
Student Scout and Guide Organisation

Annual General Meeting

Held on Sunday 17th February 2002

at Blackwell Court Scout Campsite, Blackwell, Birmingham.

Meeting opened at 10:10am

1. Introduction

The executive committee:

Paul Teulon – Chair

Liz Ralph – Secretary

Martin Whelan – Treasurer

Phil Cole – Members Officer

Chris Green – Publicity Officer

The clubs at the following universities were represented:

Leeds
Swansea
Birmingham
Newton Rigg
Cardiff
Southampton

Nottingham
Loughborough
UCE
Cambridge
Bath
Warwick

Leicester
Manchester
Bristol
Oxford
Hull
Heriot-Watt

The following Indie members were present:

Susan Howells

Charlene Hooton

Michael Hudgell

The following people were also present:

Marion Anslow – Senior Section advisor, Members of the Scout Association Scout
Guide Association Network development team

2. Apologies for absence

None received

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Reports from Executive Committee Members

Publicity:

SSAGO has been increasing its profile in several ways this year. The display material has been completed and has visited several events, including Gilwell reunion held in September that was also attended by the whole exec committee. SSAGO was represented at the Scout Association's 14-25 workshop in Manchester where there were SSAGO leaflets in the delegate packs. There have been several articles in Scouting and Guiding magazines about SSAGO, and the website has had many hits and has spawned a number of enquiries. The site is, however, in need of a facelift that unfortunately was not achieved this year. Activity

during the first weeks of term was frenetic, which was hopefully due to the publicity efforts during the summer. The colour leaflet has gone out to all ACC Venture Scouts.

Secretary:

A memorable year all in all, but not always for the right reasons. Enquiries flowed in thick and fast from the outset and the 14-25 workshop in Manchester provided ample opportunity to both initiate dialogue between SSAGO and the re-structured Scout Association, as well as be generally nosy as to the inner workings of the Association. Over the summer the new style web-based SSAGO News was developed, but unfortunately only one edition was produced this year. Gilwell Reunion was a busy and enjoyable way of raising the profile of SSAGO (mostly through the medium of karioke), however since then major issues in my family life have caused me to put something of a hold on all my SSAGO activities for quite a long while. The rest of the committee have been wonderfully supportive during this very difficult time for me, I can't thank them enough.

Members:

There have been 105 enquiries about SSAGO (an increase on last year), 6 new clubs have formed and others have returned. 1 club has closed. There are more indies registering. Registration has been rather a hassle; two clubs have still not registered for various reasons. The address list has been updated with the information from the registration forms. The Information Manual has not been updated fully (re: changes resulting from the Scout Association's PRI process), this is important for new clubs. The issue of minibus driver registration is proving to be an administrative headache, full identification of all drivers is needed.

Treasurer:

The financial year-end has moved to the 6th January so that the treasurer who prepared the accounts is in office when they are audited. Consequently, it is even more important that club registration is completed on time. The range of merchandise has been expanded and new suppliers sought. Planning for GaSCiT 2003 is well underway. International links have been investigated; many people have offered to help as translators (although more help is always appreciated) and there is positive feedback from a fraternity in the USA associated with Boy Scouts of America. SSAGO's response to the PRI process has been prepared, sent to clubs and published on the website, contact the exec for more details.

Chair:

It has been satisfying to see the growth of SSAGO in terms of clubs and indie members this year. Indie membership has led to the formation of new clubs, and indies are also being invited along to local club events. This improvement has been down to a lot of hard work behind the scenes, and altogether it has been a very successful year.

5. Constitutional and Financial matters.

The constitution is still being honed, is currently resides with the previous Chair (Ali) in Loughborough.

Copies of the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 financial year accounts were circulated. These were approved by a majority. The alteration in the financial year-end will mean that there will be only one set of accounts to audit next year.

