



**Student Scout and Guide Organisation**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Guy's Farm, Lancashire**  
**29<sup>th</sup> February 2004**

**Present:**

James Child – Chair  
Alison Parker – Secretary  
Helen Llewellyn Powell – Treasurer  
Hayley Goldman – Members' Officer  
Andy Mitchell – Publicity Officer

**Apologies:** Cambridge, Gilwell, CHQ

**1. Tellers/vote counters**

Barry Wild and Graham Johnson approved in this position.  
Voting by a show of hands was approved.

**2. Minutes of the last AGM**

Oxford were actually present. Otherwise minutes were passed.

**3. Officer's reports**

**a) Publicity – Andy**

Publicity video – filmed at Oxford and available from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and at the Gilwell Reunion.

Website- revamp completed by Marcus

Article appeared in Guiding

Funding obtained for posters and leaflets.

Thanks go to those doing publicity at a grass roots level.

Hope the next exec will stand to improve SSAGO and not themselves.

**b) Members' – Hayley**

One third of clubs returned their registration forms on time.

Currently we have 566 members (last year's total was 590)

However, Loughborough have not filled in their form properly so it could be more.

94% are students

59% are female, 41% male

29% are scouts, 21% are Guides and 2% are both.

28% have been CRB checked

17% are involved in the D of E scheme

Please put numbers attending rallies on the membership form next year.

**c) Treasurer - Helen**

New t-shirt was going to be available with all club neckers on the back, but registration forms were late.

Car stickers are still being investigated.

Insurance was also delayed because of the late return of registration forms.

Queries have been sorted.

Marcus asked if Helen could check if the Sheffield necker was correct.

**d) Secretary – Alison**

Wrote minutes and dealt with e-mails.

Produced two copies of SSAGO News

Produced guidelines on Scout and Guide's Owns to be included in How to Run a Rally.

**e) Chair- James**

Wants to get Guides more involved – both at CHQ and in the effect they have on SSAGO, including numbers and involvement.

The handover occurred in Loughborough.

Went to CHQ to meet with Guides.

Went to Cambridge for punt jousting.

Rally in Oxford

Gilwell reunion

Warwick rally

Lancaster rally

There were a few complaints – the SSAGO phone number was used by a gap year student ringing from Australia at 3am.

Thanks go to the rest of the exec for being trying, and to SAGGA who said “doing nothing is better than doing something” and to Martin, Graham and Hayley.

Also stop knocking people who are doing stuff for SSAGO.

**4. HQ Reports**

**a) Scouts**

Did not submit one

**b) Guides**

They are assessing the new Adventurous Activities regulations with regard to SSAGO.

The fourth edition of the guiding manual has been published – its available from [www.guidingessentials.org.uk](http://www.guidingessentials.org.uk)

The senior section website mentions SSAGO.

The new 4-peer education initiative uses SSAGO as an example.

Innovate has at least 3 SSAGO members on its committee, and Southampton SSAGO have been asked top help with the next one.

They are keen to support SASAGO so ask them questions.

**5. Financial Report**

Audited by Simon Keen in three days.

Some clubs have still not paid membership.

Income includes interest and rally profits.

Expenses include exec expenses, insurance (still to be paid), merchandise, rally loans and the SSAGO phone line.

Liabilities include rally loans and the ball loan.

Assets include the mascots and toasters.

Overall the year has made a profit of £307 (last year there was a deficit of £400)

The accounts were approved.

## **6. Constitutional Issues**

The constitution is available on the website.

CRB – All members who joined after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2001 need to complete a CRB check or SCRO in Scotland.

CE check includes list 99 – an extra check to normal.

This needs to be completed as soon as possible after the start of term.

Completing a check counts as sending off the form, not receiving the return.

The scouts extra check mean that most is covered within the first 2 weeks so if there's no response in this time then the return should ultimately be clear.

Job descriptions were added top the new constitution, so any changes have to made at the AGM – next year's exec to change this, along with STV voting system.

## **7. Elections**

### **a) Secretary**

Ruth Smith – Leicester

Proposed – Jenny Hills, Leicester

Seconded – Craig Genner, UCE

Ruth is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at De Montfort University.

She wants to work on the exec because she can't at club level because of university restrictions.

She's doing an arts management degree so is organised.

Jenny – she'll be great.

Helmet – what's your weekly consumption of pies?

