



Durham University Scout and Guide Group  
Annual General Meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
7:30pm Mary's Holdsworth Room

Present:

Gareth Clay (DC), Vincent Sharp, Charlotte Turner, Jen 'Bugs' Burrows, Naomi Foster, Annette Bob Bindley, Jessica Beck, Jen Cooke, Chris Paterson, John Gibson (Staff Treasurer), Simon 'Carly' Mihailovic, Beth Holmes, Andrew 'Shandy' Pridding, Kathryn Sweeney, Susan Ford, Ruth Whelan, Sam Hollings

Apologies – Carolyn de Jonckheere, Kate Elliott, Andrew Bottrill, Jean Foulds, Rachel Gilley, Jeff Ledger, Ian Hammond

1. Welcome – Everyone is welcomed with a cheer! Naomi must do a forfeit for temporarily losing Mole on Big Event. Carly & Bob make Naomi wear a moustache and sombrero and talk with a Mexican accent "just shout fajitas every so often" – Bob. There are many suggestions for how to wear the moustache.


2. **Minutes of last AGM:** Passed on a general aye/arriba!.

### 3. Reports


#### **Treasurer's Report:**


- **Summary:** Not everything is here and some things are slightly unknown as money for a few recent events hasn't gone in yet. Slight loss. Still some things owing.
- **Carly:** Why a loss on clothing?
- **Bob:** Due to the stash person/order.


 **President's Report:** Naomi gave a lovely presentation.


 **Questions to Officers:** Chris: was it all you hoped it would be? Bob: and more!

### 4. Presentations

 *Naomi to exec:* Badges! Carly almost falls off his seat with excitement. Everyone gets appropriate badges for their position.

 *Exec to Naomi:* Not all ready yet but: a special signed necker


 Carly: Presents the Lookwide shiny gold certificate for the walk we did on Big Event (to go in the route book)

 Carly also presents Zodiac Certificates for Chris, Naomi, Kate & Andy (and a letter from the Queen's office)

### 5. Motions

#### **The Motion for the Personification of RON**

**This society notes:**

 That without fail RON runs for every position at all DUSAGG AGMs and EGMs

- 👤 That despite his/her dedication and persistence RON never gets a look in, and has never held a position within DUSAGG

**This society believes:**

- 👤 That DUSAGG should not discriminate against imaginary people
- 👤 That RON's important role in standing at every election is one that is often overlooked and unappreciated by the society
- 👤 That RON should be treated more fairly, and given the place in DUSAGG that he/she deserves!

**This society resolves:**

- 👤 That RON should be personified by means of an object
- 👤 That to maintain the mystery and intrigue associated with RON, and in respect of his/her wishes which he/she has made clear to the proposer and seconder of this motion, this object must be different for every meeting
- 👤 That the President should be responsible for bringing an appropriate object to every EGM or AGM where RON will be present

**Proposed:** Bob 'I Love Imaginary People' Bindley,  
**Seconded:** Carly 'I Nearly Married A RON' Mihailovic

Questions on the clarity of the motion:

Shandy: Any rules on the object?

Carly: No

Chris: What about repetition over a long period of time e.g. 30 years?

Carly/Bob: Unlikely

Chris: Can you not just make it a small ginger person?

Questions on the motion: none

Speaking for the motion: Bob: It's a good motion. Carly: I like RON.

Speaking against the motion (more of a clarity question really): Sam: If RON won nothing would change would it?

Everyone: No – we are not changing the nature of RON

Shandy: Is it safe to give power to an inanimate object?

See above.

Votes for – Majority

Votes against – 2

Abstentions – 3

Motion is carried. A plastic bottle will represent RON today.

## The Moustache Motion

### This Society Notes:

- 👤 That the exec frequently comprises of more people of the female persuasion than the male.

### This Society Believes:

- 👤 That steps must be taken to resolve the balance
- 👤 That the moustache is a suitable measure of manliness

### This Society Resolves:

- 👤 That in the event of female exec greatly outnumbering male exec, the President (or first-listed female officer in the Constitution) must sport a moustache of a suitably dashing nature throughout all exec meetings

Proposed: Jen 'my dad's got a moustache' Cooke

Seconded: Carly 'likes a man in a moustache (but not Jen's dad)' Mihailovic

Questions on the clarity of the motion:

Beth: If there's no moustache on a male exec member: are they male?

Carly proposes an amendment: Change 'greatly outnumbered' to 3:1 ratio

Chris proposes an amendment: Can they also be called the moustache baron?

