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ATTENDEES:

C. Mollart (President), S. Harris (Secretary), D. Morgan (Treasurer), R. Maby (Social Secretary), T. Duncan (Publicity Officer)












APOLOGIES:

D.Morgan (late attendance), S. Harris (early departure)

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES










-  Claire opens the meeting at 14:10 welcoming the committee;
-  Apologies received from Dawn and Shaun;
-  Minutes from 28/09/2009 and 14/10/2009 are signed. Minutes from 02/11/2009 are not prepared and will be with committee in due course,

2. SOCIALS





-  The social programme for the next term was discussed;
-  Weekends away were first noted to base socials around:
 - i. 22nd-24th January – SSAGO Wales Winter Camp (Mid-Wales)
 - ii. 26th-28th February – SSAGO Rally – Southampton
 - iii. 20th March – SSAGO Ball – Bangor
-  Claire then announced that she wished to hold the AGM on the penultimate week of term. This would be the 11th March. By holding it in this week will give a whole week where members will be in Swansea should, like last year, any issues occur.
-  Thursday 21st January: Shall be meeting for informal drinks in JC's. We wish not to put in too much work for this social as it is still the exam period and some members may not be able to attend.
-  Thursday 28th January: Wish to have something adventurous, particularly with some members requesting such activities. Although likely to be expensive, members are more likely to be able to afford at start of term. Go-Karting was discussed although considered too expensive. Settled on climbing. Booking and transport will need sorting when we have numbers.
-  Thursday 4th February: PUB CRAWL! We shall be inviting Network to this event. Themes discussed included fairytales and nursery rhymes, children's television characters and pyjamas. We wished not to have something too similar to the October pub crawl. Claire suggested a witches and wizards theme which was adapted and agreed to magic.
-  Thursday 11th February: (Incident) hike up towards the student village so that those living in Hendrefoelan don't have to travel for a change. Shaun insisted it was not suggested so that he could visit Toby's! We shall decide whether to have incidents, and what to have at a later;
-  Thursday 18th February: Playdough Challenge. Has been mentioned by members that they wish to do this particularly as has been done by Network. Dawn told rest of the committee how this works: Split into groups with each group given a set of ingredients to make play-dough with Challenges are set for each group (potentially by other groups) for which teams score points equal prizes (of more play-dough)s. Groups can set different challenges for other groups. Shall also be doing rally costumes.
-  Thursday 25th February: Ready steady cake – meet up, split into groups and give ingredients to each group (or give groups a set amount of money to go and buy ingredients, however, shops are some distance away). They then go off to local houses to make cake – Tom/Shawn's, Claire/Bex's and Beth's could be used as well as Rhyddings (providing we can use this hut). Prizes for best cake and penalties for being late etc.
-  Thursday 4th March: Dancing. We can invite Cardiff SSAGS for this. Perhaps can get in contact with the jive dancers we had a couple of years ago or in contact with SU Raechel to see whether the dance society could teach us some dancing.
-  Thursday 18th March: Cocktail evening as suggested by Aude during the term. We feel that this is the best of her alcohol related suggestions.

3. CONSTITUTION EGM







Dawn arrives for meeting – taken through proposed programme

-  It was agreed that we shall hold the EGM to ratify the constitution
-  We shall do this as a sleepover so that we can take regular breaks without having to worry too much about the time that it is taking. The date for the EGM shall be the night of Saturday 30th – Sunday 31st January starting at approximately 6pm. We will finish by midday on the Sunday.
-  Ideas for breaks included: watching films, takeaway/food, and silly games (although we have done these quite a lot recently).
-  We shall provide snacks, drinks and breakfast on the Sunday morning
-  We shall not charge members for this evening with funds coming from SSWIGS account. However, members will have to pay should they wish to get a takeaway;
-  Shaun is happy to lead the society through the constitution;
-  It shall be sent out to members before the end of term. We have had a response from John Follett of the SU who is happy with it. Currently waiting on a response from SSAGO Chair, Em. Once we have this (and accommodated any of Em's comments) then members will receive the constitution.
-  Members will have until Friday 15th January to read the constitution and ask for any points of information or clarification. This will give plenty of time (over a month) for members to read and respond, and for the committee to respond to any comments.
-  Members will then get the chance to change the clauses within the constitution at the EGM.