Ruth - varies

Tom – which bodily fluid would you write with?

Ruth – blood.

Ruth, Cardiff – what's your cocktail of choice?

Ruth – don't drink because of medical reasons

John, Leicester – do you want to put something back into SSAGO?

Ruth - yes

Votes for Ruth as secretary:

Yes – lots

No – 0

Abstentions – 0

RON – 1

### **b) Members' Officer**

“Medic” Mike – Birmingham

Proposed – John Ward, Birmingham

Second – Nathan Barrow, Warwick

Mike is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year who's been absent for a year but is now back and wants to put something back.

Standing for exec started as a bet with John.

John – no one else knows SSAGO members like Mike,

Nathan – will do the job

Helmet – did you wash it before putting it back into SSAGO?

Mike – depends on campsite facilities

Nik Swallow, Leicester – How heavily do you want to be involved?

Mike – as heavily as possible.

Simon Parr, Loughborough – if you were a firework what would you be?

Mike – a Catherine wheel so I could go everywhere

Ruth, Cardiff – vanilla or chocolate?

Mike – chocolate

Dr Tom – with what surgical procedure do you want to put something back into SSAGO?

Mike – a minimally invasive one

Guardi, Manchester – how are you going to deal with the problem of getting the forms back?

Mike – liaise with clubs and change the way it's sent in

Graham Johnson – how are forms sent in currently?

Mike – I don't know

Mark Hawkins, Oxford – Can you count?

Mike – yes, and I have a calculator.

John – Birmingham – how will you terrorise clubs to get them to return their forms?

Mike - will pay them a visit

Nikki, Bristol – what's your favourite colour and why?

Mike - blue - it's the colour of my carpet

Votes for mike as Members' Officer

Yes: 95

No: 5

Abstentions: 12

RON: 1

### **c) Treasurer**

Mark Glendinning, Cardiff

Proposed – nick Murphy, indie

Seconded – James Dent, Bangor

Mark has been in SSAGO for 4 years, and has been chair of Cardiff. He's now a fresher again because he's doing a PhD.

Nick – has known Mark for three years and he's a good bloke.

Gerald, Leeds – can you use a calculator?

Mark – No

Simon Parr, Loughborough – what's your favourite colour of smarties?

Mark – blue because they have the worst effect.

Marcus, Sheffield – will you use Euros to make the profit look bigger?

Mark – Yes

Mike, Birmingham – what's your favourite sexual position can you demonstrate it on a member of the exec?

Helen, treasurer – can you sort out the mess?

Mark – yes, I have your number

Tom – which animal would you use as a piggy bank?

Mark – a beaver

Laura, Cardiff – Which position would you prioritize – rally chair or SSAGO treasurer?

Mark – both in their own right

Fran, Nottingham – have you cut your hair since the last rally?

Mark – possibly

Ruth, Cardiff – where are you on the Mark to Camilla scale?

Mark – currently not too bad.

Mark Hawkins, Oxford – do you have previous experience?

Mark – did an accountancy module as party of course

John, Birmingham – isn't tallying bad??

Mark – no

Votes for Mark Glendinning as treasurer:

Yes – lots

No – 0

Abstentions – 3

RON – 5

#### **d) Publicity Officer**

Linda Armes, Warwick

Proposed – Alison Bayliss, Warwick

Seconded – Em Cowell, Loughborough

Marcus Coupe, Sheffield

Proposed – Nick Murphy, Indie

Seconded – John Ward, Birmingham

Linda – its time for a Guide as publicity officer. Wants to keep up previous work keeping both parties happy, and keep website running.

Marcus – founder member and treasurer of Sheffield, produced current SSAGO website.

Likes organisation and wants to help it, and also get Scotland more involved.

Alison – Linda is good at talking to people

Nick – Marcus has already done a good job and should continue with the website

Em – Linda got Freda.

Simon Parr, Loughborough – Sate one bad thing about yourself and one good thing about the other person.

Marcus – I waffle, Linda organised the Warwick rally well.

Linda – I'm too loud, Marcus fairly judged and controlled the Jenga competition.

Mike, Birmingham – how will you overcome the PR nightmare of having me on the committee?

Linda – SSAGO has lots of different people.

Marcus – you're easier to work with after the pub crawl.

Mads, SAGGA – if you could do one thing this year, what would it be?

