



DUSAGG AGM Minutes Epiphany 2013

Present: Mike Mason, Claire Madley, Kathryn Sweeney, Simon Armstrong, Hannah Wynn, Asher Smith, Susan Ford, Lauren Cook, Kara-Jane Senior, Rachel Gilley, Lizzy Randall, Bexi Denison-Smith, Annette Geragusian (Dunelm District Commissioner)

1. Welcome!

2. Approval of last year's minutes

- 🐹 Will be passed at the EGM as we have no idea where they are currently.

3. Reports

🐹 Treasurer's Report:

- Summary: Overall gain, but need to pay SSAGO membership, when Rich is paid for MidMad it may make a slight loss but will be absorbed by previous years profits.
- Questions:
 - Kara: What equipment has been bought?
 - Rachel: We bought maps, and got a grant for the radio batteries
 - Susan: How much do we owe Rich? (For the generator and other Highlights equipment for MidMad)
 - Rachel: hopefully £50... (POI from Asher: might be more than that), hopefully less than £100, then... but not an issue if it's slightly more as have a little money to spare.

🐹 Liaisons Report

- MidMad: 3 teams finished, 2 of which were rangers, none of them were sea scouts!
- Guide skills: cancelled due to snow
- Indoor: 4th Durham A won. Good event, plenty of teams.

🐹 Presidents report

Claire gives presentation with help of photos on PowerPoint: Outdoor, GGC, Annual Meal, Summer Camp in Yorkshire, Midsummer which was cold... This year: Safari Supper, College Night Hike, 2 sessions of Archery, MidMad, and Manchester Cartoon Rally. Also shown were Mole's adventures: London, Canoeing, Festivals, Birthday Cake! Week in Wales, Paralympics... can he have more fun next year??? AND A NEW COAT!!! Old coat to go on DUSAGG Camp Blanket.

🐹 Questions to Officers

- Motion of Usefulness:
 - Explains motion: will throw away bits we won't use, especially craft box. DUSAGG people will claim bits if they want, else get rid of some other way. There are bits of craft that we haven't used and will now get rid of to units.

4. Presentations

Mike has achieved the Zodiac and is given badge, but certificate will follow.

5. Motions

🐹 **The Motion of Social Media**

Proposed by: Rachel Gilley

* correct at time of writing

Seconded by: Claire Madley

This society notes

- That the facebook group has become the primary means of communicating information to the society outside of the weekly e-mail, in place of the forum.

This society resolves

- To make changes to reflect this and so facilitate communication.

This society proposes to:

1. Change the constitution to remove mention of the forum in the role of P.R. Officer.
2. Include the facebook group link on the Weekly e-mail and the website.

Simon: Suggestion for a change from, remove the forum and replace with facebook group in the constitution.

Clarification: remove the forum from PR Officer's description, but add facebook page to the general constitution.

Passed on a General Aye!



Blanket Motion

Proposed: Susan Ford

Seconded: Bexi Denison-Smith

This society notes

- Carly made an amazing DUSAGG camp blanket, with a square for each academic year
- That the blanket returned from London yesterday

This society believes

- We should finish off and keep this blanket up to date
- That someone needs to take responsibility for this each year, and make sure that future DUSAGGers know about this
- That the QM seems a logical person to do this

This society resolves

- That it should be added to the QMs job description in the constitution:
'To collate badges from camps and those joining the society in each academic year, and to ensure that they are sewn onto the blanket (not necessarily doing the sewing).'

Rachel: What will the financial cost of the badges be?

Lizzy POI: People will surely give them in/ contributions

Susan: the cost will come from society, ie badges bought for camps will be reimbursed.

Susan: Explained the layout of the blanket, in spirals going outwards, one square for each year, shiny little book that goes with it.

Passed on a general aye!

If anyone wants to contribute, give to Susan!

6. Presidential elections



President

Candidates:

- Asher Smith
Proposed by: Bexi 'currently winning how many people can I propose or second'
Denison-Smith
Seconded by: Claire 'Mole' Madley
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

Husts: Wants to follow on from liaisons... Also I want a mole.

Questions

Rachel: What do you feel that you could bring to the role?

Asher: I can find time to do things over periods, whereas liaisons, you get lots of big blocks, President is ongoing which is easier to fit in.

Simon: What is Important to the society next year?

Asher: Keeping liaisons events running

Kara-Jane: How will you increase the society's membership?

Asher: I would target Freshers more.

Mike: What you going to do to get Freshers involved?

Asher: Encourage people to join society by offering events at the beginning of the year to encourage them to come along, and hopefully stay.

Susan: What are the most important types of events to plug to Freshers?

Asher: Camps and Liaisons events, they distinguish us from other societies.

Hannah: How will you balance the demands of 4th year and of president?

Asher: Assign time blocks and weekly goals and have efficient meetings.

Rachel: What is your favourite biscuit?

Asher: Jammy Dodger – they're amazing

Mike: What is your favourite colour of crayon?

Asher: Multi-coloured

Susan: How will you deal with lazy exec?

