

# East Sussex County Network Scouts

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

20:00 hrs 13/03/2005 at The Red Lion, Willingdon

Present			
Name	Post	Name	Post
Steve Allen	CSNC	Graham Henshaw	CSNAL Central
Phil Collins	CSNL	Rob Cave	Coord Seaford
Scott Feltham	CSNAL East	Liz Coles	Coord Brighton
Chloe Stevens	CSN Treasurer		
Steve Sims	CSNA (minutes)		

Apologies for Absence			
Name	Post	Name	Post
Dale Shepherd	Coord Peacehaven	Peter Comper	Coord Eastbourne
Roger Gibbs	ACC		

Item		Action
1	Steve Allen welcomed everyone to the meeting, and was congratulated by all present on his appointment as CSNC.	
2	Minutes were read and approved	
3.1	Matters arising	
3.1.1	Minutes to be emailed to Leaders, Coordinators and all members	SS
3.1.8	Matt Gardener has declined to progress the Leader post in the West	
3.1.13.1	Steve Allen attended the Regional Team meeting	
4	Steve indicated that he was not seeking an Area leader or Coordinator report unless there was information to impart. Everyone was requested to arrange for the following numbers to be available for each meeting: Total Members, new Members, lost Members, potential Members in next year. These were reported as estimated.	ALL
4.1	Vanguard (Seaford) 7, 0, 0, 2	RC
4.2	Krowten (Hastings) 6, 0, 0, 4	SF
4.3	Eyetik (St Leonards) 7, 0, 0, 0	SF
4.4.	Real MacCoy (Peacehaven) 6,?, ?, 0 (six was a guess)	PC
4.5	Brighton 7, 0, 0, 4	LC
4.6	Serutnev (Eastbourne) – unknown	PC
4.7	Anvil (Hailsham) – unknown	GH

- 4.8 It was agreed that there is also a need to classify those who are members, but away at Uni. ALL
- 4.9 It was reported that Ben Richardson had resigned as 18-25 representative, and that a replacement needed to be discussed (v.i.)
- 5 The Census figures had now been returned and Subscriptions are now due. Cheques to be made out to 'East Sussex County Scout Network' and sent to Chloe Stevens. ALL
- 5.1 Chloe was thanked for the large involvement and effort required in obtaining the Census details. It was an onerous task and suggestions were made to help ease the process in the future.
- 5.1.1 It was proposed that Chloe obtain the necessary form of document and that every member be required to set up a standing order at their Bank for £2.50 per month. This would be towards next year's headquarters subscription and a few extra pence towards County Network funds. CS  
SS
- 5.2 The Network has £40.99 in the Bank
- 5.3 It was noted that Seaford Town Council had donated £100 to Network that was made out to County, and has been banked by Tony Richardson, County Treasurer. Chloe will ask Tony to transfer the money to Network funds. CS
- 5.4 Steve Allen undertook to pick up the remaining stock of Network scarves (and badges) from Del and pass them to Chloe to administer. SA
- 6 David Tripp at Broadoak has indicated that there may be some movement towards more Network members in Hailsham & Heathfield District. Lynne Phair is Explorer Leader at Broadoak and may have as many as 6 Explorers, who might become the core of a Network Unit.
- 6.1 Steve Allen will arrange a Network meeting with Broadoak Leaders initially, and then follow up by arranging a future meeting with some of the young people concerned. SA
- 6.2 A potential Leader is once again being sought in the North, where it is reported that there may be some movement toward Network. ALL
- 6.3 Liz Metcalfe is keen on raising Network in Lewes. Steve Allen will contact Liz with a view to arranging a meeting in Lewes. SA  
GH
- 6.4 Liz Coles spoke about the difficulty of gaining ground in

- Brighton. University fresher's week was discussed, and it is understood that County would like us to be present. The fee for a stand (at charity rate) would be £600. Steve Allen will pass this information to County. SA
- 7 Steve expressed the wish to organise a Team Building day for the Network managers. It was suggested that a late April date be attempted, and for it to take place at Bushy Wood (on V2 if available). A Saturday afternoon into evening start with a late camp-fire discussion was suggested, followed by a Sunday morning summary session. Steve Sims to poll participants and arrange a date. SS
- 8 Phil Collins has recently returned from seeing all of the East Sussex projects in Kenya. Ivy has returned unwell, and is undergoing treatment. Nyere girl's house is going well. The boys however have nothing to do. It was felt that pole lathes might provide an occupation for them. KSA has asked for UK representatives to be in Nyere in February 2007 to celebrate Founder's Day there. Bunk House/ Guest House accommodation would be available. It would be a joint Unit event. They are also interested in the presence of a UK Scout Band... some doubts were expressed! The African Jamboree will precede this and an invitation has also been extended to this. Many of the projects in the Siaya area appear to have been usurped by commercial interests, or fallen into disuse. There appear to be some 'political' problems there.
- 9 Any Other Business
- 9.1 Phil Collins raised the need for a replacement 18-25 rep following Ben's resignation. The period of office is for 1 year and it was felt that we could fill the office with someone standing in for now, and then possibly take over formally (or be replaced) at the County AGM. The task was felt to comprise some 3 or 4 meetings per year. Rob Cave agreed to stand in. Steve Allen will give Rob the necessary information for him to be able to contact Ray Tennant. SA RC
- 9.2 Phil Collins needs an updated job specification. It was felt that this would emerge from the Team day. SA
- 9.3 The South of England show (Ardingly) July 7,8 and 9 has Scout stands supported by the HQ road show and needs to have Network representatives present. Young people are therefore requested to make themselves available. Contact via coordinators and Area Leaders to Phil Collins please. ALL MEM

- 9.4 Liz Coles spoke of last year's project to start a special needs group. This is currently operating as a Youth Club with DoE activities. There is some interest again, but Liz has limited support and there is an overriding need for a Leader. Steve Allen agreed to speak to Tina and research the possibility of assistance from ex-Chailey people for the project. SA
- 9.5 Surrey Explorer Scouts have an inter-Unit competition known as the 'Bog-Seat Challenge' (this particular form of trophy is not unknown!). The Unit holding the seat have to organise an activity (non-proscribed) in the next 3 to 6 months. The Trophy is used as a booby prize for any such competitive activity. ALL  
Chloe Stevens suggested that Network might use this idea more successfully if activities were designed for joint Network / Explorers, on a 6 monthly basis. Everyone asked to think about a possible plan for the next meeting.
- 10 It was discussed and agreed that future Network Committee meetings would take place at 7:30 pm for 8:00 at the Red Lion, Willingdon (unless activity in the North suggested a more central location). They would take place on a two-monthly basis. Steve Sims to mail round a proposed meeting list for all to note and approve / reject. Landlords of the pub (Peter & Sheila O'Brien) also to be contacted. SS
- 11 The next meeting will be on a Friday in May, to be confirmed SS
- The meeting closed at 21:40 hrs