



DUSAGG
DURHAM UNIVERSITY SCOUT
AND GUIDE GROUP

Extraordinary General Meeting Minutes

Michaelmas 2024

4th December 2024, 18:15pm

Durham Students' Union

1. Welcome

Meeting commenced 18.30

- *AB: Welcome to the EGM, boat has been inflated so we may start, we will keep this as short as possible. The agenda for today: Welcome and apologies, Exec position hustings, motions, A.O.B.*

2. Present:

a. Apologies

- *AB: No apologies from Exec members*
- *Present: Alfie Baker (AB, President), Beth Clayton (BC, Secretary), Martha Manley (MM, Liaisons Scouts), Sakura Doody (SD, Treasurer), Katie Pugh (KP), Sylvie Hollinghurst (SH), Hannah Cole (HC), Ella Hopkins (EH), Rosie Talbot (RT), Annabel Quill (AQ), Isaac Williams (IW), Sam Walshaw (SW).*

3. Exec Position Hustings

a. Social Secretary

- *Joint candidates: Annabel Quill and Sam Walshaw (Proposed by Beth Clayton, seconded by Martha Manley)*
- *R.O.N*

- *AB: First we have a hustling for Social Secretary, the potential people who want the role will come and do a hust, one of them has prepared a PowerPoint, and then people can ask questions about why you think you are suitable for the role. Two candidates for Social Secretary, one for AQ and SW jointly, the other is R.O.N (Reopen nominations).*
- *Voting will be done online on the SSAGO system, it will be open from midnight tonight and close at midnight on Monday. Voting for motions will be done in person here either by a show of hands or secret ballot depending on how controversial the motion is.*
- *AQ: Nine reasons why Annabel and Sam should be Social Secretary. Point one.*
- *SW: We are a combination of beauty, brains and amusement.*
- *AQ: I'm intelligent and Sam provides the amusement. Every social we would be bringing the intelligence, charm and mirth. Point two: one of the suggestions was quiz night, as avid quiz enjoyers we would be incredible. Point three: Sam would have the experience to run a pub crawl. Point four: We bring our neckers and therefore we can proudly represent DUSAGG at any time. [Isaac Williams enters] Point five: we study geography so can find the venues and provide maps. Point six: We will prioritise Social Secretary. Point seven: Sam is sociable and Annabel is good at leading. Point eight: Sam is well liked. Point Nine: In conclusion, vote for us.*
- *AB: Any questions for Sam and Annabel?*
- *SD: When you said you'd bring your neckers almost all the time, do you mean like to everything or just DUSAGG events?*
- *AQ: Everything*
- *AB: Explanation for the chart, is it a joint chart?*
- *AQ: Similar, Sam used my template. It's well organised.*
- *AB: What socials are you planning to run next term?*

- *SW: Badge sewing social members would be asked to bring their blankets and badges if they have them, members want to swap badges.*
- *AQ: Quiz night*
- *AB: Excellent, any more questions? Thank you very much. Would anybody like to hust on behalf of R.O.N for Social Secretary? R.O.N is re-open nominations. No.*
- **VOTES (Online): AQ and SW: 13 RON: 0**

b. Events Secretary

- *Sylvie Hollinghurst (Proposed by Martha Manley, Seconded by Ella Hopkins)*
- *R.O.N*
- *SH: I've been a part of Scouts for 12 years now, so I feel like I'm committed and have done my part. I've been to countless events so I have good judgement of what makes a good event. As Events Secretary, I would run camps and weekends away. In the past DUSAGG have been to Edinburgh and York for weekends away, so hopefully we'll try somewhere different. Suggestions are always welcome. On camps I intend to include good food, a bit of cooking, more good food, good company, activities. I'll get a general consensus of what people want to do. I will publicise the SSAGO events. I have experience delivering events, I've been a Young Leader and Assistant Section Leader, I represent UK Scouts at international conferencing events so all of these have given me skills like organisation, planning, communication which will be useful when planning events. The role involves keeping the society's kit under control, I'll work with the liaisons officers to keep the kit nice and tidy.*
- *AB: Any questions for Sylvie?*
- *SW: Have you got any ideas of where you'd like to go for events or is it completely open to us?*
- *SH: Haven't thought about it yet.*

- *AQ: Would you camp in the South?*
- *SH: As a Northerner, I may be willing to venture as far as the Midlands.*
- *AB: Any more questions? Would anybody like to hust for R.O.N? No? Thank you Sylvie.*
- **VOTES (Online): SH: 13 RON: 0**

c. Liaisons Officer (Guides)

- *Kathrine Pugh (Proposed by Beth Clayton, Seconded by Martha Manley).*
- *R.O.N*
- *KP: I'm a Guide.*
- *AB: Any questions for Katie?*
- *AQ: Why should Guides be at every event?*
- *KP: Otherwise it's discrimination.*
- *AB: Being on the exec requires being impartial to Scouts and Guides.*
- *SW: Do you intend to do anything as Guides Liaisons?*
- *KP: Help Liaisons Scouts to run Indoor and Outdoor, and liaise with local Guiding groups if anyone wants to volunteer.*
- *AB: Any more questions? Thank you very much. Would anybody like to hust on behalf of R.O.N? No?*
- **VOTES (Online): KP:13 RON: 0**

d. Freshers' Representative (First Year Representative)