6. The Scout Association programme review and SSAGO

Hugh Miller spoke about his role as SSAGO liaison as a member of the Scout Network Support Team and the progress made on the implementation of the new programme, which will be up and running by 1st June 2002. The regional launches of the new sections are well underway, and County Scout Network Commissioners (with whom SSAGO clubs should endeavour to communicate with) are currently being appointed. E-mail scout.network@scout.org.uk if any details on commissioners is required. Scout Network commissioners should get in touch with any SSAGO club in their patch. The Scout Association is now committed to working with external agencies, such as D of E and SSAGO. It is important to note that Scout Network does not intend to 'take over' SSAGO and values the unique link that SSAGO provides between the Scout and Guide Associations. There is no obligation for a SSAGO club to work with their local Scout Network, but it is encouraged as the association works both ways with one supporting the other. If there are any problems, get in touch with the SSAGO exec or the Scout Network Support Team at Gilwell.

Pam made the point that this process has been in consultation with both the Scout and Guide Associations, and the Guides have been kept informed of all developments.

7. Election of officers.

At the beginning of proceedings Pam asked that if a post was uncontested, would a show of hands just for RON and abstentions be acceptable in place of the usual system. This was generally approved by the meeting.

Chairman:

1 nomination – Martin Whealan from Scogui (Proposed by James Child, seconded by Sarah Cooper)

James (via Helmet, acting as an interpreter due to a sudden and unexpected bout of laryngitis):

Martin knows what needs doing and has vowed to be even more sober this year than last year.

Martin:

Hope to keep up the progress made this year by opening even more clubs and keeping the existing ones going. Will make use of all the people on the committee and provide continuity from one year to the next.

Questions from the floor:

§ Tom (Loughborough) – What are you responsible for?

Martin – everything

§ Chris (Oxford) – Is it true that you already have the chairman's file?

Martin – it is in the possession of the previous chairman, who is indeed a member of my club.

§ Helmet (Loughborough) – Can you name this position? (Helmet displayed a basic drawing of a rather unorthodox arrangement of people)

§ Martin – Er...

Martin was asked to leave the room and the votes for no, abstain and RON were cast by a show of hands.

No – 4

Abstain – 1

RON – 0

The majority therefore approved the appointment of Martin Whealan as the new SSAGO chairman.

Secretary:

2 nominations – Graham Johnson from SLUGS (proposed by Catherine Sharp, seconded by Karen Harris) and Hannah Watts from Cardiff (proposed by Torian Bowles, seconded by Phil Cole)

Catherine (for Graham):

Graham is a good guy; he is committed to his club and SSAGO and would be a very able secretary.

Graham:

Helped to reform SLUGS and increase the membership, will do a good job at national level.

Torian (for Hannah):

Hannah is energetic and committed to SSAGO.

Hannah:

Would like to get more involved as have been sitting on the sidelines too long now. Like to develop the web-based newsletter more, and ensure that the Guides are well represented at national level.

Questions from the floor:

§ Tom (Loughborough) – What is your favourite colour ink?

Hannah – pink

Graham – blue, it's cheap.

§ Ben (Birmingham) – As secretary, what will you secrete?

Graham – ink

Hannah – bovine faeces, probably.

§ Helmet (Loughborough) – What would your response be if you encountered this position occurring between consenting adults? (Helmet displayed yet another basic drawing of a rather unorthodox arrangement of people)

Hannah – ask people to e-mail in suggestions.

Graham - leave.

Hannah and Graham were asked to leave the room. As the post was contested, a full hand count took place.

Hannah – 62 votes

Graham – 14 votes

Abstain – 3

RON – 0

The majority therefore approved the appointment of Hannah Watts as the new SSAGO secretary.

Publicity Officer:

1 nomination – James Child from Leeds (proposed by Nicholas Murphy and seconded by P Coleman).

Nicholas:

James is a very active SSAGO member and he has been involved in Scouting at all levels.

James (via Helmet, again acting as an interpreter due to a continued bout of laryngitis):

All Pam's fault, I was drunk.

Questions from the floor:

§ Tom (Loughborough) – what is your relationship to Helmet?

