

Proposed: Mike Forrester
Secorded: David Morris



SSAGO
Student Scout and
Guide Organisation

Minutes of the SSAGO AGM

19th February 2006
Blackwell Court Campsite, Bromsgrove

Present

Nick Varney
Ruth Smith
Jennie Macdougall
Hayley Goldiman
Darren Clowes

Adrian Wray

Aberdeen
Bangor
Bath Spa
Cambridge
Durham
Leeds
Liverpool
Loughborough
Nottingham
Sheffield
St Andrews
Warwick

University of East Anglia
~~Newcastle~~

Apologies

Glamorgan SSAGO
Anna Massey (Girlguiding UK)

SSAGO Chair
SSAGO Secretary
SSAGO Treasurer
SSAGO Members Officer
SSAGO Publicity Officer

The Scout Association

Aberystwyth
Bath
Birmingham
Cardiff
Edge Hill
Leicester
London
Manchester
Oxford
Southampton
Swansea
University of Central England
University of the West of England

R Gardiner
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18/02/07

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Confirmation of tellers / voters

Thalia Galloway from UEA and Jenny Whitfield from Cambridge volunteered, with Mary Hall and Mark Hawkins acting as tellers.

Minutes of the last meeting

Proposed by Gareth Cox (Abenystwyth)
Seconded by Mike Dixon (Birmingham)

For: Majority
Abstained: 13
Against: 0

SAGGA report

(Moved forward in the agenda to allow Caz to leave early)

Caz introduced herself and the role of SAGGA registrar, and gave a general outline of what SAGGA do and the skilled service they provide to The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK. The summer camp in Sweden was advertised to the membership – a mix of half service and half fun.

Officers' Reports

Publicity Officer

An article has been sent to Network supplement (with thanks to Lancaster)
Reps have approved funding for a new web hosting company, and new SSAGO flag
Credit card sized flyers will be produced to publicise SSAGO

Members' Officer

Membership is up 720 (approximately) across 35 clubs (7 new this year) and 21 indies.

Awards were handed out to clubs for being the first to register, having the most CRB'd members... however no record of awards/clubs was kept for the minutes

Treasurer

There have been problems with the bank account again – and reps have approved a change to Lloyds TSB from Alliance and Leicester (this will happen before April.)
Merchandise is going well: stock is at a reasonable level, however patience is needed as certain sizes sell out quickly.
In all it's been a great year.

Secretary

After two years, I want to say thank you to both execs and feel both saddened and relieved to be retiring as secretary. It's been exciting and tough, but I've produced four editions of SSAGO News this year, and I'd like to say thank you to all those who've contributed: Durham, Manchester and Swansea and from Eurojam. I'd like to quote James Child: "Good luck to all who go ahead of us, as it is the hardest job."

I'd like to really apologise for the time it's taken to get minutes out this year, as at the end of the day it's not what you do – but what you don't do that people remember. Please remember that SSAGO is run by ordinary members, all with normal lives and problems of our own.

Over the last year SSAGO has come into a new Constitution, and a number of first draft policy documents, and as returning officer I've supported candidates. As secretary I've fielded club enquiries; produced minutes for meetings – although not as prompt due to pressures from a new job and other problems. I'd further like to thank Durham, Leeds and Southampton for being prompt with club reports all year. I've helped in the moving of the SSAGO archive to Gilwell Park, and attended Gilwell Reunion, Innovate, and Eurojam – where I helped produce a popular line of merchandise. We've also helped forge a new relationship with both headquarters, and I have personally been very surprised by their knowledge and preparation for the task.

Chairperson

It seems a long time since I stood in front of you all in Dundee and asked you to elect me as Chairperson for a year, and a year of accomplishments, change and challenges it has been.

Twelve months ago when I took office, Helmet said that he saw room for more effort in SSAGO, Helmet wasn't especially specific as to the kind of effort he saw was needed but I would like to think that this year's executive have taken him at his non-specific word, effort has been exerted, and I believe that improvements across a wide range of areas have been made. I came to office with three main ambitions in the domains of Publicity, Constitution and HQ relations, and I am pleased to say that I think the exec this year have worked incredibly hard and we have made steady progress in all of these areas.

Registration shows this year an again an increase in members, and a successful year has been had with new clubs forming most noticeably at Reading and a rejuvenation of SLJC. It suggests that SSAGO is heading in the right direction with continued growth in both membership and constituent clubs.

