. Phil now has a list of the checkpoints for the French version, it was felt that this might prove more popular than the London one. PB & PC
- 10.4 Network Ball – It seems likely that this will be accepted as a suitable replacement for the previous Award Winners Dinner. DS
Del informed the meeting that we have been asked to make this a 14-25 event. Despite the need for careful alcohol control it was felt that it would have the positive affect of boosting numbers and acting as a recruiting vehicle. Many other adults across the County are interested.
Del introduced the proposal that we use the day to the full and organise the Network Conference on the same day, with the Ball in the evening. Boship Farm Hotel was a possible, very central venue. Gavin mentioned that a Headquarters floor could be made available at the nearby Hellingly Scout HQ, and the use of Bushy Wood was also mooted for overnight accommodation.
Awarding of QSAs and Gold DoEs only would take place at the Ball. CSAs will have their own event.
The possible date was discussed, needing to be after exams but before Summer Camps began. A target date of July 19th was agreed. Steve to begin canvassing for response to this date. What we would call the Ball needed to be thought about and confirmed later. SS
ALL

- 11 Awards – Del reported that the inaugural meeting of the Awards panel had recently taken place. The panel consists of at least one member from each of Network, Explorer and DoE. In Addition Rosemary Henley has been nominated as the non-14/25 representative. For any one participant there will normally be an additional advocate in the form of Area Leader or Coordinator for Network Scouts or DESC/DESL for Explorer Scouts. Final interviews after panel approval for QSAs will be Del. Vicki will provide application form requirements and Steve will put both an electronic on-line and downloadable copy on the website. Forms will indicate intent to pursue an award and will be submitted to Vicki. Vicki is working with Members in the East of the County now who have expressed an interest in working towards awards. It was emphasised that Members must register with Vicki before commencing work on any Award (for the avoidance of doubt these are Explorer Belt, Chief Scout’s Platinum and Diamond Awards, Queen’s Scout Award and any DoE Award.) VC & SS
- 11.1 Chief Scouts Award Presentations – Del stated that CSA presentations would take place at prominent venues around the County at about 6 monthly intervals.
- 12 Programme review – Del reminded those present about the need for the programme review process. All networks will have had to complete the process by the time of the Annual General Meeting (currently proposed for July 19th). If any Network has problems with setting these up they should contact the County team for assistance. Coord’s
- 13 Any other business
- 13.1 Croydon has invited the whole of network to a seven a-side tournament. Details passed to Paul and to be placed on the Website by Steve. PB & SS
- 13.2 Birthdays – It was agreed that Members would be sent a ‘Happy Birthday’ email each year. They would be sent a Card on their 21st. SS
- 13.3 Membership Lists – membership lists were circulated. Corrections to be emailed to Steve. CSNL(A)’s & Coord’s
- 13.4 Headed notepaper was now available; a template is to be sent out by Del. Headed notepaper is to be used by Leaders and Coordinators only. DS

- 13.5 Steve raised a query on recent correspondence issued by the County Treasurer on Subscription collection. It was felt that he had misunderstood the Status and arrangement of Network. Del agreed to raise the matter with him as a matter of urgency and clear up any misunderstanding. As currently understood Steve will be collecting Subscriptions. DS
- 13.6 County Seminar – Del, Phil, Steve, Vicki, Becci and Ben Richardson attended the County Seminar. Network was therefore heavily represented and the opportunity taken to ‘spread the word’ as much as possible.
- 13.7 Chairmanship – Del indicated that, since this meeting was officially the remit of the network itself rather than County Team, future chairs should be taken by Area Leaders. A list of Chair to be established.
- 14 Next meeting 10th April, same venue unless notified at 19:30 hrs. Becci Marchant in the Chair. Agenda items to Del as before.

Meeting closed at 22:02 hrs.