James – none of your business.

§ Helen (Cardiff) – Will you be able to manage the website and all the other computer issues?

James – managed at Leeds so there should not be a problem.

James was asked to leave the room and the votes for no, abstain and RON were cast by a show of hands.

No – 0

Abstain – 0

RON – 0

Therefore James Child was unanimously approved as the new SSAGO publicity officer.

Members Officer:

1 nomination – Susan Howells (indie) from Derby (proposed by Phil Cole, seconded by Andrew Langton)

Phil:

Susan is enthusiastic about SSAGO and it would be good to have an indie on the committee.

Susan:

I don't have a club but would like to be more involved. I like rallies.

Questions for the floor:

§ James (via an alternative interpreter) – will you be as easy to contact by e-mail as the last publicity officer?

Susan – couldn't say as I'm not standing for publicity officer.

Susan was asked to leave the room and the votes for no, abstain and RON were cast by a show of hands.

No – 0

Abstain – 3

RON – 0

The majority therefore approved the appointment of Susan Howells as the new SSAGO members' officer.

Treasurer:

There were no written nominations for this post so Pam opened it to the floor. 1 nomination was received – Graham Johnson from SLUGS (proposed by Simon Parr, seconded by Peter Butler).

Simon:

He is a very committed individual

Graham:

Need to learn how to add up anyway so...

Questions from the floor:

§ Tom (Loughborough) – when were you last actually committed?

Graham – Broke out last week.

§ James (Leeds) – Will you be prepared for accounting in both sterling and in Euros?

Graham – if it becomes necessary.

§ Will you be following in the great tradition of other SSAGO treasurers and become overly familiar with alcohol?

Graham – yes.

§ Who is your favourite Teletubbie?

Graham – Po

§ How much money do you have in your pocket right now?

Graham - £29.37

Graham was asked to leave the room and the votes for no, abstain and RON were cast by a show of hands.

No – 0

Abstain – 8

RON – 3

The majority therefore approved the appointment of Graham Johnson as the new SSAGO treasurer.

8. Rally Bids

Spring 2003

1 nomination – Scogui (Loughborough) – it was Scogui Bear's idea, therefore the theme will be The Bear and Friends Rally. The bear was not present at the meeting.

The votes for no, abstain and RON were cast by a show of hands.

No – 2

Abstain – 0

RON – 1

The majority therefore approved the proposal that Scogui host the SSAGO rally in Spring 2003

The Summer and Autumn 2003 were still not taken, so the next agenda item was discussed while various clubs deliberated over a possible rally bid.

9. Forthcoming events.

§ Summer Rally 2002 – Nottingham, 5th-7th July. Theme is Gold, in celebration of 50 years of SNOGS.

§ YOH – incident Hike in Holland during Easter. Contact Neil Williams for more information.

§ GaSCiT 2003 – 25th-29th July 2003. A camp for Guides and Scouts who might not otherwise be able to camp as their leaders are unable to take them. Need SSAGOers to lend a hand. Ask Si Jerram for more information.

§ SAGGA – alternative rally in Northampton in the Autumn. Also SAGGA membership offered at a reduced rate for students, please consider joining.

§ SSAGO Holiday – 7th-15th September, Fordell Firs campsite (nr. Edinburgh). An information pack will be going to all clubs through the post soon. It is meant to be different to rallies (no silly games for a start), there will be lots of activities and generally a good chance to get to know everyone better.

§ Autumn Rally 2002 – ULALA Rally (Leeds and Leicester), more information will be available at the next rally.

10. Rally Bids (revisited)

Autumn 2003

Warwick – have a few good campsites in mind with amenable wardens.

The votes for no, abstain and RON were cast by a show of hands.

No – 0

Abstain – 0

RON – 1

The majority therefore approved the proposal that Warwick host the SSAGO rally in Autumn 2003.