- *Isaac Williams (Proposed by Martha Manley, Seconded by Beth Clayton).*
- *AB: Ok, First Year Representative or Freshers' Rep.*
- *IW: I'll order stash because who doesn't love stash.*
- *AB: Any questions for Isaac?*
- *SH: What type of stash would you order?*
- *IW: I'd listen to what people wanted.*
- *AQ: Would you change the design?*
- *IW: I can't change the design. It has to have the badge.*
- *MM: Company we order from has lots of clothing items to choose from and you can have whatever colour you want.*

- *AB: Any more questions for Isaac? Would anybody like to hust on behalf of R.O.N? No?*
- **VOTES (Online): IW: 13 RON: 0**

4. Motions

- *AB: And now we come on to the motions, we have five motions to vote on.*
- a. Motion to elect a new co-mascot: Split the role of DUSAGG mascot across both Mole and "The Alfie Effigy". Proposed by Rosie Talbot and Seconded by Annabel Quill.
- *AB: Motions need to be proposed and seconded from the floor, RT has proposed the motion would somebody like to second this motion?*
 - *AQ: I will.*
 - *AB: Motions will be voted on by either a show of hands or a secret ballot, I think this one will have to be a secret ballot. The way secret ballots work - everyone closes their eyes and I will count the votes.*
 - *AQ: How will we know you're not biased?*
 - *AB: I don't get the vote I only get a deciding vote if there's a draw.*
 - *KP: I think we should do it on paper.*
 - *AB: Hands up if you want to vote by paper? (4 votes) Hands up if you want to vote by secret ballot? (6 votes) Ok we'll do a secret ballot by show of hands.*
 - *AB: If there's a general aye, we won't do a second ballot. If there isn't a general aye, we'll do a secret ballot by paper.*
 - *RT: I'm presenting the motion of splitting the role of DUSAGG mascot between Mole and the Alfie Effigy, rather than overloading mascot Mole with too many obligations. This would not cost DUSAGG anything except for upkeep of both of the mascots and maybe varnishing the cardboard Alfie effigy. He is transportable and brings joy to the members of the*

society. With an extra mascot, it decreases stress for mascot mole in their old age.

- *AB: Any questions for this motion?*
- *KP: How will we keep cardboard Alfie from being damaged?*
- *RT: Varnish, reinforce him with cellotape.*
- *HC: Why don't we take a photo and laminate it as a keepsake, might last longer.*
- *RT: While the statue survives he acts as a mascot, afterwards we laminate him.*
- *HC: Why not laminate now?*
- *RT: We want to celebrate cardboard Alfie as himself.*
- *MM: Who would take possession of the new mascot?*
- *RT: AQ and SH since they made him.*
- *SD: Is it better to have him as an honorary member for just this year?*
- *AB: Point is to share responsibility between mascots, we have a huge variety of mascots already that already share the responsibility.*
- *RT: None are specifically to help mole.*
- *AB: There's mini mole.*
- *BC: But mini mole is Secretary's mascot.*
- *AB: Any more questions?*
- *AB: Hands up if you're in favour of the motion? OK so not a general aye so we will do a paper ballot. 3 votes in favour, 9 votes against so the motion has failed.*

b. Motion to reintroduce the position of the Quartermaster

- *Bring back the role of the Quartermaster into the DUSAGG exec.*
- *They will organise and look after the equipment and stores.*
- *Claim back title of "First Sea Lord of the DUSAGG Navy" from Secretary.*
- *Proposed by AQ, Seconded by RT.*

- *AQ: My motion is to bring back Quartermaster because they get an amazing title and a boat and a hat. They will organise things well in the stores.*
- *AB: Any questions about introducing the role of Quartermaster into the executive committee?*
- *HC: Will they look after the stash?*
- *AB: Stash is the Freshers Rep role and wasn't in the motion title.*
- *AB: Would you like that to be included in the motion?*
- *AQ: No*
- *SW: I believe the responsibility for kit has been split between Events Sec and Liaisons. Will that change the constitution?*
- *AB: Yes, this will change the constitution to include the Quartermaster role, and the responsibility for looking after the stores will be taken away from Events Secretary and Liaisons Officers and given to the Quartermaster.*
- *KP: Would we get a new mascot for the Quartermaster?*
- *AB: Yes, every exec member gets a mascot. The mascot has to be a cuddly toy, a reasonable cost. The quartermaster will be reimbursed.*
- *IW: Who would be eligible to run for Quartermaster?*
- *AB: Any paid member not already on the exec.*
- *BC: Did the title of "First Sealord of the DUSAGG navy" previously belong to the Quartermaster?*
- *AB: Yes*
- *BC: Can I keep the title?*
- *AB: Traditionally belonged to Quartermaster so should go back.*
- *BC: Can I be the Admiral of the fleet?*
- *AB: We can sort that at the next EGM. Votes for the motion, that's a general aye thank you.*

