



Minutes of the EGM

2nd July 2006

Walesby Forest Campsite, Nottinghamshire

Present

Rebecca Gardiner
Jonathan Ellison
Michelle Foy
Matthew Rawlings

Aberystwyth
Bangor
Cambridge
Leicester
Liverpool
Manchester
Sheffield
St Andrew's
UCE
Warwick

Sam Greenland (Indie)

Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Members' Officer

Aberdeen
Cardiff
Durham
Loughborough
London
Nottingham
Southampton
Swansea
UEA

Apologies

Mike Walters

Publicity Officer

Agenda

1. Constitutional Amendments
2. Subscriptions
3. Financial Report

Constitutional Amendments

1.5 SSAGO Colours

The amendment was passed as follows:

For	Majority
Against	1
Abstain	7

5.2 Account Signatories

It had been queried at the full committee prior to the EGM whether or not this clause should be modified to say that two signatories were required on all SSAGO accounts and transactions involving these accounts. It was raised that this was not possible on all of the existing accounts such as the PayPal account for the online shop.

The amendment (as presented before the meeting) was passed as follows:

For	Majority
Against	1
Abstain	19

Standing Order B.1.C

It was queried whether SAGGA had approved the use of them to appoint an independent returning officer. It was confirmed that Becca had spoken to the SAGGA Chair at their AGM.

The amendment was passed as follows:

For	Majority
Against	0
Abstain	8

Standing Order E.3.B

It was asked that the wording of the clause clarified that the either the Chair / Secretary should still be contacted alongside the Treasurer in the event that the Secretary / Chair had a vote of no confidence called against them. The end of the amendment now reads:

"... the letter must not be sent to the concerned party, but sent instead to the treasurer in their place"

It was queried what would happen in the event of a motion against the whole executive – and it was decided that it would have to be sent to the Chair and Secretary as per any other motion.

The motion was passed as follows:

For	Majority
Against	1
Abstain	5

Standing Order B / C

It was decided that it would be unconstitutional to abandon the proposed amendments to postal voting in favour of a vote for the timescale on which to vote for them;

The motions concerning postal voting were rejected as follows:

For	1
Against	Majority
Abstain	4

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

General corrections to spelling, punctuation and grammar were adopted as follows:

For	Majority
Against	2
Abstain	0

Subscriptions

The two options, voted on at full committee the day before, were presented: increase to £3.50 or increase to £4, with associate membership rising by the same value and not percentage;

An increase to £3 had been rejected by the club representatives;

Members were informed that this came because the cost of insuring the organisation had doubled because of the changes to activity rules passed by the previous executive;

Members were informed that the last increase in SSAGO subscriptions had been in June 2000, and that with inflation alone subscriptions should be £2.33 and a bit;

The cost of insurance alone now accounts for £1.57 of membership;

The cost of insurance has not increased, it was simply due to the increased numbers that now had to be insured by Scout Insurance Services (Guides and non-Scouts) and there was no economy of scale available with this insurance;

Former Chair Nick Varney pointed out the “obvious” that unless subscriptions were increased the organisation would “go bust”;

The reasons behind the given values of the price increase (as previously discussed at the full committee meeting) were discussed again: including that it was easier for clubs to budget in advance if a larger increase was made rather than a series of creeping increases. It was also raised that the exec would be able to do far more in terms of publicity and supporting clubs with more funds;

It was queried whether the exec had a preference for either of these values. £4 was preferred, to prevent a series of small increases – although £3.50 would be more than enough to cover the organisation for the present;

Associates queried whether they got a vote as they might not want an increase in associate member subscriptions. Their vote was denied as it would be unconstitutional;

Members sick of debating the matter pointed out that it was at most a £2 increase (the cost of a pint) and that people were arguing over a 50p difference;

The subscription increase was voted for as follows:

£3.50	17
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£4	44
Abstain	7

Financial Report

The state of the accounts as of 29/06/06 was as follows:

Current account:	£448.67
Deposit account:	£2673.71
Paypal:	£35.84
Petty cash:	£31.48
Uncleared cheques:	£148.94
Owing out:	£46.80
Total:	£3291.84
3 loans issued:	£900

The meeting closed after 33mins (at 10:54) beating all estimates on the meeting length sweepstake – with none of these being under 1hr.