

NETWORK RUSSIA SCOUT FELLOWSHIP
MINUTES
BROADWATER NR COVENTRY
10TH MARCH 2007

1. FLAG BREAK

2. OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

Welcome and the presentation of the Plaque to the warden, the warden suggested placing the plaque in the Warwickshire scouting museum held on the site.

3. APOLOGIES,

Bill and Janet Turnbull, Gary Bacon, David Bull

4. AGM

• **MINUTES OF LAST AGM AND MATTERS ARISING**

Proposed and seconded Fred Russell and Beccy Grundy

• **NOMINATION OF CHAIR** nominated by David Bull

• **TREASURERS REPORT**

2005-2006 Accounts provided to the meeting

Received £30000 for winter project, most went out again.

Restricted funds were received from Coventry with the proviso that the funds are used for Scouting and Russian projects. £1965 in general funds

Multi international aid funds are there to use and are likely to be used for the Orphanage.

This year the books will close end March

£10000 in the funds but are allocated to the winter expedition and Pauls project

Still covering expenses so don't propose increasing the subscriptions

The Brownsea polo shirts may make a slight loss. Questions were asked about why we had the AGM prior to the end of the financial year and therefore the Accounts can't be finalised for the AGM

• **NOMINATIONS OF NEW TREASURER (DENNIS SPRUCE)**

Eric has decided to retire from Office at the end of the financial year. Eric has been treasurer from the start in 1992. Eric was thanked for his long service.

Eric was provided with a card of thanks and a gift. Eric will continue with the shop.

Dennis Spruce has volunteered to start from the beginning of the next financial year. Approved by David Bull.

• **NOMINATION OF SECRETARY** Rachel Strong approved by David Bull

• **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** Anne Chapman approved by David Bull

70 members in total. 9 new members, 17 pay subscription through Network Russia

Glenn Walker the Fellowship Support worker has written to the Network to ensure all members are affiliated to groups. If not Anne needs you to complete an AA form

• **NOMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** Anne Chapman approved by David Bull

GENERAL MEETING SPRING 2007

1. APOLOGIES AS ITEM 3

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Lesley Forster and Clare approved and seconded.

3. **NEWSLETTER**

Graham asks for new entries.

Full colour copies were provided at no cost to the Network

Lesley wanted to thank Graham for doing a brilliant job

Barry acknowledged that Graham's firm is assisting us greatly with providing the materials

About 140 Magazines are sent out.

4. **WEBSITE**

Chris hasn't been seen at meetings for a while. Graham felt the website was getting out of date and Bill Turnbull and Graham have been working together to bring things up to date as an on-going project. Chris is updating and turning work around when directed and has agreed to continue as the webmaster.

5. **SCOUTING MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

Claire Nicol has assisted with the last article in the Scouting Magazine.

She has promised that if we send a report of this last winter expedition she would put something in about it. Tim Axe is sending in the report.

We will do the same after the Orphanage trip in the summer.

6. **GLOBAL TEAM MEETING 14TH OCTOBER 2006**

Pete and Barry attended. 100 delegates, 60-70 were Network Africa. Each network had a 25 minutes slot to sell themselves. Barry did the talking.

Ian Porter brought a group of Scouts up to see the presentation before taking his scouts to Russia after the Jamboree.

Unfortunately more than one thing was going on at once so people had to make a choice as to which they attended.

Serbia Montenegro have a scout hut on the beach and it looked lovely.

7. **SUPERNET MEETING 15TH OCTOBER 2006**

Paul Findlay attended. David Bull chairs the meeting and gets reports back from all the various networks. The Networks, include North Africa, Montenegro, Kanderstag and they are talking about having one for South America.

8. **RUSSIAN RAS/N UPDATE**

As far as the Russian Association of Scouts / Navigators is concerned we are still told that 400 are coming to the Jamboree. Veronica has resigned as the international commissioner. The Russians we have contact with do not believe that the RAS/N will be at the Jamboree.

Graham understood that the RASN scouts had been funded by the UKOS oil company, but the many of UKOS' assets are being redistributed. We are getting no contact from RAS/N despite quite strenuous efforts

Eric had offered site hospitality at Black hills, but has been told that Argentine Scouts are due to visit Blackhills and not Russians.