4. SSAGO BALL

-  The SSAGO Ball is being held by Bangor SSAGO (BUGS) on Saturday 20th March at the Celtic Royal Hotel in Caernarfon;
-  If we check in early enough, we can use the facilities (spa etc) before the ball on the Saturday and, if members are happy with it, before checking out later on the Sunday;
-  We shall investigate making the event a whole weekend by staying in North Wales on the Friday night. Kate has already said that she is happy to drive up on the Friday. We will need to find accommodation for the Friday night, perhaps staying in a Scout hut and exploring Bangor/Caernarfon on the Saturday morning. We shall speak to Kayleigh Urquhart whether she can arrange accommodation for us. If she is unable to do this, Dawn is happy to speak to leaders from north Wales whether they can put us in contact with the appropriate people to arrange this. The concern regarding the cost for members was raised. We may have to arrange transport on the Saturday for members not willing to go up on the Friday. To reduce the cost of the hall on the Friday, we shall speak to Cardiff as to whether they are willing to stay with us on the Friday.
-  With regards to transport we have had just enough attendees for the minibus over the last couple of years. We may get a few more this year with some members already indicating they are saving for the ball this year. If not we shall investigate using people carriers hired from the SU or using members cars.

5. WINTER CAMP

-  Winter camp shall be held at the Broneirion Guiding Centre in mid-Wales on 22nd-24th January. Although Cardiff normally organise this, organisation shall be split three ways with Cardiff arranging activities, Bangor arranging campsite whilst SSWIGS have been asked to do the catering.
-  The campsite does not have many facilities. We are likely to be cooking in a hut although we wish to have this confirmed. If not we will need to find a mess tent to cook in. This will take a fair amount of room and will need factoring in to organising transport.
-  We currently need to find some cookers. We are likely to be able to borrow cookers and cooking equipment from local units. Dawn is happy to ask her Scout unit whether we can borrow it. We will have to pay for the gas used. The worst case scenario is to borrow cookers from Claire's father.
-  The menu for the weekend was agreed
 - i. Friday Eve – Hotdogs
 - ii. Saturday/Sunday Breakfast – Fry up (cereal and bread shall also be made available)
 - iii. Saturday Lunch – Soup (we all need warming up!)
 - iv. Saturday Evening – Chilli Con Carne with potatoes (if we can borrow Dutch ovens) or rice. Pudding: Swiss roll with custard
 - v. Sunday Lunch – The usual camp lunch of sandwiches, crisps, chocolate bar and fruit
-  Kate and Rich need to be asked whether they will be going and whether they are happy to drive the minibus for us
-  We shall invite graduates whether they would like to attend. There is a contact group for graduates in the email account

6. EASTER CAMP

-  We wished to set the date for Easter Camp early in order to have it on the proposed programme for next term. It was decided to have it in the New Year. Decided on the weekend of 30th April to 2nd May as this is the bank holiday weekend and gives members the Monday to recover.

Wished to hold this camp within a couple of hours drive from Swansea. Areas discussed included Pembrokeshire and the Midlands although we settled on the West Country.

Campsites discussed included Cricket St. Thomas near Chard and Huish Woods near Taunton.

Activities will need to be considered and we should perhaps consider onsite activities (dependent on costs). Committee members will look into activities over the Easter break and report back to the other committee members in the New Year. Bex has said that there is a safari park near by which she may have money off coupons for.

Bex said that she is willing to contact individuals in the area with regards to campsites and activities

7. SUMMER CAMP

Following the lack of interest and cancellation of Ireland the committee agreed that we would still like to hold a camp over the summer.

