

DURHAM NETWORK

Durham Scout Network Committee Meeting
25th April 2006 7:30pm Moor House
Minutes

1. Attendees – Vicky ‘George’ Chetwood, Darren Arbon, Mike Moran, Phil Harnby, Rosie Shepherd, Ian Hammond
Apologies – Jane and Paul Middlemas
2. Action points from previous meeting
 - a. **AP/Oct05/04 – Mike to talk at next county meeting about setting up local networks.**

Mike talked at the County away weekend about setting up local networks in each District. The District Commissioners decided that they wanted to keep the current county-based structure. However, several districts/groups have expressed an interest in setting up a local network:

 - i. Bishop Auckland District Network – possible 50 members
 - ii. South Shields Sailing Network – possible 20 members per year
 - iii. Dipton – 7 people
 - iv. Houghton-le-Spring District Network (Graham Scott)
 - v. Sunderland Network (Geoff Ledler)

Mike will liaise with each potential network. **Closed**
 - b. **AP/Nov05/04 – Mike to appoint Network Administrator**

The committee decided that the only real use an Administrator would be the processing of membership renewals. With the planned membership system being introduced (AP/Feb06/04), this workload will be reduced and it would therefore be possible for the treasurer to be responsible for administrating this. **Closed**
 - c. **AP/Jan06/04 – Mike to remind everyone to repay their membership and arrange for CRB checks to be completed by all members. Update: Mike to ask Network members to complete a new CRB using their district secretary.**

Payments are still coming in and Mike has £52 which has been paid directly to him. Graeme Popay has been asked to deal with CRB checking but there has been no reply as of yet. **Ongoing**
 - d. **AP/Feb06/01 – Ian to produce the job description for a Network Administrator**

Ian has completed this and a copy has been circulated to the committee. As per AP/Nov05/04, this will no longer be required but will be kept on file for when it is required. **Closed**
 - e. **AP/Feb06/02 – Mike to ask Hillary Philips to appoint the nominated Network Leaders**

Ongoing

3. Review of recent events

a. Network Activity Day

It was felt this day was broadly successful but that a Network tent was definitely required to provide shelter and a focal point. The majority of the activities went well, except the wood-man would have probably been more useful some another weekend. The cost of the event has been written-off by Moor House as a thank you for our work during the year.

b. Great Tower

George reported that the event went well and was enjoyed by all.

4. Forthcoming events

a. Moor House Service Weekend – 5th-7th May

This event is an extra weekend organised by Moor House due to a cancellation in the main house, meaning there is free food and accommodation. Tasks include the completion of the new pond, some ground works for the new building works and the normal jobs. Moor House will be hiring some machinery to help which will arrive on Friday. DUSAGG are also holding their Outward Bound selection on the Saturday.

AP/April06/01 – Ian to send out a reminder about the weekend to Network members.

b. Network Service Weekend – 12th-14th May

This event will be left in the calendar in case anyone wished to attend. George and Darren expressed an interest and Graham Scott's Explorers might be interested as well.

c. Hexham Races – 3rd June

Mike has found an offer for cheap entry on the weekend before (24th June) but it was decided to keep the date the same. It was decided to camp at Dilston Scout Campsite on the Saturday (and possibly Friday) nights.

d. Network Conference - 10th June

It was decided to use the successful format used in 2004 with a marquee on the field and accompanying BBQ.

AP/April06/02 - Ian to advise Moor House of the arrangements.

5. Major Events

a. EuroTrek

Darren will be looking into organising this.

AP/Oct05/10 – Mike to continue to investigate and advertise this event.
Closed

AP/April06/03 – Mike to pass the required information to Darren.

b. Tall Ships

Paul Middlemas is organising this event and gathering interest but deposit is due soon. The county have also decided that they will not underwrite the event so all the places will have to be filled in order to get the 10% group discount. Mike has sent an advert to all members recently.

AP/Oct05/04 – Paul to establish the potential interest for this event.

6. Event Planning – May to August
 - a. Network Night Out – 20th May

 - b. Lyke Wake Walk – Ken Percy may provide transport.

7. Treasurers Report
Network made a slight loss in the last financial year of £27. This is due to a further reduction in membership and is positive against the forecasted deficit of £1200.

8. Local Networks
 - a. **AP/Feb06/05 – Ian to establish a friend's mailing list.**
Mike to send Ian a list of people to add to the list. **Ongoing**

 - b. **AP/Feb06/07 – Phil to write a guide to setting up a local Network.**
Ongoing with Bishop Auckland District Commissioner. Darren suggested there may be a similar document at HQ. **Ongoing.**

9. AOB
 - a. Our clothing in the shop is not selling because it is too expensive and people know that it is going to be replaced by clothing from a cheaper supplier. The committee suggested having a promotion to clear this stock (possibly 20% off). Ian agreed to speak to Graeme about the best way to proceed. One possible solution would be to take orders through the Network website.

AP/April06/05 – Ian to speak to Graeme about the clothing in the shop.

 - b. George would like to go to a Ball. Mike suggested the Durham Centenary Ball in 2007 and reminded everyone that discounted tickets were available till the end of June.

 - c. The county have a Sailing Bursary (worth around £1000) to give to a Network member. The lucky person will get to choose from a trip in the Sail Training Brochure. All they need to pay for is their travel to and from the start and finish. The committee didn't believe that many Network members would apply due to the amount of annual leave required. It was therefore decided to open it up to Explorers on the 12th May.

10. Date of Next Meeting – 30th May 2006, 7:30pm, Moor House