After much discussion concerning the state of recognition in Russia it was suggested that:-

- we wait for the Jamboree and see if they turn up. We can then look at writing to WOSM after we have had the opportunity to review the position.
- wait until the Network Russia Group going to Tula this year return to the UK after assessing the situation in Russia. A written report can then be tendered to HQ.

9. CONTACT WITH OTHER RUSSIAN GROUPS

10. WINTER EXPEDITION TO LOSOVO FEB 2007

Paul and Tim travelled to Losovo again. Travel on the train for the experience, then an hour walk from the train to the campsite. Four friends of Vladimir visited and joined in. translators are brought in , friends of Marsha who is studying English at University. There was skiing, obstacle course, a Russian evening, a Scottish evening, parlour games, command games, sledging, camping for one night, tree felling, hockey in the snow. Took nineteen people this year . Have six new persons already interested for next year. Tim has two groups that want to go. Need between 20 and 24 for each week. Each cabin sleeps six.

Tried to get some of the Russian Scouts to come up and join them. One visited for the day.

11. RED CROSS

Fred found an article about the British Red Cross in Russia. He discussed the problem of street children in St Petersburg. Jackie Martin from the Scout Association and the Red Cross Russian Unit (Olga) are now to meet and see if they can work together.

Jackie felt the Guides would also be interested.

Olga would be prepared to come to a meeting to discuss the Russian Red Cross work Barry felt we would need someone to investigate further, and that we could invite Olga to the March 2008 meeting.

Headquarters felt it would be of interest.

Fred will enquire further.

(Note: similar links with D of E office in St. Petersburg also exist).

12. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

• 2007 YOUNG LEADER CAMP STAFF PROGRAMME

At present, four from Kasakhstan and two from St Petersburg this year.

Two also staying with Robin Loudon at Goose Camp.

The dates given are up to the middle of August.

Need helpers for the London Experience.

Hesley Wood have said they would have some people this year.

• MATERIALS FOR THE JAMBOREE

Ben Lee has been provided with our marketing material for the international tent.

Beccy had been asked by Gilwell if we could send our exchange scouts to the Jamboree, but because some may not be WOSM registered we are being careful about this.

• SERVICE TRIP TO ORPHANAGE TULA

Meeting on 11th March 2007, Twenty-one people travelling 16-30th August 2007.

Been trying to get some Russian Scouts to join us, Natasha from St Petersburg and some scouts should be joining us. We are seeking to get scouts from Tula to join in too.

Marjorie Pryce-Jones from Multi-International Aid, will be at the planning meeting

• SCOUTING MAGAZINE ARTICLE RE TULA

A report will be needed

13. SUPPORT MATERIAL SUPPLEMENTS

Could be updated, added too. Additions invited from members.

14. REVISION OF POCCNR (RUSSIA) COUNTRY SUPPORT PACK

Underway at present time.

15. GILWELL 2007

Pete Hobson has booked us in, is asking for ten free places. Same as last year. This year you have to book in and pay over internet. Graham reported back that we need to have something for people to do.

16. AUTUMN 2007 MEETING BROWNSSEA ISLAND

Beccy mentioned we have booked the South Shore lodge that sleeps 24, there is camping. Also booked the school room for the meeting 2-5pm. The last ferry on Saturday is 4pm. The meeting may have to be brought forward to accommodate this. Ferries from Poole are slightly later. Parking is ok from Sandbanks.

It was decided we would have a kneeler made. It is being made and has cost us £55.00
The island is National Trust property.

Paul mentioned that special necker and polo shirts are available.

17. SPRING MEETING 2008- March

Need offers; suggestions- for Glenbrooke Castleton (Peak district) hostel that sleeps 30
.Need to increase costs to £25 proposed Dorothy , seconded by Fred

Beccy mentioned Guernsey as an alternative, concerns about the travel arrangements.

18. AUTUMN MEETING 2008 -October

Fred will enquire about Chalfont

19. A O B

Pete had a call from someone in Barnsley who wanted contacts in Russia. Sergie Sirotkin was contacted. A family has now returned back to Russia and have been able to join a scout group in Russia

Graham mentioned the book on 100 years of Scouting has a section on Russian scouting which has a well-balanced synopsis of Scouting in Russia..

Becky mentioned Bills coast to coast walk and sponsorship

20. FLAGDOWN