Asher: By chasing them up, taking over a job and making sure they're not stuck on something silly.

Claire: The words President and Chair are interchangeable, so what is your favourite type of upholstery/chair/

Asher: Dracula chairs

Susan: Please demonstrate!

Asher then sits in chair shape against wall for duration of the voting.

Voting

Asher is duly elected.

Secretary

Candidates:

- Claire Madley
Proposed by: Bexi 'Still winning' Denison-Smith
Seconded by: Asher 'we're only on the second candidate!' Smith
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

* correct at time of writing

Hust: I am good at writing minutes and remembering to attach them and will try to make them fun!
Like the photo on the end of the minutes I wrote whilst chairing.

Questions:

Rachel: How will you make sure everyone has a CRB?

Claire: For the intake of Freshers, I will ask by poll to find a day, which everyone can do and hold a meeting to go through and do the CRBs together.

Mike: Where would be a sensible place to store minutes to get them to AGM?

Answer: There are lots of folders, but putting them in President's Folder under Exec Minutes in the correct year so they can be found next year.

Susan: Will Mini Mole's year be exciting as Mole's?

Claire: Well he probably won't get a trip to London but he will go to the festival and will go exciting places with DUSAGG, but unless you bring the Paralympics back to London this summer then it won't be quite as exciting.

Voting

Claire is duly elected.

 **Treasurer**

Candidates:

- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

The election is deferred until the EGM on Tuesday at CC, please see the EGM minutes.

 **Social Secretary**

Candidates:

- Kara-Jane Senior
Proposed by: Bexi 'Still winning' Dension-Smith
Seconded by: Asher 'Only by one' Smith
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

Hust: I like having fun, and like everyone else to have fun. I will make cake for club coffee! Good ideas to attract people to us. We have lots of fun, but Freshers don't seem to realise it_

Questions:

Susan: What socials will Freshers like?

Kara-Jane: mixture of socials, as many different Freshers, chilled out stuff social in first few weeks, as lots of other stuff going on.

Hannah: What would be your route for a full college bar crawl? Ahem, night hike...

Kara-Jane: Hill first, but check opening times of bars. However, route seemed to work well this year.

Rachel: What is your favourite crayon colour?

Kara-Jane: Purple!

Lauren: What type of cake would you make first?

Kara-Jane: Chocolate cake

Rachel: How would you ensure CC runs smoothly.

Kara-Jane: Make sure there's plenty of tea! Locker keys...

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Bugs: Proposes challenge of escorting drunk people across the room.
Bexi and Susan were fantastically loud drunk people, though Susan seemed slightly more like she was on a sugar high! Both were successfully escorted across the room.

Voting

Kara-Jane is duly elected.

Events Secretary

Candidates:

- Hannah Wynn
Proposed by: Simon 'I dream in binary' Armstrong
Seconded by: Kathryn 'joining the competition' Sweeney
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

Hust: I will organise stuff as I will want to do them, not intending to be ill again... hopefully will have time.

Questions:

Kara: What events do you want to do?

Hannah: Climbing, walking, horse riding to appeal to people who don't want to do strenuous activities.

SA: Do you know where you would like summer camp to be?

Hannah: In the lakes, it's close and pretty.

Bugs: Summer Camp is very hard to run and organise. Have you ever had any experience of organising camps?

Hannah: None. Been on summer camp, talked to people about what they have enjoyed, will plan early, and look for help if needed.

Mike: There have been small sign ups. How would you get larger sign ups? Or how would you run events for less people?

Hannah: Good publicity, and lower costs.

Mike: As Events you will look after Roger, the acoustics of Dining Room are good, can you go in there and shout bondage so we can hear it!!

We could hear it in Kenworthy from the Dining Hall, so did pretty well!

Voting

Hannah is duly elected.

Liaisons

Candidates:

- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

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PR Officer

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Candidates:

- Candidate: Simon Armstrong
Proposed by: Kathryn 'catching Asher's count' Sweeney
Seconded by: Asher 'Now equal with Bexi' Smith
- Candidate: Lauren Cook
Proposed by: Kara-Jane Senior
Seconded by: Claire 'Mole' Madley
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

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Simon's Hust: I can do websites... slightly more on PR side of it is needed to get more members. Lots of people help at a group, but never join DUSAGG. This needs to be rectified. Posters. Get big events into DSU's emails, and societies calendar. Facebook more useful. Forum now out of date. Fix emails to make them work.

Lauren's Hust: Missed being on exec! Enjoy learning about computer programs... great way to learn more. Don't know as much as Simon, but want to learn, have time to learn, find it interesting.

Questions:

LB: most ideal way of getting DUSAGG out there more?

Simon: Posters, seems to work for different societies. Try using Facebook more for other groups like Freshers pages, not just between us.

Lauren: Posters, people see around the place, so more likely to see them. Facebook group good idea especially at beginning of the year, put it on the top of the email, attractive for freshers.

MM: What would you put on a poster?

Lauren: Good photos! Midsummer photos so they see what we're doing

Simon: Colours and make them bold! Clear to see our name, so they know what the point is.

