



SSAGO

*Student Scout and
Guide Organisation*

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SSAGO Special Conference
Bradley Wood Campsite, nr Huddersfield
6th November, 2005**

10.00am

Present:

Nick Varney – SSAGO Chairperson
Ruth Smith – SSAGO Secretary
Jennie MacDougall – SSAGO Treasurer
Hayley Goldman – SSAGO Members Officer
Darren Clowes – SSAGO Publicity Officer

Clubs represented:

SAGUWE
Warwick
Cardiff
Bangor
Southampton
UCE
Birmingham
Leicester
Aberdeen
Aberystwyth
Liverpool
Leeds
Loughborough
UEA
Glamorgan
Oxford
Reading
Durham
Lancaster
Cambridge
Manchester
Nottingham
Sheffield
St Andrews

SAGGA

Indies:
James Nights

WPA
19/04/06.

1. Apologies for absence

Keele SSAGO
Bath Spa SSAGO
Anna Massey - Girlguiding UK

2. Confirmation of tellers/vote counters

Martin Whelan and Graham Johnson were confirmed as the non-student members of SSAGO who would vote count for the special conference. At this time Nick confirmed the standing orders to be used for this conference. This would be that all votes would be by show of hands. All other non voting members were asked to move to the back of the room or to the corner behind the exec. Nick stated also that changes of a minor nature, e.g. spelling or grammar changes only would be voted upon to be accepted or rejected in block votes.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the 2005 Annual Conference held at the Scottish Rally had been displayed all weekend. The only comment passed was that the secretary had neglected to include the names of Aberystwyth SSAGO and Warwick SSAGO who were present at the meeting. Other than this there were no reported corrections required. These minutes were proposed to be adopted as a true and accurate record by Mike Dixon of Birmingham (BUSAG) and were seconded by Rosemary Wheatley of Warwick SSAGO.

4. Constitutional amendments

Copies for version 4 of the draft constitution were circulated amongst those present. Due to the numbers present in the room, it was deemed that a simple majority would be acceptable for the records as so many votes were being taken and that every hand would only be counted if votes were deemed close.

- 1.1-1.4

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	1

- 2.1-2.2c

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	2

- 3.1-3.1d

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	3

- 3.1e

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

- 3.1f-3.1g

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 1

- 3.2-3.3

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 0

- 3.3

FOR majority
AGAINST 1
ABSTENTIONS 2

- 3.4

FOR majority
AGAINST 2
ABSTENTIONS 3

- 3.5

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 0

- 4.1-4.3

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 6

- 4.4a-4.4d

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 0

- 4.5

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 17

- 4.6

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 3

- 4.7-4.8

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 3

- 4.9d

Clarification of the Chairperson's vote was sought by Michelle Foy of Warwick SSAGO. The clarification was that the Chairperson has the casting vote. Ilona Murray of Aberdeen asked if associate members can vote on behalf of their club in full

committee, the decision was yes, but that clubs should be mindful of sending an associate to represent the views on a student orientated organisations decisions.

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 8

- 4.10

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 0

- 4.11

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 0

- 5

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 3

Nick clarified the reasons for the signatories not including him this year... AGAIN! As he and Ruth are in a relationship and it would not be deemed appropriate.

- 6.1-6.2

6.2b Honourary members added to version 4

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 0

- Appendix A

- A.1

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 2

- A.2

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 3

- A.3

FOR majority
AGAINST 0
ABSTENTIONS 0

- Appendix B

Graham Johnson of Nottingham asked if the ballot forms would be available in Braille, Speakeasy and Welsh?

Mark Hawkins of Oxford asked if the Secretary is acting as Returning Officer, then who will be taking the minutes? Will the meeting be suspended? The answer was that the members officer will fill in during the vote counting.

Richard Doveston of Leicester asked if the postal voting system was open to abuse. Nick asked in return if this alluded to 'buying votes'. Ruth argued that if people were that sad and desperate then it would hopefully be spotted by the returning officer and in such cases foul play will be called and postal votes refused. Jon Ellison of Leicester pointed out that at the publicity officer's election last AGM the vote was as close as 8 votes, elections are easier to swing than is being implied. Mike Dixon of Birmingham wished to impart to all present that this shake up of the election process is a big step forward for SSAGO and should not be given up upon without seeing how it goes in a first trial year. Craig Genner of UCE asked if there would be the right to appeal against a postal vote rejection. Nick replied that this will be covered in the Policy Document to be written after the first year of trialling this process. Fiona Cobb of Leicester if things would be considered such as houses of SSAGO members who all live together not being refused postal votes, just because they live under the same roof. Gems Walker of Birmingham asked if length of service would be considered. And finally Mark Hawkins of Oxford aptly remarked, to close the discussion, that if this process was accepted it would soon be easier to vote in the general election than in SSAGO!

FOR	majority
AGAINST	5
ABSTENTIONS	12

- Appendix C

Graham Johnson of Nottingham asked if anything will be added that states one member cannot propose or second 2 people for 1 position?

Richard from Loughborough asked if no nominations are received for a position will it be open to the floor at conference? Yes was the answer.

Mike from Loughborough asked do nominators have to be from 2 separate and different clubs from the nominee? No was the answer.

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	3

- Appendix D

D.1.b amended to the accepted clause

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	1

- Appendix E

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

- Appendix F

Appendix F.7 amended to the accepted clause

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	2

Mark Hawkins of Oxford commented that F.3 conflicts itself. Nick changes it to "voting members" from 'student members'.

- Appendix G

FOR	majority
AGAINST	1
ABSTENTIONS	1

5. Financial Report

Jennie reported:

£1250.02 in the current account
£2631.96 in the deposit account
£107 approximately in the paypal account

The Leeds Rally loan is still to go out and the Scottish and Manchester Rally loans and profit are still to come back in. The Ball loan needs to come back.

2 loan requests have been received from Birmingham and Nottingham.

We are: "not doing too bad"!

6. Any Other Business

Chris from Nottingham, acting as Rally chair, wished it to be noticed that the removal of rally capping of numbers is unreasonable for future rallies.

7. Full committee vote on Volunteer Role Descriptions Policy Document

FOR	majority
AGAINST	0
ABSTENTIONS	0

Date of next meeting – Sunday February 19th 2006