Bob proposes an amendment: Remove 'president' so it's just first female officer

Beth questions: Would there be more than 1 female wearing the moustache if it was really outnumbered?

Sam: It wouldn't make sense – guides is an all-girl movement so there is a normal higher ratio of girls!

Naomi: I don't think this is relevant to the motion.

Carly proposes amendments, Bob seconds.

Amendments passed on a general aye.

Votes for the motion – 6

Votes against the motion – 7

Abstentions – 2

Motion fails

## **The Motion for the Immediate and Official Naming of the Flagship of the DUSAGG Navy in Enforcement of the Previously Passed First DUSAGG Sea Lord Motion**

### **This society notes:**

- 👤 That, at the DUSAGG AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008, the society passed the 'First DUSAGG Sea Lord' motion. <sup>1</sup>
- 👤 That in the aforementioned motion this society resolved to name the boat in the bar after the conclusion of the meeting and to christen it accordingly
- 👤 That the boat was never named

### **This society believes:**

- 👤 That if a motion is passed then we, the society, should ensure that the actions resolved should be acted upon and carried out
- 👤 That *HMS<sup>2</sup> Deflatable* is a good name for a ship, particularly one of an air filled nature

### **This society resolves:**

- 👤 To name the DUSAGG Flagship *HMS Deflatable* and perform the christening with immediate haste

**Proposed:** Carly 'Yes, You Can Sail The Seven Seas' Mihailovic, The Only Sea Scout in the Village

**Seconded:** Bob 'They Want You, They Want You, They Want You As A New Recruit' Bindley, his Accomplice and General Sidekick in All Matters Conspiratorial

1. Appendix 1, Extract from DUSAGG AGM Minutes, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008, First DUSAGG Sea Lord Motion
2. His Moleyness's Ship

### **Appendix 1:**

Extract from DUSAGG AGM Minutes 27<sup>th</sup> February 2008

#### First DUSAGG Sea Lord Motion

*Proposed: Simon "Carly" Mihailovic  
(DUSAGG Honorary Woman and Social Sec 2007/8)*

*Seconded: John Yardley  
(DUSAGG resident alcoholic unanonymus and Stockton Coordinator 2005-8)*

### **This society notes:**

*That this society now owns a boat.*

*That a boat constitutes a navy (of sorts).*

*The Quartermaster's responsibility "for any property belonging to the group" (Section 6.11, DUSAGG Constitution).*

***This society believes:***

*That a boat should have a name.*

*That every navy should have a commander-in-chief.*

***This society resolves:***

*To create the ex-officio title "First Sea Lord of the DUSAGG Navy" for the current, and all future Quartermasters for the duration of their tenure.*

*The Quartermaster's title should then read: "DUSAGG Quartermaster <name>, First DUSAGG Sea Lord."*

*To name the boat in the bar after the close of this meeting and to christen it, accordingly.*

*To make this the flag ship of the First DUSAGG Sea Lord and of the DUSAGG navy.*

- *C.C we have a boat? H.K inflatable T.J of sorts (Uganda example given)*
- *S.R technically a ship not a boat*
- *C.C what if the boat gets damaged? F.S it will be repaired*
- *A.B is QM expected to go down with the ship? F.S depends whether he is with the ship*
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***Amendment – boat to be named in bar after the meeting***

***Passed under general 'aye'***

Questions on clarity of the motion:

Chris: Who chose HMS Deflatable?

Carly: It was at CC

Speaking for the motion: Carly - we should pass it because we passed the other one – it was motioned!

Speaking against the motion: None

Chris: Has it sailed anywhere? Bob: yes, it got a puncture. Carly: It deflated. Chris: can we have an event next term to use HMS Deflatable?

Votes for – 15

Votes against – 0

Abstentions – 0

Motion passed unanimously.

BREAK – in which we name the boat! Carly begins an arduous blowing-up.

## 6. Elections

Returning officers: Simon "Carly" Mihailovic and Jen "Bugs" Burrows

### President

Vincent Sharp Proposer: Naomi Foster Second: Simon "Carly" Mihailovic

Jennifer Cooke Proposer: Jen "Bugs" Burrows Second: Chris Paterson

Note: Naomi Foster and Annette 'Bob' Bindley take over the minutes during this first election.

Husts:

Vince

Had the idea after Confido, leadership role. Taking charge or a backseat when needed. Resourceful, approachable, make sure things get done. Doesn't want to make this Scouts vs. Guides but as a scout may provide a new perspective.

