

# East Sussex County Network Scouts

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

21:50 hrs 07/05/2005 at Bushy Wood Campsite, Hailsham

Present			
Name	Post	Name	Post
Steve Allen	CSNC	Graham Henshaw	CSNAL Central
Roger Gibbs	DCC	Rob Cave	Coord Seaford
Steve Sims	CSNA (minutes)	Liz Coles	Coord Brighton

Apologies for Absence			
Name	Post	Name	Post
Phil Collins	CSNL	Dale Shepherd	Coord Peacehaven
Scott Feltham	CSNAL East	Chloe Stevens	CSN Treasurer

Guest	
Name	Post
Frances Gibbs	ACC Beaver Scouts

Item		Action
1	Steve Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Our thanks go to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Willingdon Scouts for the loan of their site since the kitchen on V2 was out of use undergoing repairs.	
2	The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved subject to a correction of Roger Gibbs' Post abbreviation from ACC to DCC.	
3	Matters arising:	
3.1	(Ref item March 05 - 4.9) Steve Allen has approached Tim Petken to see if he would take on the 18 – 25 representatives post (currently Rob Cave is the only rep. but will relinquish later this year). Liz Coles agreed that if Tim takes up the post (and can provide transport to meetings) then it would make sense for her to accept the post as the second representative.	SA LC
3.2	(Ref item March 05 - 5.1.1) Subscriptions were further discussed and it was agreed that after checking the letter which Steve Sims has prepared would be activated for those who had expressed a wish to be active members but were still in default. Further to earlier discussions it was accepted that Network Subscriptions should be set at £2.50 per month regardless of the date of joining.	SA CS SS
3.3	(Ref item March 05 - 6) Broadoak meeting to be followed up.	SA

- 3.4 (Ref item March 05 - 6.3) A first meeting date with Liz Metcalfe did not take place and a second meeting date has now been arranged. SA
- 3.5 (Ref item March 05 - 6.4) Information has now been received that the previous figure for a charity stall at Fresher's week was overstated by a factor of 10! The cost is £60. Roger Gibbs believed, with some certainty, that the County would be prepared to subsidise this cost. Liz Coles and Steve Allen agreed to follow this up. It was agreed that a full programme would be required to support this recruitment effort. SA  
LC
- 3.6 (Ref item March 05 - 9.3) Ardingly dates should be corrected to June 9,10 and 11<sup>th</sup>. Phil Collins to report back any interest in staffing the display. Steve Allen to contact The Real McCoy (Peacehaven) to see if any members might be available. PC  
SA  
DS
- 3.7 (Ref item March 05 – 9.4) Approach to Tina for assistance with Special Needs group was unsuccessful. Item not closed ALL
- 3.8 (Ref item March 05 – 10) Dates for future meetings were proposed by Steve Allen as follows, and will be at the Red Lion, Willingdon unless otherwise informed:  
Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Steve Sims to give list to Landlord SS
- 4 Area Leaders Reports. Steve Allen asked that, in future, the categories under which coordinators should count members will be expanded to show: ALL  
Paid up Members  
Active Members  
Members at University  
Potential New Members  
Lost Members
- 4.1 Counts (estimated) were as follows:
- |        | Peacehaven | Brighton | Seaford |
|--------|------------|----------|---------|
| Paid   | 11         | 1        | 7       |
| Active | 8          | 1        | 5       |
| Uni    | 3          | 0        | 2       |
| New    | 1?         | 0        | 1       |
| Lost   | 0          | -        | 2       |
- 5 Item 5 – Census/Subs returned was deferred in the absence of the Treasurer CS

- 6 Network Conference. It was agreed that a very low cost (cheap!) event is required to attract Members, and that the Conference could then be part of it. It was suggested that there be provision for many activities, all of which would basically be very enjoyable. Many essentially silly suggestions were made of the type that would appeal to Network Members. It was proposed that the event should be based on a Saturday afternoon, to be followed by the Conference in the evening, then an overnight camp for those wishing/able to take part. SA  
 Steve Allen undertook to find a suitable date. Both Bushy Wood and Broadstone Warren would be considered for a venue. Cost would be an implication. PC  
 Phil Collins and Anvil Network (Seaford) will be actioned to undertake the organisation of the Event and Conference. ANVIL
- 7 Bog Seat Challenge. The linking activity suggestion, i.e. joint Explorer/Network activities is to be followed up. Potential dates are to be determined by the examination of existing calendars so that they can be synchronised with other events in the County. Roger will supply the Team Meeting dates at which such events are discussed, and which take place towards the end of each year. RG  
 SA  
 It was suggested that Vicky Clare has extensive wide game experience, and could be asked if she would assist. It was agreed at Roger's suggestion that close cooperation with Derrick Payne would be essential.
- 8 Any other business
- 8.1 Visit of Polish Scouts to the area being coordinated by Nigel Lindsay. Nigel was on-site at Bushy and had a short discussion with the Steves. He left a proposed itinerary for the visit, but was unaware of the age split of the visitors, which could be from 12 to mid twenties.  
 The biggest problem to be met by Network in offering assistance is our absence of funds. We would be in a position to offer labour only, and sponsorship elsewhere would need to be sought. It was suggested that Rotary, Round Table or Lions might be able to offer some sponsorship, and it was agreed to ask Phil Collins if he could action a reconnoitre for funds. The itinerary suggests that we could be most of use when the visitors return to the Eastbourne area from Brownsea and stop overnight on their way to Dover. A campfire with entertainment and food is suggested. PC
- 8.2 CRB Clearances for Seaford Members. Rob Cave is to suggest potential dates for Steve Sims to visit Seaford and complete CRB forms for members who do not have them. Steve will select from the options and forward details of necessary documents that must be present to be verified. RC

8.3 Investitures. In response to a query from Rob it was agreed that it is not necessary to have a flag available for investitures. The Union Flag was also seen as suitable if a Network flag was unavailable. ALL  
East Sussex does not have a Network Flag because its design was felt to be inferior, and its cost high.

The formal meeting closed at 22:59hrs

Following the formal meeting a management analysis of aims, objectives and roles for the Network Team took place. The results SA  
of the analysis will be the subject of separate documentation by Steve Allen

The Team turned in somewhere between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m.!