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Derbyshire Scout Network Meeting **Tuesday 13th January, 8pm** **Hilcote Street, South Normanton**

Attendees: Dan Weaver (chair), Dan Ramsbottom (administrator), Katherine Marsh (treasurer), Adam Thompson (webmaster), Clare Battelle (minute taker), John Bush, Pete Hogg, Toby Meek, Matt Peck, Rosie Robinson, Mark Strickland, Tim Warren, Dave Whelan

Apologies: Lucy Robinson (secretary), Ben Lee, Rachael Pye, Vincent Sharpe, Lee Smith, Susie Warden

Network Updates

Neon: Held a planning meeting yesterday (12.01.09). Plan to invite people of Explorer age from the local area to various evenings planned. They have about four regular members and so are focussing on building links with local Explorers. They are beginning to get help and have made contact with a potential new Network based at 15th Long Eaton Sea Scouts to explore links.

Lynx: Running smoothly and growing in number. In the middle of refurbishing their hut. Recent activities include a Russian murder mystery night, a sailing weekend and geocaching. They have a programme planning meeting on 20th January where they will start to think about the next NetEx Challenge.

Fusion: Things are going well. Recent activities have been varied and a good balanced programme including snowboarding, visit to the cinema, county ball. They have a programme planned for January through to March.

Phoenix: Now meeting every two weeks, with a walk or similar on the other weeks usually planned for a Sunday day time.

Matrix: Still a "young Network" with not many members and don't yet have a complete programme. Recent fundraising efforts include a table top sale so they have been able to buy lots of pink kit. Have been offered the use of a local campsite for Network to look after.

Glossop: Very remote and sits on the northern border of Derbyshire; nearer to Manchester so officially they are part of Greater Manchester East but as not a lot is happening and they are geographically remote from other Networks, they have decided to run at a District level – but would like to see how things are run in Derbyshire and keep the link going. They have about 20 members on their books, although many are at uni so fewer regulars. They attended the mountain marathon back in October, where unfortunately they lost their tents along with some other equipment. Once a month they hold a planning meeting and activity evening. They have a good range of instructors for several different activities.

Genus: Two of their members have recently completed their QSA. They've attended ATC, County Ball, held a bonfire for the local community. At present they are in the throws of building a fellowship as most of their members are 25 years old this year. Pete Hogg suggested they join the County Fellowship. Derrick Lodge has taken on a Network role in Belper District and they will be looking to revive Network from the Explorer units there.

Quest: Apologies from the Quest reps Lee and Rachael, but comment was passed that they have very few members attending under the age of 25. They don't have a meeting place at present.

Update: Quest re-launch evening held Sunday 1st Feb and attended by potential members. All took part in team building activities and programme information was handed out. Weekend away planned for April.

Dronfield & Chesterfield Networks: Not represented.



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General: The status of local Networks in Districts and the wider state of Network across the County was discussed. Dan W mentioned that he has recently attended the County DESC meeting, with the aim of building links with the Explorers and educating the DESCs on what Network is and how it works. There are plans to attend future meetings at which District Commissioners are present. He and Lucy have also discussed Network development in general at length with John Queening (County Commissioner).

Other updates

East Midlands Region Development & Support Day

This was for all sections and replaced the previous Network development workshops, although were split by section for much of the day. Dan W and Lucy attended these as Network reps but John Queening also sat in with the Network group. There were also reps from Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire there – therefore the day was useful for building links with neighbouring Networks. Mixed messages coming from the others, but it is clear that Derbyshire is some way ahead of the other counties.

Topics discussed included working with Execs, the new “Taking the Lead” resource and recruitment.

Insight

Not a Network event, but given that it was the national Scout youth forum for 18-25 year olds virtually everyone there was a Network member! Attended by Dan W and Rosie, who is our youth rep. An excellent opportunity to build links with other Networks. Topics discussed over the weekend were varied and mainly covered general topics rather than ones specifically to do with Network (e.g.: Scout skills, Fellowship, perception of young people, the role of youth reps) but we discuss communication and recruitment ideas.

It was asked what came out of these two events that will be useful to Derbyshire Network: Dan W explained that many of the ideas talked about are already being discussed in Derbyshire, or those ideas that are “behind the scenes” things that will happen but are not so noticeable. Also benefited by the new links built with other Networks from all over the country.

County Network team

CSNC: A “volunteer” has been found at last and will be announced at a later date. Aware that rumours are circulating but Dan will not confirm anything until it is all official! Will probably be able to provide further details in April. Watch this space....

Chairperson: Dan W reminded us that he has been in position for a little over 12 months and it is time to either re-elect him or elect someone new. It was decided that an election will be held at the next meeting. Dan suggested that we elect a deputy for his role.

Action: nominations invited for the role of chairperson. Please contact Lucy if you are interested.

Action: nominations invited for the role of vice-chairperson. Please contact Dan W if you are interested.