If we are to do a summer camp it was agreed to be held for a week. The dates should be around the end of June. Members will be able to drop in and out as and when they can come, paying only for the days they attend. Dawn and Claire would be able to stay for the whole week thus organising the camp will not be an issue.

It would be necessary to have 8-10 in attendance every day to make the camp viable, although one or two days with less than this would be manageable.

Campsites and areas considered included Youlbury near Oxford, Forest of Dean, and New Forest or more generally around the English section of the M4. It was agreed that Youlbury should be a primary choice as this should be a midway point between those in Wales and the West Country and those in the East. It should also be easy to organise lifts from Didcot or Oxford if needed to.

We will need to consider activities which may be a problem for Youlbury, although there are onsite activities, but less of a problem for areas such as the New Forest. Committee members to investigate these over Christmas and report back to the other members in the New Year.

We would like to keep the total cost of the camp below £120 which should be manageable. We will however cost on a day by day basis for those members who will only be able to attend on certain days.

8. A.O.B.

8.1. QUESTIONNAIRE AND REVIEW

Claire presented the committee with the questionnaire sent from the students union asking for any comments to add to this. One had already been filled in at a recent SGM. Claire also presented the committee with the reviews made by members at the EGM for the committee to read and consider for future meetings. Shaun and Tom threaten to resign after the comments that a *particular prominent member of the society* made on their review sheet, although this was in response to the former two's comments!

8.2. DEREK

Derek is currently very fragile with one of his legs falling off and the seams wearing. Bex has undertaken some surgery to make him a bit stronger but she wishes to have him over Christmas in order to use some stronger thread. With regards to his ears we would like to remove both ears from pigeon Derek and reattach to Derek.

8.3. KIT ORDER

- Tom enquired as to the progress of the kit ordered towards the beginning of term.
- We have had contact from Darren Bostock (supplier) to confirm that the polo shirts are being done this week. Bex asked what is to be done with her old one which she wants embroidered. Dawn would also like her position embroidered onto an old polo shirt. These will need to be sent to Darren to embroider.
- With regards to the order for hoodies, Claire has recently spoken to Raechel Matthey (SU) who doesn't believe that she has received an order. Claire confirmed that she had found the email in the SSWIGS sentbox and the email has been forwarded on to Raechel once more.

8.4. GROUPS

- Tom enquired as to the progress with getting members in groups. Claire confirmed that all members that wished to help at groups have been placed except for Sian Cripps for which Claire is actively searching for a place for her, preferably with Scouts or Explorers.
- Tom also mentioned that a student (not a SSWIGS member) had contacted his Scout Group with regards to helping. It was discussed that other students have made contact with the local scouting and guiding community with regards to helping. In order to try and resolve this, we shall use the noticeboard and website to advertise the need for help in the community. This will ask students to contact us should they wish to get involved in the scouting/guiding community.
- For future reference we should contact Fiona Proudfoot with regards to helping in the community for guiding. Our contact for scouting remains as Ann Gratrix

8.5. THIS TERMS SOCIALS

- Bex says that she is owed money from the EGM social last week. Tom and Dawn pay their debts although an email needs to be sent to the members who still owe money.
- The Rhyddings Scout Hut needs to be booked for this Thursday. If we cannot book the hall we shall hold the social at a committee member's house. Mince pies and mulled wine needs to be purchased. Bex has confirmed that she is looking into crafts for the evening but will need to look in town for these as Baker Ross is expensive.

8.6. MISCELLANY

- Tom asked Dawn to write her paragraph for her profile on the website. Jason's profile will thus be removed
- The password for the SSWIGS account shall be changed due to the recent committee change
- Claire asked Shaun to remove Colette and Sian Owen from the SSAGO members list
- Claire confirmed to Tom that she is pushing to get his and Annabel's individual contribution awards. The SU keep saying they will send a bus to collect all the awards from Oceana but have yet to do so.

9. CLOSE



Claire closed the meeting at 15:44



Next committee meeting will be in the New Year

Minutes Proposed By:

Seconded By:

Shaun Harris (Secretary)

Claire Mollart (President)