

**Student Scout and Guide Organisation
Full Committee Meeting (Reps)
Silly Hat Rally, London
27th November 2010– 10am**

Present

National Exec

Stuart Malcolm	Chairperson 2010-2011
Kayleigh Urquhart	Secretary 2010-2011
Kirstie Wright	Treasurer 2010-2011
Louise Flower	Members' Officer 2010-2011
Alice Pike	Publicity Officer 2010-2011

Clubs Represented

Aber SSAGO
Bangor BUGS
Birmingham BUSAG
Bournemouth BUGGAS
Cambridge CUSAGC
Cardiff SSAGS
Edinburgh
Exeter
Lancaster
Leeds LUUSAG
Leicester SLUGS
Loughborough SCOGUI
Manchester
Plymouth PLUGS
Portsmouth SPROGS
Sheffield STINGS
Sheffield Hallam
Southampton
Swansea SSWIGS
Warwick

Event Representatives

Hannah Machin	Cardiff Legendary Rally
Jon Oxtoby	Leeds Ball
Megan Jones	Loughborough Inflatable Rally
Gillian Hawkins	Scottish Rally

Other Representatives

Sarah Beadle	Leeds Ball
Jodie Stephenson	Leeds Ball
Jamie Shirra	Witan
Mark Harrop	Witan

Meeting Opened 10.05am

1. Apologies

SAGGA

The Scout Association

Girlguiding UK

2. Approval of Minutes

Southampton Feb 2010 minutes were finally received from previous executive committee however these were received and then distributed only days before eps and therefore no one felt they had had enough time to read these sufficiently to agree them as a true and accurate record. These will be taken to next reps meeting (Cardiff Rally, when members will have had sufficient time to read them)

Cambridge Rally July 2010. Minutes were distributed via email and copies available during the meeting.

Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by Gillian Hawkins - Lancaster

Seconded by Helen Miles - Leeds

3. Reports

SSAGA Report

*SAGGA has had a fantastic and successful time since the start of the Summer, mainly leading up to and running the activity camp at Bramhope for the Guiding Centenary celebrations. It was nice to have SSAGO's involvement, and I thank personally the likes of Kayleigh, Ceri and Gillian for their hard work and enthusiasm. Also, it was nice to see the many other SSAGO members who came along and took part in the consumption of cheese, drinking of port and proper stuff like taking down the camp after the girls had gone homewards.

We're always on the look out for ways in which we can improve our already great relationship with SSAGO, and we are beginning to look at ways in which Clubs and SAGGA Groups can do things together. You'd be surprised how many experienced mountain leaders, climbing instructors and the like are in SAGGA – maybe next time you want an adventurous camp you should give us a call?

There is an open invite to any SSAGO member who wishes to come on SAGGA activities but with one warning – I would personally not recommend you use our AGM as a first step into SAGGA! SSAGO ones can be fun and amusing whereas SAGGA being a charity means they take all weekend and can scare you off quite easily. Remember this if nothing else – AGM bad, camp good!!!

If anyone wants to know anything more about SAGGA, please visit our website or email me (registrar@sagga.org.uk).

James Child

SAGGA Registrar

Ex-Mighty Mighty LUUSAG '00-'04 and SSAGO Chair '03-04 To follow *

Publicity Officer

- Priced up SSAGO banner to be discussed later on.
- Wrote SSAGO News but forgot to print and bring it. Will be emailed out later.
- Attended Gilwell Reunion
- Posted out publicity materials.
- Wrote an article for senior section newsletter.

Members Officer

- Produced new membership forms for 2011.
- Written new vetting and baring policy and factsheet and distributed via email, to be discussed later on.
- Liased with new clubs

Treasurer

* To come*

Secretary

- Helped Bangor with Intouch
- Lots of Emails
- Minutes
- Chased club reports from Summer term,
- Nan Form factsheets
- Gilwell Reunion
- Chased and tracked NAN Forms.
- Attended SAGGA summer camp assisting with the Harewood house GirlGuidingUK Centenary celebrations (quite eye opening for a Scout)

As promised a prize of gingerbread men cookie cutters or a chocolate santa was given to all clubs who completed a club report before the deadline. The best club report went to: Plymouth

Chairperson

- *To come*

4. New Vetting and Baring System

LF has written and distributed the policy changes to the child protection policies and factsheets in accordance to the new vetting and baring system.

