

EAST SUSSEX SCOUT NETWORK

NETWORK COMMITTEE MEETING

RED LION, WILLINGDON, Thursday 23rd October 2003



19:30 hrs

Present

Dorothy Whittaker	Chair
Del Smith	CNSC
Phil Collins	CSNL
Steve Sims	CSNA (Minutes)
Becci Marchant	CSNAL East
Graham Henshaw	CSNAL (Central)
Paul Bolland	Network Youth Advisor
Scott Feltham	Co-ordinator Hastings
Matt Richard	Eyetik representative
Peter Comper	Co-ordinator Eastbourne
Dale Shepherd	Co-ordinator Peacehaven
Gavin Sweetman	Ex Co-ordinator? Hailsham
Ben Richardson	18 – 25 Representative
Steve Allen	visitor

Apologies

Liz Coles	Co-ordinator Brighton
Dean Layen	Co-ordinator Seaford (Ringmer?)
Malcolm Watson	CSNAL elect (North)

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1	Minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2003 were read.	
1.1	Minutes amended to show that Becci was present.	SS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE FOLLOW UP INFORMATION ON THE ITEMS IN THE JUNE MINUTES.

2	Warrants – Del has raised the matter of warrants at County and issue has been agreed. Design of Appointment card to be created.	DS
3	West – Name supplied by Dave Jackson have all declined to take the Network area leader post in the West. A leader for this area has not yet been found. It was suggested that someone from outside the area might be approached to resolve this problem. The meeting thanked Steve Allen for his attendance. Del/Phil to progress.	DS/PC

- 4 North – Del reiterated Malcolm’s position. The nature of Scouting in the Ashdown area was explained with particular regard to local insularity. It was agreed that chasing will not work. Three people from the area ‘claiming’ to be Network members finished their DoE expedition and gave a presentation. They have never confirmed their membership. Dorothy suggested that we should not permit the situation to continue. Ben suggested that it might be the best option to work on the Fellowship in the North. It was noted that the new Assistant Warden at Broadstone Warren has expressed a wish to create a Broadstone Explorer Group. Del has made some suggestions to him for Network access to the site. Malcolm will be asked to move forward and report back to the next meeting of the Network Committee. DS/MW
- 5 Budget – Del has submitted a Budget. A treasurer has not yet been appointed.
- 6 CRB – No further forms have been submitted since the June meeting.
- 7 Recruitment – 18-25 members who are Leaders need reminding that they are automatically eligible for membership. It was further emphasised that Network membership is portable for those going to University (and indeed for those coming to East Sussex Universities). ALL
- 8 Central – Anvil has had several joint meetings with other networks but Anvil members did not support these. Del suggested that a further joint meeting be arranged to the convenience of Anvil members. GH/GS
- 8.1 The history of Plumpton was detailed, and the meeting confirmed that no one was aware of any activity there since the ‘members’ bulk resignation.
- 8.2 Phil has reported that Liz Metcalfe has approved the setup of a Young Leaders section. Dorothy suggested that Del approach Liz and clarify the situation. DS
- 9 Monopoly – Only one entry had been received and so the planned run was cancelled. The game is available for future use.
- 10 Conference – Conference was well supported by County personnel but there was a low Network turnout.

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| 10.1 | The Ball was a great success. Those who attended really enjoyed themselves and the event even made a profit of £20! Del suggested the splitting of the two events next year. | DS |
| 11 | Shouting for Scouting – Hastings events went very well on the day. All Districts did something but Network were not necessarily informed or involved. | |
| 12 | A.O.B. – No information has been received from Leslie Rickman with respect to the Taster/Course for hillwalking | LR |
| 12.1 | A link is to be created on the Website to Headquarters information sheet FS120087. The link will also refer members to Leslie. | SS |
| 12.2 | The website is also to carry information on the person to contact when considering an activity. | SS |
| 12.3 | Ben suggested that an evening be arranged for Adrian Brown (County Safety Advisor) to impart essential safety information to members. | ALL |
| 12.4 | Conference minutes had not been fully distributed and Del was asked to pass them on. Becci will re-issue these if necessary. | DS/BM |

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEW SUBJECT MATTER RAISED AT THE MEETING.

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| 13 | <p>Non-Paying ‘Members’ – The problem of non-paying ‘registered’ members was discussed at length. It was noted that next year’s subscription will be £21.00</p> <p>The Meeting decided that next year’s subs would be due before January 31st, and that Co-ordinators would be given a list of liable members on a regular basis. It was agreed that existing non-payers be given the opportunity to pay and warned that next year’s subs would be due in the New Year.</p> <p>The Meeting deferred a decision on how subscriptions would be dealt with for members joining after the Census date.</p> | SS |
| 13.1 | Everyone is encouraged to please find a suitable person (not a Scouter) to become the Network Treasurer. Phil undertook to pursue this matter. | PC |
| 14 | West – Not represented | LC |

15	Central – Programme to be provided, there being none in existence at this time.	GH/GS?
16	South	
16.1	Dale has published a programme for Peacehaven until Christmas.	
16.2	Peter informed the Meeting that Eastbourne was not well organised at the moment. A programme meeting was to be organised shortly. Phil is to be involved.	PC/Pcom
17	East	
17.1	Matt reported that several Eytik members had gone to University. He was alone at the moment. Some recruitment is planned.	M
17.2	Scott reported that half of the Group were involved in Gangshow. He corrected membership listings for Krowten members currently shown elsewhere. A planning meeting was due the following week.	SF
18	Newsletter – Del reported that the next edition content depended, just as the website does, on the submission of content.	ALL
19	Camps – Becci reported that there had been five authorised camps this year. Vanguard at Bushy Wood County at the Gathering, Great Tower Real McCoy Brighton Eytik in September	
20	County Events	
20.1	Great Tower will be planned for again (Easter) with a hope for greater numbers.	
20.2	Monopoly was further discussed and the date set for 23rd May 2004	ALL
20.3	Suggestions were requested for something to do at Christmas and New Year. January 3 rd at Bushy Wood, Network Only in the Cub Hut was proposed.	ALL
20.4	Network Ball – The date was set for 17th July 2004	ALL

- 20.5 Network Conference – The date was set for **Thursday 22nd July 2004** ALL
- 21 A.O.B.
- 21.1 A request was raised for Camping Skills Training DS
- 21.2 Phil raised general items. There was to be a firework display at Gilwell. Trudi Dewis was urgently seeking assistance with running her Group following the structural damage to her home leaving her unable to operate normally. There was due to be an Explorer Hike in Eastbourne on the coming weekend.
- 21.3 Dates of forthcoming meetings. Meeting dates were set as:
December 11th – May Garland, Horam
February 19th 2004
April 22nd 2004
June 24th 2004
- 22 The meeting closed at 22:13 hrs