



Student Scout and Guide Organisation

SSAGO Annual Conference 27th February 2000

- Meeting opened 09.35

- **Introductions**

Mad Emuss (SSAGO Members Sec)
Katie Adcock (SSAGO Admin. Sec - minutes)
Ed Wright - to count votes in committee elections
Tom Martin - to count votes in committee elections

The following universities had a representative present at the meeting:

Cardiff	Birmingham	Southampton	Aberystwyth
Manchester	Bath	Leicester	Durham
Nottingham	Loughborough	Bristol	Coventry
Leeds	Cambridge	Exeter	

The conference regulations were explained - Only paid members (from both clubs and Indies) can vote. Paid associates can speak at the Chair's discretion. Any non-paid personnel have no right to speak or vote.

- **Apologies**

Charlotte Bond (SSAGO Chair)
Lee Mason (SSAGO Treasurer)
Katherine Huggett (SSAGO Liaison Officer)

- **Correction and Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting**

The present committee members apologised for the minutes from the last meeting not being on display throughout the duration of the weekend. This was not achieved due to Charlotte being ill and under doctors orders not to do anything, so was unable to attend this weekend. Katie has been working offshore for the past five weeks, returning home late Thursday evening, therefore not having any time to find anything and photocopy for display.

- **Committee Reports**

Chair - First of all, sorry that I'm not able to be at the conference. I've not been feeling well and I'm on doctors orders not to do a lot.

Over the past year I've done my best for SSAGO. My main project has been the Minibus driver regulations. A form was developed in order that Drivers can be assessed for the Guide Association requirements. I'm aware that some clubs still have problems with the assessment particularly regarding the theoretical aspects. This is still under discussion.

The website is up to date and the emails seem to be running smoothly.

Regional reps system has been abandoned because of problems with volunteers for the jobs, however, the regions remain with hopefully clubs co-ordinating activities with others in their area. Regional email lists have been set up to help this process.

Club committee training has taken a different format this year and I'd like to thank Claire and Ed for organising the session yesterday.

For personal reasons I may not have achieved everything that you the members and I wanted. It's been a tough year and I'd like to end by thanking everyone who has supported me and wishing next years exec all the best.

Members Sec - During the year, the Indie membership details have been changed slightly, with membership now running from September to September. Any Indies that join after Christmas, will get free membership until the following September. This makes admin as far as Indies are concerned much easier, and knowing when renewal forms need sending out makes much more sense. Unfortunately, my work load at school where I ma currently teaching has increased since about November, and so although requests and queries have been dealt with, I have had to put other SSAGO projects to one side.

Admin. Sec - I have thoroughly enjoyed my year on the committee. Not only have I had to take minutes at various meetings, but have had to deal with requests ranging from Indie information, to enquiries over clubs at certain universities, to information on setting up new clubs. Unfortunately I was sent offshore in October with only a few days notice, and expecting to be away about 5weeks, returned 11 weeks later at the start of January! This caused communication problems, and also meant I returned home to a fairly large backlog of requests. I have since been sent away for another five weeks, again causing communication problems, especially for information for this weekend, eg the minutes of last meeting etc. Despite this, a lot of various enquiry information has been sent out recently.

Treasurer – Unfortunately, Lee was unable to be at this rally, so the accounts are not available to be audited. The outgoing committee is prepared to take full responsibility over making sure that the accounts are up-to-date before the handover meeting, so that whoever may become the incoming Treasurer does not have to take over with the accounts incomplete.

Liaison Officer – Katherine could not make it to the rally, but over the past year she has written a few articles for the Guiding Magazine trying to promote SSAGO to guides either already at university, or those thinking of going to university.

Pam from Cambridge asked if there is a 'no confidence' aspect in the constitution regarding members of the committee, and whether the present/outgoing committee should have done something about the obvious lack of commitment from two members of the committee. As explained at the reps meeting, the committee stressed that had they known earlier of the problems regarding the accounts, and even lack of effort for the liaison/publicity post, a decision could have been made over what to do about the problem

- Election of Officers

Chair : Alistair Hutchinson (Loughborough) Nominated by: Claire Thorpe (Indie)
Gavin Cox (L'boro)

Alistair was elected as the Chairperson of SSAGO

Members Sec: Keira Stable (Bristol)

Nominated by: Diccon Booth (Bath)
Tessa Sutters (CUSAGC)

Keira was elected as the Members Sec of SSAGO

Liaison Officer: Diccon Booth (Bath)

Nominated by: Martin Pink (Coventry)
Elizabeth Johnson (Bristol)

Diccon was elected as the Liaison Officer of SSAGO

No nominations had been received for the post of Treasurer or Administration Secretary. Nominations were invited from the meeting and the following people put themselves forward:

Paul (known as Pam) (Cambridge) – Treasurer
Caroline (Nottingham) – Admin. Sec

Both were elected onto the committee of SSAGO

On behalf of the outgoing committee, Mad and Katie wished the incoming committee luck.

- Rally bids

No bids were received, so the issue has been left open until the next rally.

- Forthcoming Events

Cambridge Rally – 23rd-25th June

Some members of SSAGO are going to the Netherlands at Easter for a weekend event.

Cardiff Party – 18th March

Gaskit - £35 camping for 5 nights, tentage and equipment provided, with the intention of the weekend to be providing the full programme of activities, food, and taking every hassle off the leaders hands. The camp is to provide basic camping skills, which are often missed out on now. Activities on offer will be water activities, climbing, archery, and orienteering amongst others. There will also be basic camping skills as well as many fun activities. Evening activities will include campfires, fireworks, disco and wide games.

The organisers are looking for about 15-20 from SSAGO to help out at the camp.

The camp will be at Kibblestone, from 5-9th August.

Alternative Rally – 22-24th September, organised by Claire Thorpe, programme and details will be announced soon.

Venture Abroad – Mad has the details available for working abroad during the summer.

Witan – summer camp in Switzerland, last two weeks in August.

- A.O.B.

Climbing – New rulings under the Guide Association. Please read the enclosed information. If any other information is required, contact Gavin Cox at Loughborough.

We were visited by the National Commissioner for Venture Scouts, to let us know a bit about the Programme Review (Scout Association). The Programme Review is being changed, and how things affect SSAGO partly depends on how much input we give. Hamish asked clubs to read the questionnaire (which had been available in Scouting Magazine), and fill it in if we felt the need. Although the changes will not directly affect SSAGO, they may indirectly, and our view and opinions will be taken into consideration.

The outgoing committee was thanked for the work they have put into SSAGO over the last year.

Bristol were thanked for the rally and allowing the AGM to take place.

- Meeting closed 10.35