Emily Pritchard (Edinburgh) asked will this effect the Scottish DS's LF - No currently only the CRB system has changed, Scottish clubs will continue to complete the DS forms. CRB forms will be replace with occasional helper forms which are sent to Gilwell to be placed on the new electronic system.

Gillian Hawkins (Lancaster) asked what do clubs do if they have members under 18's. LF said this is covered in section 1 following the yellow card and safe guarding rules. SM asked that in the unlikely event that you have under 18s then please contact the exec to discuss further.

Jamie Shirra (Loughborough) asked where can clubs get the occasional helper forms from? LF, through Scoutbase or the Scout information centre.

Reps were asked to approve the new vetting and barring changes to the Child protection policy.

For = Majority
Abstention = 1

New policy changes were voted in by majority.

5. Meeting with TSA at Gilwell.

The exec were invited down to Gilwell park to discuss how TSA and SSAGO can work more effectively together. SM and KU attended to what proved to be a very promising and productive meeting. Full minutes of this meeting were distributed to the reps however the key elements were highlighted to the reps.

(SM takes a break to request someone removes the pen from his secretary as the AOB notes are rapidly increasing)

The main points taken from the meeting were that SSAGO is the only associate organisation of TSA and therefore no one is quite sure what this means for both organisations. TSA would like us to look at perhaps arranging a partnership rather than association in order to provide a more concrete foundation for SSAGO within TSA.

Emily Pritchard (Edinburgh), if SSAGO are the only associate organisation, what is SAGGA. KU + SM explain that SAGGA are an independent charity set up by old SAGGO members.

Dave Clarke (Bournemouth), last reps meeting you mentioned that your were trying to establish award work within SSAGO. SM, while the initial brainstorming brought that up as an idea, when we got down to the basics there is alot that needs to be done at the foundations before we can begin to look at things like award work.

6. Proposed SSAGO Banner

Following Gilwell reunion, the exec have discussed at the possibility that perhaps a SSAGO banner may be more effective at such events compared to the roll up banners which can be bulky to transport and doesn't necessarily give a quick message of who we are.

As such the exec have proposed a SSAGO Banner which would be paid for out of the Development fund as we have plenty of money in the development fund at the moment and such a banner fits the development fund criteria.

Proposed Banner would be 3ft by 5m and would cost approx £150

Those for: All

Against: None

AP will look into the purchase of a SSAGO Banner.

7. Exec Assistants

Over the last few weeks the new executive assistants have been chosen.

Kate Stacey (Swansea) becomes the new Merchandise manager, she was unfortunately unable to attend reps as she was starting her new role by running the SSAGO shop in the rally 'Market Place'.

Members suggested that they might like the idea of SSAGO Ties, Thermos or Pint Glasses. These to be paced on to Kate to look into.

Dave Clarke (Bournemouth) becomes the new webmaster and introduces himself to the reps meeting with a bout of Tom Jones Its not unusual helped with the assistance of Swansea's fancy dress masks.

8. NAN Forms

While the exec didn't wish to preach to much on Nan Forms as this is brought up every reps and several emails have gone out to known offending clubs. However the exec wanted to remind clubs that NAN forms are a compulsory element of any nights away, throughout freshers too many clubs have been going away without completing them.

KU reminds clubs that NAN forms need only take 2 minutes to complete and do not need exact numbers and need no participant names and therefore there is no reason why they cant be submitted 1 week before the event.

9. Future events

a. Cardiff Rally

- 18th-20th February 2011
- Site – lolwyn Scout Parc provisionally booked.
- Activities to include Gavin and Stacey experience, Doctor who experience and cardboard canoeing as well as the usual rally activities.

b. Leeds Ball

- 26th March 2011
- The Marriott hotel
- Aiming to get live entertainment, NOT TOM JONES.
- Holding a raffle for a free room, see committee for details.

c. Loughborough Inflatable Rally

- Oaks Campsite
- Inflatable theme
- Fundraising badge available.

d. Scottish Rally

- No representative available however a report was sent to the national exec.

10. A.O.B

a) Membership Forms

LF has started distributing the new membership forms. These need to be returned to her by 31st December.