c. Creation of "DUSAGG 100" Sub-Committee

- Create a Sub-Committee chaired by the Secretary (or delegate) to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in DU
- Reunion event in 2028 for all current and past DUSAGG (or DUSA or DU Rover Unit) members
- Proposed by AB, Seconded by SW.
- AB: This is a motion that I have proposed, the creation of the DUSAGG 100 Sub-Committee. I'm proposer, who would like to be seconder?
- SW: I will
- AB: Thank you, so basically in 2028 Scouting in Durham University will become 100 years old. In 1928 we were a Rover unit in the University, then in the 40s or 50s we became Durham University Scout Association and then in 1987 we became DUSAGG. We predate SSAGO. I think it's important we create a sub-committee, I've said chaired by the Secretary or delegate. Basically I want someone in four years time to run a reunion event because it's important to celebrate a massive achievement of 100 years of Scouting at the University. The Sub-committee will mean nobody forgets about this is four years time.
- AB: BC you're Deputy Chair.
- BC: Any questions for Alfie?
- AQ: Are we the oldest Uni Scout group?
- AB: I believe so.
- MM: How are you going to recruit members? How many members will you have? Are those exec or non-exec members?
- AB: Anybody from the society including exec members can be on the Sub-committee, and non-exec members. The Sub-committee will need a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer at minimum. The Secretary (or someone they delegate) will decide the process for husting for positions on the Sub-committee. As many members on

the committee as you like. If you want to help plan it, please help.

- *RT: How will you make sure it's not forgotten.*
- *AB: The Sub-committee roles will be passed down every year to the next person, the idea is that fundraising will get run and Facebook events will be created and so forth. The idea being that the event will be open to DUSAGG, DUSAGG Old Gits (DOGs), alumni, old DUSA members and anyone alive from the 1928 Rover unit.*
- *MM: If there's a Treasurer, do we need a separate bank account for the Sub-committee?*
- *AB: No it's a case of making sure the funds for this event are regulated through the Treasurer of the Sub-committee and the Treasurer of the society. This is part of social funds.*
- *BC: Any more questions for Alfie? Thank you Alfie. Votes in favour of the motion: General aye.*

d. "Order of Tawny and Duncan"

- *Creation of new DUSAGG award to a Non-DUSAGG (or Ex-DUSAGG) member's for "services to the society".*
- *Multiple can be awarded per year at the AGM along with other awards*
- *Proposed by AB, seconded by HC.*
- *AB: Ok read this motion and could somebody second this motion for me, I'm proposing it.*
- *HC: I'll second it.*
- *AB: Order of Tawny and Duncan, okay so in the AGM we have DUSAGG awards, the Order of Mole, Order of Roger and Banana Mole. However, DUSAGG is helped a lot by people not in our society, especially for our events. We haven't got a way to recognise them at the moment. I think we should have something official. Tawny and Duncan are the Liaisons Mascots and it makes sense that the award would be named after them. It's for services to*

the society for non or ex DUSAGG members. It would be voted on at the AGM.

- BC: Any questions for Alfie?*
- HC: Can we get a special badge made for anyone who wins it so they have something to take away?*
- AB: Yes we can, and I think we should get one for Banana Mole, one for Order of Roger and one for Order of Mole as well.*
- AQ: Can we nominate anyone?*
- AB: Yes, anyone who's not a member. Ok, votes for the motion? General aye.*

e. Motion for President to shake the left hand of the member upon presenting badges to society members, a forfeit will result if this does not take place. Proposed by SW, Seconded by RT.

- AB: Proposer is SW, can we have a Seconder? Thank you RT.*
- SW: So right through Scouting I've shaken hands with the leader when being given a badge and the same happened when I became a leader, so when at DUSAGG we were just given these badges I didn't like it. The forfeit if the President does not shake hands when presenting badges is to sleep overnight with a cardboard effigy of their choice. Evidence is to be provided by a selfie. I am disappointed that this measure is not already enforced in Durham.*
- AB: Any questions?*
- SD: Where will this selfie be sent?*
- SW: Should be posted to the members WhatsApp chat.*
- MM: What if the person receiving the badge doesn't want a handshake?*
- SW: No, that's a serious matter they wouldn't be made to shake hands.*
- RT: Could a different version of showing gratitude be used like at graduation?*
- HC: Should be communicated well in advance if it's going to be different.*

- *AB: This isn't in the constitution, this will be on the tradition section of the website.*
- *HC: What if the President doesn't feel comfortable sleeping with a cardboard effigy?*
- *SW: DUSAGG membership would vote on a suitable forfeit.*
- *SD: Could we change the wording of the motion to reflect this?*
- *SW: Yes that's fine.*
- *MM: Do you have a minimum requirement for what is counted as a cardboard effigy?*
- *SW: No.*
- *AB: Votes for the motion? Motion has passed 10 to 2.*

5. Mystery item

- *AB: Martha ran a very successful MidMad and to recognise this we've got her a gift. It is an official OS map of the Midnight Madness route.*

6. A.O.B

- *AB: Any other business? No.*

Meeting ended 19.31.