Jen

Thinks she could do a good job, plenty of exec experience. Chance to go for it, DUSAGG has kept me in Guiding. New opportunities, learned more about scouting, made new friends. Want to keep DUSAGG going, pass on and recruit more members. Friendly, something for everyone. Sensible when needed. Listen to people – everyone should have a say. Wants to incorporate Stockton more (at least 1 event per term).

See appendix for complete husts.

Questions:

Bob: When are you having your hair cut?!

J: got curly hair, so when I find a good hairdresser that knows how!

Bugs offers one!

V: My old barber ran away to be a locksmith, so when I find a new one

Bugs offers one (the same)!

Carly: What would be your approach to dealing with exec stress?

V: Talk through it, offer help or find others.

J: Talk things through, keep people calm.

Jess: You're both in your final year, how will you balance your degree and DUSAGG?

J: Head – work first. Heart – DUSAGG first, as long as it doesn't affect work too much.

Acknowledges this is cheesy!

V: Timetable lots! Lectures and responsibilities

Chris: Name one thing different amazing you would do if you were President

V: Keep everything ticking over as it has been. Try and get Bob to PT!

J: Try and get Stockton more involved, make sure exec do their jobs (Bob writes: whip exec). Take on extra work.

Carly: Biscuit/crayon/Presidential email thing?

J: Pink wafer – other biscuits aren't pink and there's too much innuendo with saying I'd be party rings/ Yellow, it's a happy colour/ Youtube vids/pictures

V: Shortbread, it's amazing/Green, loves it/Jokes, quote of the week

Jess: It's a stressful job, what are your relaxing techniques?

V: Computer games "sometimes"

J: Music – piano, guitar, sax (whichever is available)

Bob: How would you use this light to enhance your role?

J: Wear it!

V: President beacon if anyone needs to find me

Sam: Give us a 7 word summary as to why you'd be a good president

V: Confident, fairly organised, love DUSAGG lots (6?)

J: Fun, experienced, quoted! Upbeat, approachable, friendly...MAD!

Sam: What's the most important aspect of the Presidential role?

J: Being the glue

V: Supporting others

End of questions.

Voting

Vince is duly elected.

### **Secretary**

RON

To be elected at EGM

### **Treasurer**

Kathryn Sweeney Proposed: Naomi Foster Seconded: Beth Holmes

Hust

Good with money, organised, love DUSAGG lots, been to most events. Likes calculators (casio!).

Questions:

Bob: What is 2+2 (laughter)

Kathryn: 4

Carly: 4 apples @ 15p, does a long sum & Kathryn gets it right instantly

Jess: How would you make people pay for stuff?

K: Pestering! Angry emails.

Shandy: What would you do if you got a large amount of money?

Kathryn: Ask exec. A large event!

Sam: Buying anything to benefit society – i.e. what would it be if anything & you had the money?

K: Increase the cc budget – more biscuits & squash

Naomi: poles for fred!

Naomi: how many times have I been to DSU in the last few weeks?

K: Quite a few? 20 or so? 10?

N: ~7

Jess: If QM is not elected at the EGM the Treasurer will get a lot of the stuff- how would you cope?

K: Stores hopefully in our house anyway next year, not sure exactly.

Jen: How do you eat yours? (throws a crème egg)

K: Bite top, will demonstrate later

Bugs: How long will it take to buy CC a new teapot? How big would you buy?

K: Not very long, bigger than the present one

Carly: Biscuit & crayon

K: Choc digestives, purple.

Sam: Treasurer brings a degree of liability – what would you do if anything happened?

K: Depends on the event – badly hurt? Campfire burning? First aid kit hopefully! 999.

Chris: Whisky!

Shandy: Any experience?

K: No, but living with the present treasurer next year

Shandy: Why treasurer?

K: I like money! Good with numbers, no one else running, want to be more involved with DUSAGG.

Voting

Kathryn is duly elected

### **Liaisons officer**

Susan Ford Proposed: Vincent Sharp Seconded: Charlotte Turner

RON

Hust:

Enjoy organising events particularly for younger people. Experience! Can do routecards etc. Can be creative when started! Will start planning midmad early – exams over in first week! Will improve my communication

Questions:

Vince: Spell liaisons!



Susan: I did it wrong before! L-I-A-I(?)S-O-N-S

Carly: Bad midmad situation! What do you do?

Susan: Phone signal/get to somewhere with radio signal.

Shandy: How would you define liaisons officer?

