

DURHAM NETWORK

Durham Scout Network Committee Meeting
Tuesday 25th October 2005
7:30pm Moor House

Present: Mike Moran, Mark Atkinson, Darren Arbon, Jane Winter, Phil Harnby, Ian Hammond

Apologies: Vicky 'George' Chetwood, Karl Harris, Rachel Philips

1. Miscellaneous Action Points

- a. September 2005 – “Invite CNL network to Durham events”.

It was agreed that we should invite CNL (Central Newcastle Network) to Durham events where appropriate. Jane agreed to liaise with CNL where appropriate.

2. Review of recent events – Confido

- a. The event was attended by a large number of Network members fulfilling a variety of roles and we should ask them to be more visible in the future by wearing their Network clothing/neckers.
- b. Mike was going to give out stickers but was asked to be a sub camp leader as the last minute.
- c. DUSAGG showed PowerPoint slides during meal times which worked well for them; maybe a similar approach could be adopted for Network and the Geoffrey Gordon Cup.

3. Event planning

- a. Network Conference – 10th June 2006, 7pm, Moor House. The format of the event will be discussed nearer to the time using the feedback gathered from the previous two years.
- b. National Network Weekend. This event will be held at Gillwell Park but the information did not contain a date.

AP/Oct05/02 – Ian to find out the date for this event and forward to the committee.

- c. Lyke Wake Walk – 1st-2nd July 2006. Phil to organise and establish initial interest.

AP/Oct05/03 – Mike to include in Network update.

- d. Sunderland Dogs Event – 12th November. Mike to organise.
- e. Curry Night in South Shields – 10th December. Darren to organise.
- f. Beaver/Cub Chill Out Day (4th December 2005)

AP/Oct05/04 – Ian to find out if Network help is required.

- g. Moor House Christmas Extravaganza – 3rd December 2005.
- h. Regular Network Meeting – The committee thought that a regular Network meeting would be a good idea. The date was set for the 2nd Tuesday of every month, starting at 8pm in the Market Tavern in Durham.

4. DUSAGG Report
 - a. Currently have 47 paid members
 - b. Approximately 15 fresher's have signed up to DUSAGG.
 - c. Two DSN representatives (Darren and Mike) will be going to "Pub Thing" on Sunday to talk with those who are interested in joining Network.

5. Gliding and Network Ale Weekend – 28-30th October 2005
 - a. The event has had a disappointing take up with only 12 people signing-up and only 2 people expressing an interest in Gliding.
 - b. The committee decided to cancel Gliding due to high costs of only 2 people taking part.

AP/Oct05/05 – Mike to cancel Gliding.
 - c. Mike agreed to send out an information email with times, locations and transport arrangements as well as a programme for the event.

AP/Oct05/06 – Mike to send out information email to all participants.
 - d. Mike will also be buying the food and arranging the menu.
 - e. The committee also discussed the reducing number of Network members and what could be done to improve participation. It was also identified that we currently don't have a real aim and as such are not sure what we want Network to become in the future. It was agreed that we would discuss possible ideas at the Gliding and Network Ale Weekend.

6. Celtic Connections Camp – 25th-27th November
 - a. Two people have currently expressed interest in this event but we will not be organising a DSN 'contingent'. Mike will liaise with anyone interested.

7. Local Networks
 - a. Representatives from Dertwentside attended a committee meeting a while back but nothing has been heard from them since. Mike will write them a letter and find out the current situation.

AP/Oct05/07 – Mike to send letter to Dertwentside.
 - b. The committee talk about giving Districts the ability to set up local Network's if they wish.

AP/Oct05/08 – Mike to discuss at next County meeting.

8. Geoffrey Gordon Cup
 - a. The organising committee have carried out a site visit and booked Hawkfirst Adventure Camp in Northumberland. Possible routes are currently being devised.
 - b. Possible activities being considered are Canoeing and a High Ropes course.
 - c. Ian is in the process of sending out letters to last years helpers, which Darren should receive soon.
 - d. There will be a meeting on the 3rd February 2006, 7:30pm at Moor House for all helpers.

9. Service Crew – 11th-13th November 2005
 - a. This event is on the same weekend as the visit to Sunderland Dog's.
 - b. Darren will compile a list of projects to be completed during the weekend.

AP/Oct05/09 – Darren to compile a list of projects for the weekend.

10. EuroTrek 2006

- a. A summer event in Portugal had previously been considered but this would probably mean partnering with another Network (to make it viable) and would have a large financial risk.
- b. Amsterdam was suggested as an alternative location and it was agreed that we would make that our EuroTrek in August 2006.
- c. This event could also be combined with a QSA or Explorer Belt expedition if people wanted.
- d. It was decided that we start to advertise the event now to get a rough estimate of numbers, so we could start to arrange ferries, etc.

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

11. AOB

- a. Mike will be asking all Network members to complete a CRB within the next few months.
- b. Jane asked if we could set a new date for the Explorer Activity Day. It was decided that we could advertise this at The Geoffrey Gordon Cup and so the best date was the 8th April 2006.

AP/Oct05/13 – Jane to organise this event.

12. Date of Next Meeting

- a. Tuesday 29th November 2005, 7:30pm at Moor House