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Durham Scout Network Committee Meeting
28 June 2005 7:30pm Moor House
Minutes

1. Present – Phil Harnby, Stuart Charters, Mike Moran, Jane Winter, Vicky ‘George’ Chetwood, Mark Atkinson, Ian Hammond
Apologies – Darren Arbon, Rachel Philips
2. Review of Network Conference
 - a. The committee were disappointed with the number of attendees, approximately 14 people.
 - b. Some felt that the Hog Roast (after the conference) was poor and the price of this separate event may have put some members off coming to the conference.
 - c. Suggestions were made to schedule the conference when more people had returned from University and to provide our own events afterwards.
 - d. **ActionPoint/June05/1 – Set Network Conference date at August meeting.**
3. Appointment of Committee Positions
 - a. George was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.
 - b. Phil Harnby was elected Youth Representative to the County Executive Committee.
 - c. Rachel Philips was elected Representative to the County Explorer Scout Meeting.
 - d. Jane Winter was elected Events Officer.
 - e. None of the elections were contested and all were passed under a general aye.
4. Regional Network Weekend (Monopoly Run)
 - a. Currently only 2 people are signed-up for this event despite the wide publicity by Stuart and Lizzy Charters. South Yorkshire Scout Network has replied to say that they are trying to get interest.
 - b. The deadline for bookings is Friday 29 June, so it is unlikely this situation will change. As a result the revised plan for the weekend will be as follows:
 - i. Saturday – Monopoly Run in Newcastle with a BBQ in the evening.
 - ii. Sunday – Activities will be cancelled (Climbing and Archery) and alternative arrangements will be made.
 - c. A network leader from Newcastle has asked to attend on the Saturday evening.
AP/June05/2 – Mike to confirm with the leader that is not a problem.
 - d. Jane suggested running this event as a National event in the future. This was agreed.
AP/June05/3 – Committee to set a National Network Weekend date at the August meeting.
5. Gliding
 - a. Mike has contacted Carlton and confirmed that the 29th-30th October 2005 is available, however he is worried about the cost of the centre, considering the number of members currently planning on attending.
 - b. It was agreed to combine this event with the Durham Network Ale weekend and that Mike will try to book a centre at Comondale.

AP/June05/4 – Mike to book a centre at Comondale for the gliding weekend.

6. Explorer Activity Day
 - a. George confirmed the dates suggested at the last meeting are free at Moor House, and the 22nd October 2005 was decided upon.
 - b. It was agreed that this again needs to be advertised as widely as possible at Confido and direct mail to potential Network members.
AP/June05/5 – Mike to get the names and addresses for the direct mailing from the census.
 - c. It was agreed that Climbing, Crate Staking, Archery and Buggies would be available and that an Information Tent would be located on the main camping field.
7. Paypal
 - a. Phil has investigated the possibility of allowing members to pay for membership and events using Paypal. He reported that the handling charge per transaction was 3% (Approximately 53p on membership).
 - b. Because the system costs no money to setup, the committee agreed to allow payments to be received through Paypal.
AP/June05/6 – Phil to setup a Durham Scout Network Paypal account for payments.
8. Lyke Wake Walk
 - a. Phil has this event planned for the summer.
AP/June05/7 – Set Lyke Wake Walk date at August meeting.
9. Local Networks
 - a. Mike reported that there are potentially 20 members in Derwentside and has asked 2 representatives to attend the committee meetings.
 - b. Mike reported that Houghton le Spring network are still having trouble meeting.
 - c. Mike expressed the continuing problems with gathering the details of potential Network members. In addition some concerns were expressed about the public relations of Network and how these could be improved in the future.
 - d. Jane enquired about Seaham Network because she has two Rangers who wish to join.
10. Geoffrey Gordon Cup
 - a. The proposals discussed at the last meeting were considered inappropriate by the Geoffrey Gordon Cup organisers, principally because of the lack of an overall organiser.
 - b. Ian volunteered to continue the organisation of the competition with Steven Tupper and this was agreed.
11. Service Crew
 - a. Will remain scheduled for the 2nd weekend of every month, but will not meet again until September 10th/11th 2005.
 - b. Mike will try and publicise this event as widely as possible.
12. AOB
 - a. Ian is to make a calendar of the years events for circulation.
AP/June05/8 – Ian to produce Network calendar.
 - b. Ian suggested setting up a network website to publicise the Network at a cost of approximately £3 per year. This was accepted and it was agreed that www.durhamnetwork.org.uk should be established.
AP/June05/9 – Ian to set-up the domain name and the website.

- c. George reminded the committee that Durham Scout Network Neckers are now available in the shop priced at £6.
- d. Phil enquired about the cost of Network clothing in the shop and that it is considerably more expensive than the cost price. The shop makes £3.20 (30%) profit on Network T-Shirts, none of which Network receive. Mike said that he and George had discussed this with the shop and the situation would not be changing. It was agreed to leave the existing stock in the shop but any future orders would just be sold by the committee at Network events.

13. Next Meeting – Due to the Tall Ships and EuroJam, the next meeting is scheduled for the 30th August at 7:30pm at Moor House.