Susan: Run competitions, set people up with groups

Charlotte: How do you eat yours? (throws crème egg)

Susan: Normally the top, but will start on the squished bit

Chris: What is the commonly forgotten equipment on midmad/hardest to source equipment?

Susan: Waterproofs

Chris: Hi vis

Carly: What does POR stand for? Who is the DC?

Susan: \*points at Gareth, Gareth waves\*

Bob: Liaisons requires sensibleness – can you manage this?

Susan: Yep

Bob: Prove it? Don't laugh through rest of hust! (Susan just about manages it)

Naomi: How many societies are you in?

Susan: Lots, will continue in less next year

Carly: I like themes. Ideas for MidMad?

Susan: Doctor Who?

Carly: Been done

Chris: Back to the Future!

Susan: Robin Hood?

Vince: How much time do you think you'll spend each week on liaisons?

Susan: A lot!

Carly: any amount, multiply it by 10!

Jen: Views on dangerous liaisons?

Susan: Make sure everyone else is safe

Chris: Base idea for midmad?

Susan: Going with Robin Hood theme...

Carly: stealing off rich people!

Susan: getting into/past obstacles

Carly: How would you prioritise tasks & make sure things are done on time?

Susan: Work out early what needs to be done, get base positions done early, people take a while to reply. Give myself dates and set targets.

Voting

Susan is duly elected.

### **INTERLUDE**

GOD SPEAKS! (Gareth, for those who didn't go to founders day)

Gareth:

I am the DC and used to be in DUSAGG. I am running off now. Thank you all for your efforts in Durham and beyond, you do a fantastic job let alone helping with units & it is much appreciated. Keep it up! SSAGO came up at the weekend – DUSAGG is one of the best in the country, you do so much. Thank you for everything. Bye! (Time 9:15)

### **Events Secretary**

Beth Holmes Proposed: Jen "Bugs" Burrows Seconded: Simon "Carly" Mihailovic

Hust:

I am Beth, want to do events as it'll be rewarding & fun. Want to make summer camp really amazing as lots of people are leaving. Am only a fresher but am 1<sup>st</sup> year rep, have been watching Carly do events as well. More fantastic memories.

Questions:

Carly: Shout "bondage" out of the window please!

Beth shouts bondage suitably loud.

Carly: Outline the main jobs when organising an event e.g. a camp.

Beth: Location, transport, book, transport food etc

Chris: Name 1 new amazing event you would organise

Beth: Wet n wild

Bob: Who do you need to send forms to when you run events?

Beth: SSAGO, DC? A home contact, place where staying.

Bugs: Summer camp – where?

Beth: Will listen to everyone and work out what's best.

Jen: Can you handle Roger?

Beth: About time Roger went to someone single who has time for him!

Carly: No one can handle Roger!

Bugs: How do you eat yours? (throws crème egg)

Beth: Given up chocolate for lent! Carly gets a crème egg.

Voting

Beth is duly elected. Carly absconds with Roger momentarily.

**Social Secretary**

RON - To be elected at EGM

**Quartermaster**

RON - To be elected at EGM

**PR Officer**

Annette 'Bob' Bindley Proposed: Jessica Beck Seconded: Vincent Sharp

Hust:

Hey. Have been spod for past year. Spods traditionally carry on for 2 years (it takes that long to learn). Have been working on new shiny website! Should be up by the end of Easter. It is pretty and purple. Spod's birthday – if you hold it nearer Aidan's – I will turn up!

Carly: When will the pages I asked for be up on website?

Bob: Zodiac is up now, AAD forms later.

Carly: What would you add to the website?

Bob: Quotes & shiny photo uploader for exec.

Chris: How will the new website keep members updated?

Bob: Will be easier to update, won't have to delete random bits of words for adding on the presidential email.

Jess: You pledged to do more PR – have you and how will you promote more?

Bob: Have been emailing people (on the mailing list) we don't see very often in addition to Presidential Email, will bug Susan to write letters to Scouting & Guiding magazines.

Carly: Biscuit & Crayon?

Bob: Club biscuit (have the song in my head), that annoying purple colour that is actually brown and ruins everything.

Carly: You broke your symbol of power/allowed it to be broken. Freshers can't be held accountable. What are you going to do?

Bob: It will have shiny duct tape and silver paper, will give Carly a big hug and chase him round summer camp every day.

Voting

Bob is duly elected.

**Freshers Fair Co-Coordinator**

RON - To be elected at EGM

**Stockton co-Coordinator**

RON - EGM?

