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Derbyshire Scout Network Meeting

Monday 1st October, 7:30pm

Lynx Network HQ & Derby South Activity Centre, Littleover, Derby.

Summary of action points:

- When planning their next programme, each Network to consider an event to open up to the rest of the county.
- All to consider candidates for the position of County Scout Network Chairperson and contact Lucy or Dan with any nominations by the end of November.
- Get your bookings in by 30 November for the County Ball 2010.
- Get your bookings in by 30 November for the 2010 offshore sailing weekend.

Full minutes of meeting:

Attendees: Becky Dennett, Ben Lee, Derrick Lodge, Toby Meek, Rachael Pye, Lucy Robinson (Commissioner), Lee Smith, Mark Strickland, Adam Thompson (webmaster), Dan Weaver (chair), Dave Whelan.

Apologies: Tim Warren (secretary).

Welcome

Local network updates -

Genus: A number of activities with the new members over the past few months, but most are now at university; therefore they have broken up until the Christmas break.

Neon: Proposal being implemented to convert to a district Network. There is a new DC for Long Eaton District, however, so this has been delayed slightly. A possible base at Trent Lock Activity Centre has been discussed, as this is 'neutral ground' and not tied to any particular group or Explorer Scout unit. No regular meetings at the moment, although members are taking part in activities/events on offer elsewhere.

Quest: Now meeting in Etwall and have been welcomed by the group there. Participated in work days over the summer to help build links with the group. A meeting is to be held to discuss marketing and recruitment. Lots of young members coming through. Lee Smith is attending District Exec meetings.

Glossop: Remains part of Greater Manchester but retaining links with Derbyshire Network. Mark Strickland (formerly Glossop Network Leader) has been appointed as CSNC for Greater Manchester East and Glossop has a new leader. Currently reviewing how Network is run in their area.

Lynx: Continuing reasonably successfully, although recently several of the newer members have left for university. Good range of activities continuing and HQ refurbishment project still happening, although development has slowed down a bit. BBQ held over the summer.

Forge: Carrie Longden (Network leader) emailed Lucy a brief update. All members are believed to be at university; she is trying to find out if there is anyone still about to meet up.



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Fusion: Going well. Two members back from Three Nations expedition – had a good time. Have been climbing recently and other activities on a weekly basis. Proposal has been made to Derby East District to become a district Network. Congratulations to Ben Walters & Sophie Evans; two members who recently got married.

Matrix: Katherine Marsh (Network leader) emailed Lucy a brief update. Have not been meeting. Katherine is trying to get everyone back together.

Crooked: No representation at meeting.

Phoenix: No representation at meeting.

Aye Up Me Duck: No representation at meeting.

Matters arising from round the room discussions –

Several Networks have “lost” members temporarily to university, but there are a few left behind. Suggestion that we run mid-term activities for those left behind on a county basis.

This led to a wider discussion about each local Network opening up events to the rest of the county. Sometimes happens on an informal, occasional basis but would be good to get something going more regularly.

All were reminded about the two Freshers events taking place in the next few weeks, which are open to all members.

Update: See below for report on Freshers events. An abseil was also planned for 1 November at Millers Dale viaduct but this was cancelled on the day due to bad weather. There was a lot of interest in this event so we hope to re-arrange.

- **Action:** *When planning their next programme, each Network to consider an event to open up to the rest of the county.*

County team –

Dan highlighted to everyone present that he is seeking to step down from the role of chairperson soon due to a new job. Keen to hand over to a new person to ensure a smooth transition.

- **Action:** *All to consider candidates for the position of County Scout Network Chairperson and contact Lucy or Dan with any nominations by the end of November.*

Membership records –

There are issues with Network membership records. This is not unique to Derbyshire but is replicated across the country. Lucy is currently in the process of updating records. A process is being “designed” for registration of new members, etc.

Freshers report –

A day was spent at the Derby University Freshers Fair. We had a professional-looking stand with the new banner, a projector/screen showing photos and plenty of hand outs. Stand hire was, however, a lot more expensive than last year. 30+ names and contact details were collected and will be added to the mailing lists. They will also be invited to two Freshers events planned – a photo treasure hunt in the city centre and an evening abseiling session at Drum Hill. Details on the website – open to all. In addition, a couple of hundred



packs of information, fliers and leaflets were distributed. Generally considered a success, but need to wait and see how many members we get out of it in the end.

There is the possibility of a new Network being formed in the city centre area; possibly linked to Derby East District. Lucy is to consider attending the District Exec meeting and contact the DC to discuss.

Update: Six students/other newbies attend the photo treasure hunt and were mixed in with teams of existing members. Hopeful that these people will return. A couple of these returned for the abseil, along with a further couple of new people, and again it is hoped that they will return.

Membership pack –

Lucy was only very recently notified of the need to prepare a Network budget days before the budget approval meeting. Therefore a budget was quickly put together at a much higher level than in previous years. This included an amount to cover expenditure on the proposed membership packs. Therefore, it was agreed to delay taking further action until we know how much money we have to spend.

Update: The proposed budget was approved without change; therefore we will have funding for the proposed membership packs. To re-visit at next meeting.

Events –

Alton Towers Camp

16-18th October 2009: Numbers booked are unexpectedly and disappointingly low with less than two weeks to the deadline. Seems odd after the success of last year. It is hoped that there will be a flood of bookings in the next two weeks.

Update: ATC 2009 was once again a success and we did in the end have similar numbers attend to the previous year – just lots of last minute bookings! Full report to be made at next meeting.

County Ball

9th January 2010: The newly refurbished Roundhouse on Pride Park has been secured as a venue. There will be a bar, disco, live band and photographer. There is an excellent menu – this together with the new venue should make it an excellent event. Bookings now being taken. Details via website – deadline is 30 November.

- **Action:** Get your bookings in by 30 November for the County Ball 2010.

Kandersteg

Since the last meeting, Dan, Lucy, Rachael and Toby have met to start discussing plans for a Network trip to Kandersteg in the summer of 2011. Various options are being looked at re accommodation, catering, transport and whether to book direct or through an agent. Next meeting is 5th November. It is hoped that preliminary details will be available in time to announce at County Ball.

Sailing weekend

16-18th April 2010: Date just announced and information is no available via the website. Open to all aged 18+ in Derbyshire Scouting; not just Network. Bookings with deposit required by 30 November.

- **Action:** Get your bookings in by 30 November for the 2010 offshore sailing weekend.

Bloodstock Festival

Several Genus Network members attended this event as a fundraiser and were paid £6/hour. Hard work but well paid. Would be great to have more people attend to help next year. Suggestion that this could be a good fundraiser for the proposed Kandersteg trip.

Other events



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All present were asked whether any other events were wanted. General feeling was that the above events, along with regular local events opened up wider as mentioned above, would be sufficient. There was, however, a suggestion of having a big BBQ open to all members in the summer.

Next Meeting is to be held in early December.

Details when available will be announced on the Derbyshire Scout Network website, on Facebook and via email as per usual. As yet unable to confirm date due to Dan's new job and not knowing shift pattern – will be confirmed ASAP. Any agenda items, please contact Dan.

The meeting will include election of new chairperson, assuming we get nominations!!!