Thanks must go to Manchester, Leeds and Birmingham for excellent rallies, and to Edd and Michelle for organising a fantastic ball. I look forward to Cardiff ball, and event I am sure will be great, and the official handover of the exec!

SSAGO has had a fantastic year in terms of publicity. I said when elected I wanted to see SSAGO represented more at both Scout Association and Girlguiding UK events, and this year has certainly seen that. Building on the work of last year's executive's merchandising phenomenon, this year has seen SSAGO branding cropping up all over the place, and the presence of SSAGO was especially felt at Eurojam, Gilwell Reunion, Innovate as well as other events across the country in both Scouting and Guiding at a National and Regional level. Particular credit must go to Darren for his continued efforts to see SSAGO represented well, continuing to develop continuity in our image as started by last year's executive, and a mammoth task of a complete website overhaul including updated message board and events calendar to go live very soon. Additional thanks must go to Ruth for organising the limited edition SSAGO @ Eurojam merchandise, which proved so popular at the event. Thanks to a concerted effort from the organisation as a whole, our

members are being talked of in a more positive light than ever, and are a credit to the organisation.

In addition to some spectacular publicity, this year has seen a step-change in the way SSAGO operates, the clarification of a muddy constitution, to make workable those areas that up until this point were impracticable, means that SSAGO should be able to operate more effectively with less confusion over the nuances and various interpretations of the previous constitution, additionally and a complete overhaul of the voting system means that elections should happen in a fairer, more transparent fashion. Furthermore the 'grey areas' of SSAGO policy are starting to be brought into the light with the policy document system. SSAGO can now start to develop a definitive set of answers to those questions oft dealt with using hearsay and historic advice. These documents can evolve with the organisation at the discretion of the Executive and Full Committees, and it is important that they do evolve. SSAGO is growing, and will continue to do so, but in order for this to happen; we must evolve and develop our policies to keep them inline with ever-changing practise. The Policy Documents allow us increased flexibility to do this. A huge thank you must go to everyone involved at every stage of the constitutional development, your support and comments were invaluable.

I outlined at the beginning of the year my intention to do everything in my power to improve our relationships with TSA and maintain our relationships with Girlguiding UK. This January has seen the first meeting between The Scout Association, Girlguiding UK and SSAGO for some time. Helmet previously commented on what a fantastic relationship we held with Girlguiding UK, and this year has seen a change in the support received from both organisations, Caitriona has moved on and handed us over the Anna, thanks must go to Caitriona for her support, and to reflect this Honorary Membership has been conferred on her. Our support team at Gilwell has changed also, with a new team in the 18-25 office. David Williamson resigned earlier this year, and the full time staff support changed also. Adrian Wray as the most senior National Volunteer for Network and now find us in his portfolio and Ed Wilson in the Network office has become our permanent contact. Ed and Anna are both very keen to support SSAGO and I have regular telephone conversations with both, something I will miss when I leave this role – although my mobile bill will not, and there is a new environment of working together to achieve a harmonistic relationship across the three organisations.

There has been in the past a distrust of Headquarters involvement in what we do, and I explore now future executives to abandon this position. The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK entered the meeting in January with a right and diverse knowledge of what SSAGO does, and how it does it. Indeed there were concerns as to our accountability from an activities/insurance point of view, but the outcomes of this meeting were incredibly positive, and SSAGO now has a much easier life with the removal of joint activity requirements regulation, and the allowance of SSAGO to follow over 18 year old policy for the Scout Association (where our members are over 18). This is, to be, the biggest achievement of this year and leaves SSAGO with an incredibly exciting 12 months ahead of it to cement this relationship, and to improve it both nationally and regionally. This is not going to be a one-way dialogue but a partnership, not only between the Executive and our contacts at the two Headquarters, but each and every SSAGO member, Scouting and Guiding Commissioner we come into contact with, only together can we achieve the very best we can. We need to continue to sell SSAGO in a positive light, we still have a way to go, and I encourage the membership to bare these

things in mind when electing a new executive and I wish this new executive, whoever they may be, the very best of luck in achieving this.

This year has also seen the development of a 2007 Steering Group to co-ordinate all celebrations for the 40th anniversary of SSAGO in 2007. This is a multi-faceted opportunity for SSAGO, allowing us further development in terms of publicity and profile, as due to the joint SSAGO/SAGGA nature of the team and opportunity to improve the relationship between these two very similar organisations, an area that it is evident improvements are needed. The summer rally has been removed and a reunion camp in intended to replace this event, the best bit by far about this event is the opportunity to celebrate our past and look forward to our future. Look out for other plans from the 2007 team over coming months.