Summer 2003

2 nominations – Oxford and 'Pub Crawlers'

Oxford – are a strong club and have not hosted a rally in a long while

'Pub Crawlers' – the usual Pub Crawl crowd would host a rally in the middle of the country somewhere following the standard arrangements, except the pub crawl would start at 10.30 a.m.

As the rally was contested, a full hand count took place.

Oxford – 60 votes

Pub Crawl – 18 votes

Abstain – 3

RON – 1

The majority therefore approved the proposal that Oxford host the SSAGO rally in Summer 2003.

11. A.O.B.

The challenge for the SSAGO bunny was offered to the new chairman, who accepted. The challenge was to down three cans of special brew and some cream crackers at the next rally.

Martin encouraged people to purchase official SSAGO merchandise after the meeting.

Meeting closed at 11:45 am-ish

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Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 6/4/2001

		£
Income		
Club Registration		1,486.00
Indie Registration		65.00
Merchandise Purchases		222.75
Bristol Rally Loan Repayment	200.00	
Loughborough Rally Loan Repayment	200.00	
Loughborough Rally Loss	- 180.53	
Abba Rally Profit	33.93	
Cambridge Rally Profit	96.29	
Durham Rally Profit	288.18	
Bristol Rally Profit	514.73	
		1,152.60
Travel Expenses		90.53
Interest		-
Moot		250.00
		3,266.88
Expenditure		
Merchandise Purchases		241.29
Rally Loan Sweetie		300.00

Rally Loan Cardiff	300.00
Travel Expenses	407.55
Administration	343.18
Insurance	767.87
Charity Donation	20.00
Statement Reprints	15.00
Website	23.50
CUSAGC Development Fund	300.00
	2,718.39
Surplus for Year	548.49

Represented by

	Opening	Closing	
Yorkshire Bank	346.73	-	
Alliance and Leicester	126.59	126.59	
Girobank Current a/c	3,931.45	526.67	
Girobank Savings a/c	-	4,300.00	
	<u>4,404.77</u>	<u>4,953.26</u>	548.49

Assets

Merchandise	567.20
Outstanding Loan (Cardiff)	300.00
Outstanding Loan (Sweeties)	300.00
Bank Accounts	4,953.26
	<u>6,120.46</u>

Liabilities

Scout Hillwalking Training	5.00
Scout 14-25 Conference	120.00
Merchandise Purchase	3.80
Merchandise Purchase	154.80
Merchandise owed 3 T-shirts	19.20
	<u>302.80</u>

Total Assets as at 6/4/2001

5,817.66

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Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 6/01/02

Income	
Club Registration (DM)	£634.00
Indie Registration (DMI)	£26.00
Associate Registration (DMA)	£15.00
2000/01 Membership (DMO)	£7.00
Rally Loan Repayment (DMR)	£575.00
Merchandise (DME)	£351.54
Interest (1)	£83.13
Total Income	£1,691.67

Expenditure	
Training (CTR)	£125.00
Merchandise(CMP)	£360.80
Expenses (CE)	£117.00
Travel Expenses (CT)	£148.20
Publicity and Website (CP)	£144.52
Rally Loans (CRL)	£300.00
SSAGO Holiday Deposit (CSH)	£100.00
Miscellaneous	£5.00

Total Expenditure £1,300.52

Surplus for year (exc transfers) **£391.15**

Represented by

	Opening	Closing	
<i>Alliance and Leicester</i>	£128.59	£128.59	
<i>Girobank Current Account</i>	£526.67	£1,634.69	
<i>Girobank Business Deposit</i>	£4,300.00	£3,583.13	
	£4,955.26	£5,346.41	£391.15

Assets

Merchandise	£480.85
Publicity Materials	£80.00
Outstanding Loan (Old Gits)	£300.00
Bank Accounts	£5,346.41
	£6,207.26

Liabilities

Insurance	£367.13
5 Neckers (Stirling SSAGO)	£22.50
Expenses	£26.66
	£416.29

Total Assets at **£5,790.97**
06/01/02

**Vis a vis previous
financial year -£26.69**