**7. AOB**

- Annual meal on Friday – dress code – you can wear your nicest jeans! No trainers
- Carly & Bob have a presidential challenge ready on Mary's drive
- Carolyn from DOGS had a message; DUSAGG are more than welcome to come to DOGS things.
- Outdoor – sign up please!
- EGM is next week's CC. People can write hysts and have them read out if they are unable to attend.

Meeting adjourned 9:37

Appendix:

Full Husts:

Vince:

Hi all

For those of you who don't know me, my name's Vince, and I would like to be your President. I was a bit of a late starter with DUSAGG in my first year, and only ran for a position at the last AGM, so I'm keen to spend another year on the Exec.

I don't know if I'm being too honest to say that I never used to see myself as a leader, more of a "behind-the-scenes" person, but that's definitely changed this last year. I first got the idea of becoming President when someone suggested it after Confido last year, and since then I've never quite gotten it out of my head.

I see the role of DUSAGG President encompassing a number of things. Most importantly this means being a strong leader, and by that I don't mean being good at telling others what to do, although that can help on occasion. The president should be there to support the rest of the society, whether that be helping or advising other exec members with large tasks, attempting to keep some control of an exec meeting, or keeping everyone in the know with the weekly email.

I reckon I've demonstrated good leadership in the past, what with leading the Security Team at the last Confido camp, and running the Liaisons events this last year. These have shown that I am able to make decisions, quickly and under pressure if necessary. I can make myself heard and take charge when necessary, but am also a keen listener and content to take a back seat when appropriate.

I am also organised and resourceful, and I'd like to think approachable and easy-going when it's not the day before MidMad, so I hope no one would be afraid about talking to me about any concerns they might have. From past experience, I've found I'm quite capable of "taking up the slack" as it were, making sure everything keeps running smoothly.

I don't want to make this a battle of Scouts vs Guides – apart from anything else I think I would definitely have a minority in that case - but I hope having a Scout President might bring a "fresh perspective" to the role, since it's been four years since the last Scout.

Becoming DUSAGG president is also the only reason I can now think of for being in possession of a stuffed animal at my age, and I'd quite like to have the excuse for the next year.

And lastly, you need to be a figurehead for the society, along with Mr Mole of course. Just look at this face!

Thanks for listening, and vote Vince!

Jen:

- 2 years experience (both admin side and organising social side) – still learning
- Have really enjoyed it, being on the DUSAGG exec has allowed me to really go for it and it helped me stay in Guiding – without it I probably wouldn't be a Guider. Has given me new opportunities and experience
- DUSAGG has introduced me to the world of Scouting (obv. a plus)
- Best group of people but also group of friends, want to help keep making DUSAGG awesome, keep the spirit going so we can get people to keep joining and enjoying themselves and maybe learn something new in the process
- Approachable, friendly, something for everyone (!). I'll give pretty much anything a go and if that fails I make a damn good cup of tea.
- Fairly sensible when needed
- Why President? Still room for me to grow, keep moving higher. Something new.
- Do my utmost to listen to what people want – it's your society, everyone should have a say. Maybe introduce a survey for members/freshers?
- Would try to incorporate Stockton more e.g. one Stockton thing at least per term – gives them a chance to come to stuff other than weekend/prolonged events
- Mole stealableness: Have done ok with mini mole so far!
- Quote-spewing tea-brewing fun-making minute-taking pub-thinging campfire-singing SSAGO-talking occasional-walking routebooking weird-looking JEN!

Susan:

- Enjoy organising events for young people
- BELA/orienteering at school – teaching map reading in fun ways, creating safe, challenging routes and routecards
- Creative (base ideas)
- Improve communication and efficiency
- Mid Mad – start planning after exams

Beth:

Hi I'm Beth, one of the keen crazy freshers, and I want to be Events sec because I think it looks like a brilliant job, and really rewarding as well as a lot of fun. I want to plan events which we'll all really enjoy, and give everyone the chance to try new things as well as to share their current favourite activities with other DUSAGGers. I particularly want to make sure that this year's summer camp is amazing, because so many of you are leaving and I want to give you a brilliant week which you can look back on and remember just how awesome DUSAGG is. I know I'm only a fresher, but as first year rep I already have some idea of how exec works, and have been happily watching Carly do a great job of Events sec for the last term and a bit. It looks like a lot of fun and the best way to give back for all the fantastic experiences I've had with DUSAGG already this year, and to keep building on them.