In summary, this year we have achieved a complete constitutional overhaul, introduced clearer policy and improvements in activity guidelines, incident reporting, and role descriptions, altered the SSAGO electoral policy and made progress with publicity and developed stronger working relationships with both TSA and Girlguiding UK, and represented SSAGO at multiple national and international events. I feel this exec leaves office with SSAGO in a stronger position that it has been for some time, with a solid foundation for the next executive to build from, I look forward to returning to being an ordinary member and heckling from the back.

Headquarters' reports

The Scout Association

There have been changes in the 18-25 (Network) office, and links with SSAGO have been improved. The Scout Association has helped with the writing of Policy Documents and is looking forwards to improving links with local groups. September to December will see the Network review roadshows hitting the UK, and will involve SSAGO – stressing the links between Network and SSAGO. Thanks go to everyone who works with groups in their district, and to the National Exec who have done a tremendous amount of work, and we hope the new exec will continue this.

Girlguiding UK

2005 seems to have been a very busy year for SSAGO, 3 rallies, a ball a new constitution and several policy documents. Congratulations on all that you've achieved and Thank you for all that you've done to support Girlguiding UK during the year. It was great to see SSAGO at Innovate and hope it attracted you some new members.

2005 was the year of the Senior Section Evaluation. Over 12 months we found out what our members and non members liked about the Senior Section and what they would like to see change. 2005 also saw 2 Innovates for the first time, applying for and being granted Lottery funding for project Switch which will enable young women to participate in a variety of challenging activities. 2005 included a review of Girlguiding UK's membership categories, changes to which will be implemented in 2007 this will enable Young Women not currently attached to a unit to retain membership of Girlguiding UK and for a small additional fee receive Guiding magazine.

It's great to know that SSAGO is thriving. The current exec have been brilliant to work with and I look forward to continuing to build on the relationship between SSAGO and Girlguiding UK in 2006

Financial Report

- Overall, assets are up as a result of merchandise;
- Insurance is set to go up;
- SSAGO capitation rate to remain the same
For: majority
Against: 0
- The development fund has gained interest;
- Rallies have made a profit overall;
- No overall losses have been made

Elections

- The situation regarding postal votes was clarified to the membership;
- No nominations were received for Associate or Indie rep, and their election will be carried out by show of hands at the end (if there are more than two candidates)
- Candidates were invited to speak for 2-3 minutes, manifestos had previously been circulated by email, on paper and on the walls of the dining room on rally.

Chairperson

Candidates: Edd Davison (Loughborough), Becca Gardiner (Liverpool)

Candidates were invited to speak for 2-3 minutes after manifestos had been circulated by e-mail, the SSAGO website and through paper copies on display at the rally site.

Ed:

I can offer a similar amount to SSAGO as the present chair, and hopes to continue Nick's work with The Scout Association. I aim to improve links with SAGGA, improve our publicity and drink less over the course of the year.

Becca:

I've seen the amount of work done, and feel I can do the job justice. I'm a member of SAGGA, The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK – so I'm obviously used to having my finger in a lot of pies. I aim to improve communication between the Exec and the clubs, implement publicity drives and improve our reputation.

Questions:

Rosemary (Warwick) to Ed:

Ed:

How do you intend to make meetings less tedious?

Hold them naked

Gerald Telfer (Leeds) to Becca

Can you demonstrate your oggying ability

Responded with an oggy

Becca:

Mike (Club unknown):

How do you propose to improve relations with scouting/guiding?

Ed: By being open, and asking advice from them – seeing if we agree with them
Tom (Club unknown): You say you have your finger in several organisations, but which keeps your finger warmest?

Becca: Alex Snow (Warwick)

Nick is currently wearing a thong, what will you be wearing next year?

Ed: Maybe nothing, perhaps a SSAGO thong

Becca: Are you willing to grow facial hair?

No!

Marcus Coup (Sheffield)

Ed: What do you think of cooperation between SSAGO/Network/Senior Section on joint events?

It's a wonderful idea, more integration gives us more members

Ed: Do you see a bond growing inside your exec like the current exec?

Steven Agg (Sheffield): It depends on who gets elected.

