

DUSAGG Annual General Meeting

DATE: 12/03/2023

LOCATION: ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

Meeting Commenced 10:38

Welcome

Attendance

Present:

Amelia Enstone (President) – AE

Alfie Baker (Treasurer) – AB

Matthew Taylor (Liaisons Officer Scouts) - MT

Ben Dickinson (Secretary) – BD

Jess Bond (Freshers' Rep) – JB

Thomas Guy (Events Secretary) - TG

Apologies:

Phoebe Cook (Liaisons Officer Guides) - PC

Alvina Halls - AH

AE gave an overview of how elections and motions work.

Ratification of Minutes

Minutes approved on a general aye

Reports

Treasurers Report

AB gives a report on the finances of DUSAGG using his finance.

DUSAGG started the year with £681.36 we had a total income of £1353.10 and total expenditure of £1246.20 and the final amount was £788.26, resulting in a profit of £106.90. Our biggest financials came from MidMad.

The "general" category had a loss of around £15. The "Membership" category had a net profit, the socials has a net loss. MidMad had income of £1141.66 and expenditure £961.41 for a net profit. Events has a loss of around £80.

AB suggests that the future treasurer should be careful around VAT, and notes that MidMad is the "most expensive thing on planet earth". AB also thinks we should spend more money next year.

MT: How much profit did we make for the year?

AB: £106.90 but most of this should be reinvested into MidMad.

Liaisons Report

MT gives a report on the volunteering at DUSAGG

We have lots of members volunteering in Durham, this is probably increased from last year. We have improving relationships with every group in the district. MT knows all the GSLs in the district and has information to share with the next Liaisons Officer Scouts. MidMad was held in October at Ryton, we had over 120 young people and 30 adults. Everything went smoothly and we received positive feedback. Ryton has been secured as a MidMad venue for future years. Next year we would like to use a new venue. Indoor was in the TLC we had around 70 scouts and 10 adults. Everything ran smoothly, this was a successful event with good bases. Positive feedback from all involved. Outdoor was yesterday at 1st Fram. There were over 80 young people signed up, and over 20 adults. Despite the cold and snow, it was a successful event. MT thanked all volunteers especially those sat outside all day and those sat here now. Young people almost all had a good time. There were a couple of unfortunate road crossings which we dealt with well. We need to improve our communication with guides to get more teams into the competition. MT thanks everyone for having him as Liaisons Officer (Scouts).

Presidents Report

AE gave a report

Thank you to all the exec. We have got a really good foundation for volunteering now, with a really good relationship with the district thanks to MT and his “unbelievable charm”. We also have a good relationship with DU volunteering. We moved onto the DUSAGG domain which may take some time to get used to. We did a few socials, brunch was nice, bowling was good. Socials. We had some not so successful recces.

Motions

There were no motions.

Elections

President

AE: MT is the only candidate

MT gives a hust based on the following manifesto

About me:

- Second year History student at Grey College
- DUSAGG Liaisons Officer 22-23 and Freshers’ Rep 21-22 – Knowledge of the operation and ethos of the society
- Grey Choir President 22-23 and Tour Secretary 21-22 – Experience in running a society effectively
- Member of University Choral Society for two years
- Involved in Scouting since Beavers
- Cub Leader at 5th Durham and 24th Glasgow
- Durham City District Exec member – Represent DUSAGG and young people generally in discussions with the district

- Good knowledge of structure and values of Scout Association
- Familiar with Scout groups in Durham City, lots of contacts in local Scouting and Guiding. Have already worked to develop DUSAGG's relationship with local Scouts and Guides and will continue to do so
- Attended various District and County Scout events as a volunteer

My Plans:

- Following Amelia's excellent leadership this year, continue her work in ensuring the smooth and effective running of DUSAGG, and the continued development of the society.
- Membership: Aim to grow the size of the society using effective publicity, a strong presence at Freshers' Fair and regular socials and volunteering events. Work to ensure that all students with a background in Scouting or Guiding feel able to be involved in DUSAGG in some capacity.
- Volunteering Events: Support the Liaisons Officers in the delivery of Midnight Madness, Indoor and Outdoor, making use of my experience from this year to help continue growing and improving the events. Would like to try to find a MidMad venue which hasn't been used previously (or recently). Seek to learn from feedback and constructive criticism from this year's events – not a blank slate.
- Volunteering: Help facilitate volunteering with local Scouts and Guides, and encourage members and other students to consider it. Look into holding a forum for prospective volunteers.
- Socials: Work with the Social Secretary to increase the frequency and variety of society socials. Aim to hold socials roughly weekly through most of the year, varying days/times to allow as many members to attend as possible. Various types of social – both active/adventurous and less so.
- Events: Aim to hold a number of camps and trips away throughout the year, working with the Events Sec to gauge what sort of activities members are interested in.
- Volunteering Hours: Work with DUSVO to continue developing our presence on their volunteering platform, allowing members who volunteer with Scouts and Guides, and at DUSAGG events, to receive recognition from the university for their hard work by logging their hours and receiving awards.
- Exec meetings: Hold these as regularly as exec members wish to allow strong communication and leadership.
- Kit: Work with the Treasurer and the rest of the exec to look into options for purchases of equipment which could benefit the society in the medium to long term. Having a large sum of money in our account serves no real purpose. For example, consider the purchase of new camping stoves to replace our current dangerous and outdated ones. Seek to carry out a proper audit of what kit the society own, and how much of it is in usable condition (looking at you Frederic).
- Stash: Aim to set a precedent of ordering stash early in third term, to allow exec members the option of ordering stash at both the start and end of their term.

- Office 365: Following the District's kind offer to host our new @dusagg.org.uk domain, develop our mailboxes and SharePoint file library to provide a full replacement for, and improvement on, our old Google setup. Consider what files are worth keeping, and which should be deleted.
- Website: Figure out how to update the society's website and information on volunteering events etc. Set up dusagg.org.uk to redirect to our website.
- Mole woggles

Secretary

AE: BD is the only candidate

BD: I'm already Secretary, I do a good job, please vote for me.

Treasurer

AE: We have two candidates, AH and JB.

JB: I am Freshers' Rep at the moment, I have budgeted for camps before which have made a profit which we reinvested into group kit. Please vote for me.

MT: Do you have any ideas on how to spend our money?

JB: I would go through our current kit, probably check out tents fairly quickly.

AH (read by AE): Never been involved in DUSAGG exec before but been involved in SSAGO. I am VP of EcoSoc at John's and I am currently on placement doing accounting and budgeting. I can use excel. I promise I won't embezzle. I do a cop out degree so have plenty of time. I am flexible and can help out elsewhere. I would like to allow all members to do as much DUSAGGing as possible.

Social Secretary

AE: No candidates

Events Secretary

AE: No candidates

Liaisons Officer Scouts

AE: AB is the only candidate

AB: Heavily involved in MidMad, very aware of what is involved. Volunteered at indoor and outdoor, it was successful. Leader at Elvet 15th Durham (I think?), I organise the entire programme plan, I am the only leader with wood beads and a NAP. A member of QSWP, where I have helped to organise events on a national level e.g. Gangshow90. I have been on TV with scouting, I was at the cenotaph with scouting, I was on the guard of honour.

MT: Any plans to develop MidMad?

AB: A new venue would be good but I don't know where we have been. We should possibly increase the capacity of the event and invite QSWP who will work in exchange for food and accommodation. I will work with the Liaisons Officer (Guides).

Liaisons Officer Guides

AE: PC is the only candidate

PC has not submitted a hust, she is currently in the role. Manifesto included as Appendix I

DUSAGG Awards

AE: I forgot to do nominations, please nominate people from the floor

Banana Mole

AB nominates BD for falling in a river

Approved on a general aye

Order of Mole

BD: This award is for a parent figure of DUSAGG

MT nominates AE for outstanding service to DUSAGG

Approved on a general aye

Order of Roger

BD: This is for someone who is generally silly and does silly things for DUSAGG

AB and AE nominate MT for turning up late to every event including MidMad

MT: I was not late to MidMad, I was late to Outdoor though.

AE: The "general chaos you exude is great"

Approved on a general aye

AOB

AB: Mole costume?

AE: Thank you to Tim Bray for taking care of the DUSAGG domain.

Meeting Ended 11:24

Appendix I – Manifesto from Phoebe Cook

After only having this role for a short time this year I've not really had a chance to do much yet and I'm very much looking forward to working with the local guiding units after being part of it myself! Plus I think I'm actually the only guide in the society so you've really got no other choice hahaha. Here to represent all of girl guiding! Plz vote for me !! :))