Marcus – get to events – Gilwell reunion and Guiding events

Linda – get leaders to know who we are and that we can help.  
Ruth, Leicester – how well equipped are you to write the website?  
Linda - wrote the Warwick rally one in an afternoon  
Marcus – wrote the current SSAGO one, also the Sheffield scouts one, STINGS one etc  
Tom – how do you propose attracting men to SSAGO?  
Marcus - Guides are female and Scouts are both, so there will be an imbalance.  
Linda – Warwick was very female dominated initially, but is now more balanced.  
Hayley – why are membership statistics inaccurate then?  
Linda – we only counted active members.  
Jenny, Leicester – what have been your favourite three things about the rally?  
Marcus – first rally in the snow, the barn dance was warmer than Warwick and it has been well organised apart for the brewery trip.  
Linda – the staff are nice and friendly, warm building for food and barn dancer and getting to meet friends.  
Taff, Leicester – if you were to be eaten alive by an animal which one would it be?  
Marcus – a lion – it’s quick  
Linda – boa constrictor because of the Guide song.  
John, Birmingham – can you ogi ogi oig?  
Linda - did it at campfire  
Marcus – ask my cubs!  
Helmet – can you lie to District Commissioners?  
Marcus – ignore them,!  
Linda – only tell them what they need to know.

Votes:

Linda – 54  
Marcus – 60  
Abstentions – 6  
RON – 0

#### **e) Chair**

Simon Andrews (Helmet), Indie  
Proposed – Simon Parr, Loughborough  
Seconded: Tilley, Southampton

Hayley Goldman, Northampton  
Proposed – Ella, Lancaster  
Seconded – Helen, Manchester

Hayley spent two years as an Indie and after two years formed as club at Northampton while attached to Warwick. Involved with both Scouts and Guides, including Network, two bands, and as a Guide and Brownie leader. Enjoyed being a member of the current exec and has spoken to previous chairs. Used to work for marketing department so can preside meetings. Would be the first female chair since 1999.

Helmet is in his 7<sup>th</sup> year in SSAGO. Thinks there is a lot in the exec that needs sorting, including upset Scout campsites. The mascot issue has got out of hand, and we need more than rallies to get back to our roots, e.g. by volunteering. More help is needed at

club level, including small camps for mixed groups. Rallies have become an excuse for a piss up but we need something else.

Helen – Hayley has done an excellent job as membership secretary – when you ask her to do stuff it gets done. She's also a Guide.

Simon – Helmet is a good bloke and does talk sense.

Ella – Hayley has a fantastic personality.

Helen, Treasurer – do you know how to manage your time?

Helmet - I'm bust for the first ten weeks then there's a long holiday. My next school is very Scout-y so there not worried about me doing SSAGO stuff.

Hayley – I'm a national performer so am used to juggling stuff and work better when I'm busy.

Guardi, Manchester – as long time SSAGO members, could you say you don't have fresh ideas?

Hayley – I'm involved in fiver different capacities so can pull ideas from all over.

Helmet – only had an opportunity to run for chair in the last year.

Gerald, Leeds – What about Network?

Helmet – SSAGO are the forerunner for Network and wee shouldn't worry as Network do something different.

Hayley – we cater for both Guides and Scouts and so we're unique but we do need to keep on their right side.

Mike, UWE – how will you inspire the Exec?

Hayley – know what it's like to be on the exec and used to teamwork.

Helmet – lead by example and give people space to do their own job.

Simon Parr, Loughborough – Sate one bad thing about yourself and one good thing about the other person.

Helmet – below cub level little kids get sacred and run away from me, Hayley will go and do stuff.

Hayley – I get drunk, Helmet is very experienced.

Tom – who would you like a ride with?

Hayley - Alison B

Helmet – Cambridge because they just criticise SSAGO.

Andy B, Manchester – If you're not a student how will you know what students want?

Helmet - always a student

Hayley – not stopping university.

Kate, Leeds – do you know how to hypnotise a chicken?

Helmet – Yes

Hayley – don't need to know but will find out

Jenny, Leicester – what will you do about the low opinion that GGUK seem to have of SSAGO?

Hayley - I'm a Guide so that should help clean up our image for Guides.

Helmet – we're judged by our deeds – so need to do good stuff, and don't hurt girls!

Hazel, Sheffield – Would you be prepared to wear a colander on your head?

Hayley – right now!

Helmet – I instigated it

Nik, Leicester – will you get a new hair style for SSAGO?