Becca:

It depends on who gets elected.

Secretary

Candidates: Lesley Bull (St Andrews), Jonathan Ellison (Leicester), Sarah Wright (Sheffield)

Lesley:

I'd love to do the job because it insists on me being involved. My busy life necessitates organisation. The most positive thing I can do is to improve publicity, and I'm noisy enough to bounce around. I have a good base to work from, but I'd like to improve communication with clubs and (as Ady said) involving The Scout Association in our publicity as we're good for each other.

Jon:

This year's exec has done a good job overall. My plan for the year has already been set out in my 10 point manifesto. I hope to improve communication between the Exec and clubs, get policy documents out from the start to try and shorten reps meetings from their current length of 2.5 hours. I'd like to distribute agendas to the whole membership through the everyone mailing list and get the agendas up on the walls when you arrive at rallies. Minutes are very important. Publicity needs to be improved, for example, including 'The student' as one of the demographics on the Scoutbase.org.uk adverts that include 'The helper' and 'The scout.' We've got a lot to do this year, and I've got the foresight to do it.

Sarah:

Ed made me wear shorts! I've got experience with minute writing, and I'm always on time. I'm involved with two Guide groups, a Cub group, SthnGS, and so on... My main aim is to increase awareness of SSAGO and to build on what we have. I aim to improve communication between Exec and clubs, partly through making people more aware of the forum. I'm a super candidate, and I'm super organised.

Questions

Tom (Club unknown)

If a letter begins "Dear sir" how would you finish it

Yours truly/faithfully

Lesley

(Unknown)
Jon

Would you bring back the pub crawl mascot
That'd have to be a decision for the whole of the next
exec

Helen Frazer

What's the correct use of the apostrophe?

Sarah

Shortens a couple of words into one

Rich (Club unknown)

Do you have to do everything?

Lesley

Like Jennie, I'm able to fit more than 24hrs into the day

Nick Varney

Policy documents were sent out later because of The
Scout Association and Girlguiding UK. How would you
make that work faster?

Jon

I'd sent out the first drafts to the clubs at the same time
as The Scout Association and Girlguiding UK

Rosemary (Warwick)

What's your favourite sauce for waffles

Sarah

Maple syrup

Mike Dixon (Birmingham)

How would you motivate clubs to keep up
communication?

Lesley

There's no definitive answer, improved enthusiasm and
possibly giving them your phone number

Gareth (Aberystwyth)

Will you be communicating with the Welsh clubs in
Welsh?

Jon

Personal e-mail can't be controlled by the universities
and bi-lingual email in unfeasible.

Dizzy Hobbs (Bangor)

How would you encourage regional clubs to meet up
outside of rally?

Sarah

Through activities such as regional challenge evenings

Charlie Turner (Durham)

You talk about "badgering" clubs, can you give an
impression of a badger?

Lesley

I'm afraid I'm going to have to fail that challenge

Stephen Agg (Sheffield)

What've you done to help publicise SSAGO?

Jon

I've run the stall at Gilwell whilst the Exec were having a
meeting, was part of the Eurojam contingent and even
carried the bags of a prospective member from the coach
to where SSAGO were camping.

A number of pages of the minute notes received were missing. These contained the remaining questions for Secretarial candidates, the speech and questions to the candidate for Treasurer and the page containing the speeches from the members' officer candidates.

Treasurer

Candidates: Michelle Foy (Warwick)

Members' Officer

Candidates: Matt Rawlings (Cardiff), Gerald Telfer (Indie)

Questions

Mike Dixon (Birmingham):

Last year's members officer did a good job keeping track
of changing membership numbers, how would you intend
to keep informed of the situation?

Matt:

I'd ask clubs to e-mail me all changes

Hayley Goldsmith:

How do you intend to go about fitting the membership
form onto one page?

Gerald:

Through the use of a single worksheet on a spreadsheet.

Emily Batchelor (Cardiff):

What's your favourite position, and could you
demonstrate it on Gerald?

Matt:

Demonstrated the 'doggy position'

Ilona Murray:

Would you produce adoption certificates for clubs?

Gerald:

Yes

Mark (Club unknown):

Have you seen Bargain Hunt?

Matt:

No

Nicola (Club unknown):

What's your bra size?

Gerald:

I don't wear one, but at least a B

Rosemary (Warwick):

Bearing in mind Cardiff's sense of dress, will we be
expecting to see nudity at the next AGM?

