



## DUSAGG AGM Minutes Epiphany 2014

**Present:** Claire Madley, Asher Smith, Darren Melroy, Hannah Wynn, Lauren Cook, Tom Reeves, Antonia MacDonald, Andrew Wilson, Kuba Jasko, Kara-Jane Senior, Rich Hall (DOG's), Cat Kelham, Bexi Denison-Smith

### 1. Welcome!

Woo! From the audience, submissions closed

### 2. Approval of last year's minutes

Approved on a General Aye

### 3. Reports

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Summary of accounts: don't have accounts from last year as there is gap. The DSU accounts start on 1<sup>st</sup> October so don't match up with ours. We need to find the missing accounts off Rachel Gilley, the previous treasurer. The DSU are now sending us accounts and we have lots of money We could invest the money in an outdoor first aid or equipment

#### Liaisons Report

- Outdoor 2013 had 14 teams
- MidMad 2013 had 8 teams and for the first time a ranger group won
- Indoor 2014 had 9 teams
- Navigation Skills (the re-named Guide Skills) 28 took part with mostly Scouts
- Outdoor 2014 had 8 teams  
The Guides were not told early enough and needed walking boots

 DOG's Liaisons – DOG's are ex-DUSAGG members. They spent New Year walking, biking, spit-roasting a pig. At Easter are spending a weekend in Yorkshire. They are also a good resource for helping on events.

#### Presidents report

- Summer camp Edinburgh
- Last orders
- Christmas meal
- Pub crawl

 Moles adventures – George and Andy Turnbull's wedding

#### Questions to Officers

- Rich: A question in general: The team numbers for Liaisons Events are dropping off – is this due to information getting out
- Lauren: It would be better if the Outdoor Sign up was more like MidMad so the information we received was better
- Cat – Sanctuary has had a drop in numbers. In our case this could be due to bad weather in the previous year or slow information. We need to get information out

ASAP and if dates are given to Ian Hammond, before County elections so doesn't get lost, they can be put on the County Calendar.

#### 4. Presentations

- There were no presentations

#### 5. Motions

##### **The Motion of condensation**

- This Society notes:

Several exec roles are not required by the Society

The Society is not as large as when these roles were created

- This Society resolves:

To reduce the number of minor roles on the exec<sup>[SEP]</sup>To make suitable changes to other exec responsibilities

- This Society proposes:

PR Officer (SPOD) responsibilities are added to the Secretary role

QM be made a ex-officio position, given to whoever lives with the stores. Their responsibilities will be:

To allow DUSAGG access to the stores, at reasonable hours and at prearranged times

Liaisons and Events secretaries will be responsible for maintaining equipment

Fresher's fair co-ordinator to be split:

President to fill out forms<sup>[SEP]</sup>Events and Social to run the fair<sup>[SEP]</sup>Secretary to organise the membership/sign-up list Liaisons to arrange group helpers

Proposed: Lauren Cook

Seconded: Cat Kelham

- Questions:

Hannah: What about the computing part of PR Officer?

Lauren: It is very easy now

Rich: You can always ask DOGS who maintain the server for the website

Kara: Does it make it more complicated organising Freshers Fair in so many bits?

Cat: The President is on the stall and get the emails anyway

Rich: The membership list can be done at anytime

Hannah: It means that PR Officer doesn't have to get bits off the Secretary to put people on the mailing list

Asher: What about Unit recruitment from groups?

Hannah: It's the same but now one person just has to collate the information

Tom: Does the person with the stores in their house have to be in

Cat: QM doesn't have to live with the stores anyway as the radio licence is with the Liaison Officer

Hannah: Can we still have Spod's Birthday? - YES

Rich/Cat: Can we change here and pass in the constitution later?

It was decided that we could implement the changes and re-write the constitution and pass it at the EGM.

Cat: We can reinstate the positions at the discretion of society if over 20 members.

The Motion was **passed** on the General Aye and is effective from now.

#### **Motion of Autographs**

- This Society notes:

The DSU require 1 signatory for expenses.