In addition to the membership forms, the exec are this year requesting that along with your membership form that clubs sent a copy of their Intouch system/s. Any question about Intouch should be directed to KU at Secretary@ssago.org.uk

Gillian Hawkins (Lancaster) - Where do Masters students who may have a two or three month gap between courses stand.

Exec, as they would be a student for the majority of the year they would be classed as a student member.

Claire Stevens (Warwick) - Where do clubs stand on refusing membership to mature students as she knows a friend who has been refused membership from a club.

Exec - No club has the right to refuse membership based on age as long as they are a student at the university. (exec invite anyone facing this issue to speak to the national exec)

Alex (Southampton) - Where do clubs stand on associates who have been around for a while.

Exec - This is a grey area, so long as the associates are still actively involved at a club level as well as national level and/or provide significant attributes to a club then this is fine. It is up to a club to decide this and argue the case on the membership form.

b) Witan

Mark Harrop and Jamie Shirra were invited to address Reps with the proposal of re-establishing Witan..

MH and JS propose the revival of Witan for Summer 2012 to be held in Kanderstag, Switzerland. They briefly outline initial research and plans.

Claire Stevens (Warwick) - Is there scope for people to combine it with an explorer belt if they wished.

In practise it may be possible however it would be more practical if it was tagged onto the beginning or the end as the requirements of an explorer belt would take alot of time and likely cut into alot of the experience of the event.

Gaenor Harris (Cardiff) - Would you look into SSAGO groups in other countries.

The concept of Witan is hugely aimed at trying to invite as many SSAGO groups from other countries as possible as well as SAGGA.

Tom Nunn (Sheffield) - When would this be.

Looking at the end of Summer 2012, working around the Olympics.

As this is such a significant event and addition to SSAGO, this would have to go national AGM however the Repts committee were asked wither it should go to AGM in addition to the Summer Rally or Instead of.

First Vote:

In addition to Summer Rally 2012 = 8

Instead of Summer Rally 2012 = 8

Abstentions = 2

Recount was called upon

Second vote:

In addition to Summer Rally 2012 = 10

Instead of Summer Rally 2012 = 10

(The exec cant understand how these votes have occurred and as such want to cry)

Due to a tie in voting, the exec have the casting decision

In addition to Summer Rally = 5

Instead of Summer Rally = 0

It was decided that the proposal to reinstate would go to AGM with the proposal to bring in Witan for Summer 2012 in addition to Summer Rally 2012

It was reminded to clubs that this may effect those wishing to bid for Summer 2012 Rally. This could particular be a good opportunity for newer clubs/clubs running a rally for the first time as likely to have a smaller attendance than usual if Witan was to get put through at AGM.

c) Non Paying Members

This rally has seen a number of people booking on and not attending as well as not paying. When people drop out last minute, Rally committees have often paid out for activity tickets, food and non returnable deposits.

The SSAGO exec would like to encourage clubs to remind there members of this and encourage those who need to drop out inform the rally commitees ASAP so that these expenses can be avoided. Members who drop out should be faced to in-cure any expenses that the exec have already paid out for.

Rally Committees are also reminded that they are entitled to use the 2 week payment system if they so wish.

Members are also reminded that should the rally team occur charges for bounced cheques the member will be expected to in-cure these charges.

d) Alcohol and behaviour policy

The exec would like to draw all clubs to the behaviour policy.

“b. ALCOHOL

SSAGO operates no official alcohol policy; however, where our members drink we encourage them to do so sensibly, and for clubs to adopt a rational approach to drinking. We actively encourage the membership to monitor and police itself in terms of what is acceptable and unacceptable drinking behaviour. Alcohol is NOT an excuse for poor behaviour, inappropriate behaviour propagated under the effects of alcohol will not be more favourably viewed, that acts committed when sober. “

We would also request that while we do not expect clubs to ‘babysit’ there members we do ask that you look out for your members as you know your members better than the rally team do and more likely to know their tolerance levels and behaviour. It should not be the rally teams or the first aiders responsibility to spend huge amounts of time looking after intoxicated persons. While we want you to have the best time possible we respectfully ask that you do so responsibly.

Meeting Closed 11.45am

**Minute Verification
Cardiff Rally Reps Spring 2011 – 19/2/11**

Proposed	_____
Seconded	_____
Exec Signature 1	_____
Exec Signature 2	_____