Matt:

We keep winning with nudity, so I'll keep doing it.

Marcus Coup (Sheffield):

Could you explain how you intend to run membership
over the Internet?

Gerald:

Forms will be sent solely by e-mail with no paper.

Publicity Officer

Candidates: Mike Walters (UWE)

Mike:

If you've heard of me then you've probably heard of me... I'm a tech head and a design
junkie, and I have all of the skills. I want to produce publication material in all languages
where possible (allowing for the obvious grammatical mistakes.)

Sez Boyle (Bangor)

Will you continue to get chucked out of meetings?

Mike:

I've been quiet for the whole of this meeting...

Mike Dixon (Birmingham)

Do you have any imaginative ways of promoting
SSAGO?

Mike:

The response to this question was not recorded

Hayley Goldman

Have you ever seen the film 'Coneheads'?

Mike:

No, but I want to see it.

Unknown:

Do you really think you'll be able to fill Daz's shoes?

Mike:

I'll have to compare statistics with Daz

Mary Hall (Aberystwyth)

Bearing in mind the 'relationship zone' between current
exec members, do you see yourself entering a zone with
any of the current candidates?

Mike:

Sarah, perhaps Ed...

Marcus Coup (Sheffield)

How do you intend to promote SSAGO to non-members?

Mike:

People have probably heard of me, I'm approachable
and give my opinion.

Independent Members Representative

No candidates stood, nominations will be taken from the floor later in the meeting after the votes for the Executive Committee positions have been taken.

Associate Members Representative

No candidates stood, however nominations were taken straight from the floor as none of the associate members were running for election elsewhere.

Candidates: Darren Russell (Southampton)

Darren:

I'm reasonable well known, and was part of the Southampton rally.

Questions:

Fiona Cobb (Leicester):

Who's going win at Pirates of the Caribbean vs. Robin Hood Men in Tights at Nottingham?
It depends on who's wearing the tights

Darren:

Vote (By show of hands):

For Majority

Against: 0

Abstentions: 6

Rally Bids

2007 Ball

Candidates: Aberdeen, Liverpool, Swansea

Aberdeen:

Ball to be held in Glasgow, wearing kilts (provided that people look good in kilts)

Marc (Cardiff)

Aberdeen:

Will it be held during Easter?
It depends on availability of Queen St Station, preferably not...
Will there be a Ceilidh?
We're not sure yet

Sez Boyle (Bangor)

Aberdeen:

Liverpool:

It's about time that Liverpool did something, and we've got a hotel 2 minutes from the station that's been recently revamped. It's the 2007 celebratory year, and we'd be looking to possibly bring some old members back. In 2008 Liverpool is the European capital of culture and so there's lots of regeneration work going on at the moment. It's time to come and see what SLAGS can do!

Steve (Club unknown):

Liverpool:

Steven Agg (Sheffield):

Will Mike be allowed to drink?
Yes
If people are driving to the city, will their cars be safe?

Liverpool:

There's underground parking, and the city centre's safer than the outskirts.

Mike Walters (UWE):

Liverpool:

Will trouble makers be issued ASBOs in the city centre?
No response was recorded

Richard Brewer (Loughborough):

Liverpool:

Is the hotel quite expensive?
We're looking to charge £55 - £60 as it's going to be a big event, and we've already been talking to the 2007 steering committee about it

Swansea

We're a re-established club with enthusiastic members. Whilst we're not big enough to host a rally we really want to host an event. We're going to work with the 2007 committee to invite past members back for a formal ball that won't exceed the £50 mark.

Steven Agg (Sheffield):

Swansea:

Isn't another ball in Wales a bit extreme?
It'll be completely different, and we want to put Swansea on the map.

Matt Rawlings (Cardiff):

Swansea:

Wales is great, isn't it?
Yes

Michelle Foy (Warwick):

Swansea:

If you're going to invite people back, how large a hotel have you found?
We haven't thought too much about capacity but have lots of options

New tellers were appointed: Marcus Coup (Sheffield), Steven Milway (Leeds)

Swansea:

Liverpool:

Aberdeen:

Abstentions:

40

90

18

12

Therefore the 2007 SSAGO Ball will be held in Liverpool

February 2007

Candidates: Leicester, Loughborough, UEA

Leicester

February 2007: A Space Odyssey – a rally out of this world... We've run 2 Midlands Joint Freshers' Camps and want to use that experience to run a rally. There's masses of stuff to do: 2 pubcrawls (fully tested), onsite activities, a museum crawl, the national space centre... We've got rally pants!