We require 2, however this is not enforced by the DSU

- This Society resolves:

To change this situation

- This Society proposes:

To adjust our constitution to require only one signature

Proposed: Asher Smith

Seconded: Lauren Cook

Cat: Why do we say we need 2?

Lauren: It is safer but now the DSU don't enforce the rule

Kuba: But you can't take money out for your self

Rich: When the Staff Treasurer got taken off was it easier to put 2 students on?

Lauren: But the DSU only needs one!

Rich: We have agree with DSU

Claire: But what about Scout and Guide regulations? Do we have to have 2 to abide by them, we should check with SSAGO if we have to have 2.

Lauren: I remember when it was one, so that shouldn't be a problem

The motion was put on hold until we have checked with SSAGO

#### **Motion of Coexistence**

- This Society notes:

The DSU finances run from October 1st each year Our finances are documented between AGMs

- This Society resolves:

To bring both finance years into closer harmony

- This Society proposes:

To change our finance start and end dates to October 1<sup>st</sup>

Proposed: Kuba Jasko

Seconded: Claire Madley

Cat: Does the Treasurer have to keep to October or can we keep handover at AGM?

Lauren: Have to hand in accounts summary at end of year anyway so this fits better with the DSU.

The motion was **passed** on a general aye

### **Motion of Uniqueness**

- This Society notes:

All biscuits are tasty, but variety is also important

- This Society resolves:

To ensure more variety in biscuits at club coffee

- This Society proposes:

No type of biscuit should be brought to club coffee in two consecutive weeks

Exceptions can be made for chocolate, party rings and custard creams

Proposed: Hannah Wynn

Seconded: Kuba Jasko

Cat: Why have an exception when there is a rule, does it really matter?

Rich: What happens if the biscuits do turn up does that mean we can't eat them?

Surely just special offer biscuit every week

Cat: What if we don't finish the packet can't we finish it the next week?

Hand vote

In Favour - 2

Not in Favour - 9

The motion **failed**

### **Motion of Devotion**

- This Society notes:

Attendance at club coffee has fallen recently

- This Society resolves:

To increase attendance at club coffee

- This Society proposes:

To ensure every member of DUSAGG attends cc at least once per term

Absence may be explained by a formal letter written to the Social Secretary, accompanied by an offering of food for Club Coffee

Proposed: Kuba Jasko

Seconded: Hannah Wynn

Rich: This is not helping to engage those who are put off by a coffee morning

Kuba: What about when people have labs or lectures?

Rich: Club Coffee needs to go back to more planning the weekend activities

Kara: Membership to all DSU societies is falling

Lauren: Can we change the big first event to fire instead of advertising Club Coffee at

Freshers Fair

Cc is terrible recruitment don't use it – we need to do other things instead, more outdoor scout activities. Outdoor things have been cancelled due to low numbers.

Big events need to be set up at beginning of year so they can go in peoples calanders  
It might be worth joining with other SSAGO's or Network, it was suggested that DUSAGG could become a sub network. Network is free for scouts who already have paid their capitation

The motion **failed** on a general neigh

### **The Motion of Intermission**

- This Society notes:

These motions have gone on for long enough Mary's have a toastie bar

- This Society resolves:

To end the seemingly endless string of motions

- This Society proposes:

To have a break for toasties

Proposed: Hannah Wynn

Seconded: Tom Reeves

It was decided that there would be a short break for the toilet and then the elections should start.

The motion was **passed** on a general aye.

## **6. Executive elections**

### **President**

Candidates:

- Kara-Jane Senior
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

Proposed: Tom Reeves

Seconded: Asher Smith

Kara: I'm in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year with DUSAGG and have a fairly good idea of what we do, I have been thinking about changes for the future in order to increase membership and we need to get the outdoor and SSAGO stuff back as it's what we are, as well as the liaisons events. I really like mole too!

Questions:

Bexi: How do you propose to increase membership?

Kara-Jane: At the Freshers Fair say what we are organising for first weeks, it will be similar to the past but better.

Cat: What particular event or social would you like to oversee? Would you push SSAGO Rally and Ball more?