Update: Toby and Dave have indicated that they are willing to assist with some chairperson duties, subject to existing commitments

Secretary: Given that Lucy is almost 25, she has indicated that she would like to handover the role. To be elected at the next meeting.

Action: nominations invited for the role of secretary. Please contact Dan W if you are interested.

Actions from the previous meeting:

Website: The new website is up and running now, please forward programmes, pictures, info, contact details to Adam for the site to be updated. There was a suggestion that we put a map on the site with each Network



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location on it. It was also mentioned about the option of inputting your postcode into the website to find your local Network – something for Adam to look into.

Action: Adam to look at maps and search facilities for the website

PR: Still looking for a PR Person – no takers! Considered unlikely that anyone will want to take on the role, but it is still important to ensure that the good stuff Network does is promoted.

Action (ongoing): All to consider whether there is anything going on that they can promote in local media. Also to update Adam for the website and Dan W for the newsletter.

Network Newsletter: The last newsletter was unfortunately cancelled due to a lack of material, so please write a few words for the next newsletter. Deadline for the February Newsletter is: Wednesday 28th January 2008.

Update: Winter 08/09 newsletter due imminently.

Action: all - please keep stuff coming in for future issues!

Events

Alton Towers Camp

Dates for 2009 are 16th – 19th October 2009. Will be looking for people to help set up and run the weekend. Organising team will be remaining largely the same. First meeting for the ATC committee will be organised as soon as AT release their latest prices.

Update: Prices now released by Alton Towers. ATC09 first planning meeting to be held soon, with event promotion to commence ASAP.

Seaside Social

April weekend as now been cancelled. New dates will be released soon. Be prepared!

Sailing Weekend

8th – 10th May 2009 ~ 4 places left. Speak to Dan Weaver for details.

Update: Couple of places still available for £98.

Crazy Cold Camp

This weekend (24th & 25th Jan) Crazy Cold Camp will be taking place at Gradbach. Reminder that all are welcome!

County Ball

Ian Pownall has expressed an interest in organising County Ball 2010. Any feedback/suggestions to Dan W please. Some discussion about Network involvement – felt that it is a job for a small team rather than an individual and that Network should be more involved. Request for volunteers to get involved.

Update: Ian has now indicated that for a variety of reasons he does not want to be involved in organising County Ball 2010. Initial planning meeting held 29th January to discuss potential venues, format, etc. Quest are looking at venues; Kat has offered to deal with bookings.

Scouting & Pride Park

Derby County Football Club have approached Derbyshire Scouting to discuss a long-term partnership. This will run over several years and ideas include discounted match tickets, use of training facilities/coaches, etc. First event will be a match dedicated to Scouting and Guiding: Derby v Barnsley Match, Saturday 21st March 2009. There will be recruitment stands outside the stadium on the day. Included in this offer are tickets priced at £15 per person. People going to the match are asked to go in their uniforms please. There may also be a penalty shootout at half time with Rammie.

Details are being mailed out by the County to leaders in the next week or so and details will be posted on the website soon.

Update: Details and booking forms now available via www.derbyshirenetwork.org.uk/events/derbycounty.

Action: Bookings to be made by 22nd February.



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Peak 2010 website is now live. The Peak 2010 Staff Bulletin is available. Sign up at www.peak2010.org. The dates for Peak are 24th – 31st July 2010.

Four Inns Walk

Information sheets handed out, but also available from <http://www.fourinnswalk.org>. Event takes place Saturday 4th April 2009.

Wilmot Wander

Sunday 25th January 2009

Starkholme Stagger

Another competitive hike, organised by Phoenix as a fundraiser for the Three Nations Expedition. Saturday 21st March 2009. More information at www.phoenixscoutnetwork.co.uk.

Any other business

Criminal Records Bureau Checks

Remember that as a Network member, you must have a valid CRB check. Done through Scouting – unfortunately, CRB checks obtained elsewhere are not valid for Scouting purposes. Dan Ramsbottom has organised a drop in session at Drum Hill between 10am and 3pm on Sunday 25th January to get them organised. You will require several forms of ID. Alternatively, contact Dan R for a form. Network CRB's last for 5 years.

Action: All to consider whether they have a valid Scouting CRB and contact Dan R for a form if necessary.

Network accounts

Kat requires each Network's accounts for audit purposes. This includes receipts, bank statements, paying in slips, cheque book, etc. (NB: Does not apply to Networks set up in Districts under the District Exec.)

Action: the following Networks need to contact Kat: Fusion, Genus, Phoenix, Neon, Quest. Does not apply to District Networks (Chesterfield, Dronfield, Lynx, Matrix)

Festival fundraising opportunities

Pete Hogg is looking for people to work at Glastonbury Festival and Bloodstock Festival again this year. This could make some good money for either your unit or Derbyshire Network. Again, any info please contact Pete Hogg.

Next Meeting is to be held at Drum Hill on Monday 16th March at 8pm

Actions: (1) Please contact Lucy with any items for the agenda. (2) See comments above re nominations for various positions. (3) Please ensure that your Network is represented at the next meeting!