Hannah: How good are you at checking emails?

Simon: My emails are linked to my phone, so I'll be ok

Lauren: I check emails a lot, procrastination!

Bugs: Website... what you going to do with it?

Lauren: keep simple, not change much unless it's been agreed that it needs changing.

Simon: doesn't need to be more complex. Try to keep it simple, but doesn't need anything more right now.

Susan: Would you consider running for another exec position?

Simon: Probably not – no roles that I want to do. Liaisons takes too much time. Treasurer not so much.

Lauren: What is there? Would consider what to do after the meeting.

Mike: What are your data recovery skills like?

Lauren: KEEP SAVING IT!

Simon: I have managed to recover files, but it is difficult.

Susan: On the posters, what is the key message about DUSAGG to put on.

Simon: This is what we're doing, come join us! Friendly people, we do things you want to do.

Lauren: MidMad and Outdoor. That's what we do best. Planning walks. Help local scouts and guides.

Kara: What is your favourite type of spider??

Lauren: The ones that stay away from me.

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Simon: As long as they're not too big and too scary.

Asher: If the other one was a biscuit, what would it be?

Lauren would be a choc digestive. Simon nearly got it right with choc chip cookie.

Lauren said Simon would be a bourbon, but would in fact be a jammy dodger.

Rachel: Part of the role is PR to Scouting and Guiding, how would this work?

Laruen: Scouts and Guides do weekly emails, ask if we can be on this? Ask them to events. Make sure district events are known about.

Simon: Emailing out to get county to get potential students in groups, and to get students in groups in DUSAGG.

Hannah: Steve Ramsey; liaising with him to mention DUSAGG?

Simon and Lauren said it's worth trying.

Bugs POI: scouting/guiding magazines. Look into these? Get them before they come to university.

<Short interlude to hear what Annette has to say as she needs to leave>

Annette: Raise awareness of what happens: I send an email out to the various districts, sometime you don't get enough support, keep up the good work! If guides can do anything for DUSAGG, then ask... chocolate and chat... SCA fair... if you need any representatives to come, then we can work together to make it work!

SF: When are divisions changing?

Annette: Waiting for confirmation and will email as soon as we know. Key part for DUSAGG to play in the rearrangement and get DUSAGG support in change. Organise events more closely with each other. Maybe guides can invite us to district/division events? Guides has got brownie centenary, planning for that. Big sleepover soon hopefully, Annette will raise that DUSAGG are always here to help (at next county meeting).

<Interlude over>

Voting

Lauren is duly elected!

Quartermaster

Candidates:

- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

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Fresher's Fair co-ordinator

Candidates:

- Bexi Dension-Smith
Proposed by: Kara-Jane 'back to physics' Senior
Seconded by: Asher 'I've won*' Smith
- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

* correct at time of writing

Hust: DUSAGG is tiny so we need as many Freshers as possible. We can do this by not putting on too many events in one a week and handing out a small slip of paper with facebook address and a few big events; as many as of us at the fresher's' fair as possible and push district events.

Questions:

Lauren: What will you have on stall?

Bexi: Pictures of Scouts having fun help at a group at the least if you're not going to join DUSAGG, can help at a group.

Bugs: What would you give away? And would you be inside or outside?

Bexi: Lanyards, pens, drink. Probably outside as there is more space; made difficult to find outside, and inside's horribly busy.

Hannah: What food will you give out?

Bexi: Biscuits.

Lizzy: How is it easy to find outside?

Bexi: Table inside as well liaise with SCA to send scout/guide types our way

LC: What would you do with refreshers fair

Bexi: It is worth going down. There are fewer people, indoor, smaller, more space smaller scale.

Rachel: What would you plug at Stockton fresher's fair?

Bexi: Stockton less involved socially: plug group and district events.

Claire: The banners used are rat eaten what would you do about this?

Bexi: Make new ones if old nasty banners are key, buy new fabric to make more if needed.

Susan: St John's Ambulance have dead people, do we want something similar?

Bugs: not traditionally scouty stuff though might put some people off.

Susan: We could try and use publicity from county.

Bexi: Would try get publicity from county. Tent putting up, roll Necker, but less geeky!

Bugs: As you will have the laminator for summer, when you are bored of paper what will laminate instead.

Bexi: Brothers hand, but would then have to chop off so instead laminate whole brother.

Voting

Bexi is duly elected.

Stockton Co-ordinator

Candidates:

- RON (Re-Open Nominations)

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7. **AOB:**

 EGM Tuesday at 1.30 in Williamosn JCR, Mary's. Nominations to Claire ASAP via email.

 Annual meal coming up.

 Outdoor: we now have cars, so lifts available. Planning walk – if anyone else wants to come along, will be back by 3pm.

🐛 Giggles camp in Yorkshire in summer is international: can be service team or do activities. Sign up closes tomorrow. They need numbers! Looks really awesome. It's 27th July – 4th August.

🐛 Bugs: DOGS! Join up... New Year's awesome in Lake District. Skipton is also happening over Easter.

Meeting adjourned at about 9.30pm

Presidential Challenge occurs.