Hayley – coloured stripes

Helmet – SSAGO logo shaved in beard

Votes:  
Hayley 56  
Helmet 61  
Abstentions 8  
RON 0

## **8. Rally bids**

### **a) Spring 2005**

Scotland – first rally in Scotland.  
Whisky, haggis tatties and neeps.  
Real ceilidh with bag pipes.  
Involve new groups at Dundee and Herriot Watt.  
Sty Andrew's beach – kite surfing  
Monarch of the Glen  
Pub crawls  
Highland games

Barry – what about the distance?  
Scotland - Coach plans, cheap flights. It's a compromise for thr English to visit Scotland.  
Simon Parr, Loughborough – what's your favourite motorway?>  
Scotland - Any that lead to Scotland  
Craig – what about the cold?  
Scotland - It's actually colder here at the moment.  
Em, Manchester – what about indoor activities?  
Scotland - Cinema  
Helmet – previous Scots have caused us trouble  
Scotland - They won't be there

The bid was approved.

### **b) Summer 2005**

Manchester – big club.  
Sports, brewery  
Peak District, Yorkshire Dales  
Theme: soaps

Jenny, Leister – what are the exact dimensions of your doorstep?  
Manchester - Don't know what you're talking about  
Tom – what about transport?  
Manchester - will be a priority  
Kate – can Manchester make friends with Scogui?  
Manchester – Yes  
Simon Parr, Loughborough – which motorway do you most use?  
Manchester – M602  
Graham Johnson – what about two northern rallies in a row?  
Manchester – Manchester will be the midlands after Scotland!

The bid was approved.

Taff was chucked out of the meeting because he wanted to be.

### **c) November 2005**

Leeds - Come to Yorkshire  
80s theme because its Leeds' 80<sup>th</sup> year

Marcus, Sheffield – will it be at Bramhope again?

Leeds – No

Simon Parr, Loughborough – what cheese will e available?

Leeds – Camembert/Brie

The bid was approved

## **9. SAGGA**

Mads – in the 1950s SSAGO people kept going after graduating.

Organise national events – summer camp, AGM, sailing week.

Geographical groups have social, for example a pancake party, karting, setting up new clubs.

Have a national camp with a service theme e.g. build roadway through woods, build nature trail, insulate lofts etc.

GaSCiT – 140 Scouts and Guides who would not otherwise get to camp. Have 5 days with a range of activities, working in patrols.

Alternative rally – 10-12 September at Giant Seat near Manchester – more info available at the summer rally.

Linda, Warwick – what's your annual consumption of port?

Mads – lots

Simon Parr. Loughborough – what doe GaSCiT stand for?

Mads – Guides and Scouts Camping Together

## **10. Past Events**

### **a) Warwick rally**

Linda – glad its over.

Problems with the drugs issue.

Broke even because the stolen walkie talkies had to be replaced.

### **b) Oxford rally**

Alison – it happened

## **11. Future Events**

### **a) Great Welsh Rally**

Mark - Posters in Welsh

Joint between Bangor, Swansea and Cardiff

Back at Miskin Mill

www.ssagorally.org.uk or e-mail chair@ssagorally.org.uk

After the rally this website can be redirected anywhere for use by other clubs.

**b) Easter ball**

sat 27<sup>th</sup> March

Warwick and Leeds have already booked.

£49 to stay in the hotel – check in between 2 and 5pm, leave by 11am but can leave bags.

10 minute walk for the train station.

Can have a double room or a twin room.

Send money ASAP with SAE for tickets

Deadline 12<sup>th</sup> March

Dress code – girls – whatever you want, lads black tie-ish.

**12. State of Affairs**

Hayley has the statistics

You can join Network or Senior Section, but have to pay to join Network.

**13. Any other Business**

**a) Bond rally in November**

Darren, Southampton – very strict drugs policy – will call in police immediately.

**b) Mascot forfeits**

Barry, Loughborough – Lancaster to do a forfeit at the closing ceremony.

**c) Receipt for membership fees**

Ask Helen

**d) How to Run a Rally and the Info Manual**

James – have been rewritten and will be on the website at the end of November.

**e) Vote of thanks to the outgoing committee**

Proposed by Tom

**f) Posters**

See Andy if you need any

**g) Present for James**

Helen – Yorkshire pudding kit

**h) Mascots**

Helmet – talk to your reps about mascots before the next rally