Steven Agg (Sheffield):

Leicester:

Hayley Goldman:

Fiona Cobb (Leicester):

Nick Varney (Cardiff):

Leicester:

David Morris (SNOGS):

Is Leicester better than Wales?
Just different...
Will Fi wear PJs all weekend?
Of course
Can you actually outline your rally bid to me? How far is the campsite?
We have two sites in mind at the moment, one is in Leicester and the other's a couple of miles
Will there be enough squash?

Leicester:

We'll set up a special squash committee

Loughborough:

Come to us for the Down Under Rally: Neighbours and everything below the equator... It'll be right next door to Loughborough with great facilities, toilets, large campfire and will be easily accessible. There's mountain boarding, potholing, BBQ on Friday night, brewery visit, pub games, cricket academy... and a full roast dinner on Sunday.

Mike Dixon (Birmingham):

Bearing the BBQ in mind, isn't the climate different between the UK and Australia?

Loughborough:

February is summer in Australia.

Nottingham:

Does everyone need to wear shorts and t-shirts?

Loughborough:

The staff will

Saz Boyle (Bangor)

Will Carl and Susan from Neighbours get back together for the event?

Loughborough:

Definitely

UEA

A passport will be needed to get into Anglia, and groups of 45 to fraternise with the locals. We've got pubs for every day of the year and promise not to run out of chocolate. We've got a lot to offer and a large campsite, with no capping and hot showers. Our theme is "Normal for Norfolk (Slightly Inbred)"

Marc (Cardiff):

Will there be heating at the AGM?

UEA:

Yes

Rosemary (Warwick):

How easy will it be to get there from the centre of town?

UEA:

We've got a brilliant bus service and its only 2 miles out.

Mark (Cardiff)

Will Tony Martin advise on security?

UEA:

He'll be on the gate

Dizzy (Bangor):

Is there a curry house nearby?

UEA:

Very near, and will deliver

Steven Agg (Sheffield)

Will you be visiting the museum of East Anglian life?

UEA:

No

Voting:

UEA: 27

Leicester: 45

Loughborough: 85

Therefore the February rally 2007 will be held at Loughborough

November 2007

No bids were placed for this event, and so Leicester / UEA were voted on again

UEA: 74

Leicester: 82

Abstentions: 3

Constitutional Changes

For: Majority

Against: 0

Abstentions: 5

Past Events:

Scottish Rally

Was great, we had snow and rally badges – everyone enjoyed it

Manchester Rally

It was sunny!

Leeds Rally

It was great!

2005 Ball

It was a great night, good luck for future balls.

Future Events

Ball

We're aiming for about 100 people and it's gonna be great

Nottingham Rally

Book your trains to Newark Northgate for the 30th

Bangor

17th-19th somewhere on the North coast of Wales with a Blackadder theme. There's going to be a 24hr toastie service.

SSAGO 40th Anniversary

SSAGO (in its current form) is 40 years old in 2007. This also sees 100 years of Scouting, 93 years of Guiding and it's an event to celebrate. The committee will consist of Ruth Smith, Will Carr (Manchester), Peter Hughes (Bangor), Emma Dean (Swansea) and 3 SAGGA members who've previously held SSAGO Exec positions. Any ideas can be e-mailed to 2007@ssago.org.uk

AOB

Election of Independent Members Rep

Candidates: Gerald Telfer, Sam Greenland

Gerald:

I want to open up feedback from Indies, and build up communication between us on the discussion forums.

Sam:

I stood in for the Indie Rep at Leeds. I'm a Network member, and I was born and live in Norwich 45 mins from my nearest club.

Voting:

Gerald: 24
Sam: 75
Abstentions: 34

An apology was demanded from Jonathan Ellison (Leicester) for the fact that neither candidate was asked to leave the room whilst voting occurred by a show of hands.

World Scout Jamboree

David Rafferty from the site time came to advertise the jamboree to the membership, with particular emphasis on the several hundred strong build team (build@scouting2007.org) who wouldn't be charged for coming to do the build.

Chamborree

Michelle Foy (Warwick) and Chris Amer (Leicester) advertised the 5th annual Chamboree to the membership.

Chair's Gift

The outgoing executive presented Nick with a present for all of his work