Kara-Jane: I want to join other SSAGO's more as we have to remember we are part of SSAGO.

Cat: Can we word as going to Rally rather than a possibility

Kara-Jane: We are going to ball so yes, I am very organised and look at things in advance so I can advertise well

Voting

Kara-Jane Senior is duly elected.

### **Secretary**

Candidates:

- Hannah Wynn
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

Proposed: Kuba Jasko

Seconded: Claire Madley

Hannah: I have the ability to type very fast and be organised, which has increased compared to first year.

Questions:

Lauren: A DBS session at club coffee works quite well with one a term so you only need to bring everything at once that one time.

Hannah: Yes do all forms at the same time is a good idea

Rich: What about all the extra PR Officer stuff?

Hannah: I am confident in Linux and had have an attempt of PR Officer already

Tom: How quickly would you update the website?

Hannah: I would aim for within a week for things like text on site and term planners, for quotes and prettiness etc I would try to update every month.

Favourite colour of pen

Silver or purple – outlined in silver if title

Voting

Hannah is Duly Elected

### **Treasurer**

Candidates:

- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

The election is deferred until the EGM on Tuesday at CC, please see the EGM minutes.

### **Social Secretary**

Candidates:

- Antonia MacDonald
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

Proposed: Asher Smith

Seconded: Kara-Jane Senior

Antonia: I joined DUSAGG in October and would like to get more involved. Club Coffee, I like coffee but don't like tea, but I know how to make! I missed this years fresher's fair I was ill.

Questions

Tom: What would your new social be?

Antonia: I would increase the number of socials

Rich: Would you reduce the number of socials to encourage attendance at events?

Antonia: Hiking is a stereotypical event but I want to hang out as friends

Cat: Are socials less important in the first term?

Antonia: Potentially as get this could get more people involved

Kara: Could you beat RON in drinking contest?

Antonia: Yes!

Hannah: What would your college bar crawl route be?

Antonia: I know about the free X1 bus, but only been on bailey bar crawl

Ooooo from audience

Antonia: I will explore a hill and bailey route

Voting

Antonia MacDonald is duly elected

#### **Events Secretary**

Candidates:

- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

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#### **Liaisons**

Candidates:

- Tom Reeves
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

I would love to be Liaisons as this year I have most enjoyed MidMad and Outdoor. I would like people to be able to say that was Toms' year. I am keen on linking in the network as I have often thought nothing on this week with DUSAGG and been disappointed. I also know how to liaise with scouts.

Hannah: How would you keep on top of people emailing to ask for different email addresses?

Tom: Keep records of where people go. You also see lots of people helping with groups but not part of DUSAGG.

Kara: Would you liaise the other way and advertise DUSAGG to students leaders?

Tom: Yes

Lauren: How about pizza and pop for scouts?

Cat: It didn't work

Cat: What are the important things in a base book

Tom: The contacts sheet and risk assessment

Hannah – how deal with comical risk assessment

Tom: I would laugh then change it to something sensible

Claire: How would you cope with anxious parents at Outdoor

Tom: I would find out what time they will be back and reassure them that its ok and everyone is running a little late, and ask them to sit and wait.

Rich: How long would you wait for parents on car moving their car to allow retrieval out

Tom: Not long or I would move the car myself

Cat: Are you aware that the overall responsibly for the event is the president in case anything goes wrong?

Tom: I am now!

Voting

Tom Reeves is duly elected.



#### **PR Officer**

This position will be removed from the constitution so the election didn't occur.



#### **Quartermaster**

This position will be removed from the constitution so the election didn't occur.



#### **Fresher's Fair co-ordinator**

This position will be removed from the constitution so the election didn't occur.



#### **Stockton Co-ordinator**

Candidates:

- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

The election is deferred until the EGM on Tuesday at CC, please see the EGM minutes.

#### **7. AOB:**



The EGM will be held a week on Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup> March) Club Coffee



The Exec and President swop presents



Kara is planning a DUSAGG trip to Klute starting at her house on Friday



Hannah: Big Event is next weekend

End of Meeting

Presidential Challenge occurs