



Discussions between Sergey Sirotkin (SS) and Bill Turnbull (BT)

9th May 2003 in Moscow

Study Visit to Western Siberia

- BT confirmed the programme and praised the work of Konstantin Isaenko (KI) on his communications and organisation. Visit to other Cities discussed in relation to ARNSO.
- Visit to Kazakhstan needed to be changed as we had no Visa to enter the country. SS would speak to KI about this – possible alternative was for the Scouts of Kazakhstan to come to Omsk. SS asked that we give our impressions of the Kazakhstan organisation following our visit.

Camp Staff Programme – July/August 2003

- BT provided the current list of 18 Young Leaders attending the Camp Staff Programme in the UK in 2003. SS requested that only paid members of ARNSO be invited. BT would keep SS informed of specific names of those attending.
- The programme was to be offered each year and SS requested that more regions were given the opportunity to attend in future years. This was agreed and the offer would be given to the International Commissioner for ARNSO in future.

Exchanges in 2003

- South Yorkshire to St Petersburg in July/August with Metalostroy (Galina/Tatiana) - camp at Losevo with Leningrad Region anniversary camp.
- Torbay to Perm via St. Petersburg in July/August – camp at Losevo with Leningrad Region then to Perm.
- Omsk Scouts (Konstantin Isaenko) to Much Hadham, Hertfordshire (Andrew Fraser) in July / August.
- Leningrad Region (Anna Grigoryeva) to Hertfordshire (Bill Turnbull) in August.

SS and BT agreed that future links and exchanges should only be with ARNSO groups.

Winter Expedition by UK Scouts – February 2004

BT explained that the Winter Expedition was being led by Paul Findlay and Tim Axe and will continually appeal to young people in the UK because it was an activity that was not really available in the UK. An alternative location was required to that used



at Losevo in April 2002. BT would speak with Alexey Kruchinen for a suitable alternative location.

Future Programme

- Study Visit to Samara, Volga Region Spring 2004 including visit to ARNSO Jamboree site.
- ARNSO Jamboree 17 – 24th July 2004. BT explained that this was slightly early for UK Scouts and that they would not be able to leave the UK until the 17th July at the earliest (School finishes 16th July). SS will look at delaying the Camp. SS explained that the camp at Nizhni Novgorod was now a Regional camp – it was felt that it was not possible to hold a large camp on the campsite proposed. BT stated that it was difficult for UK scouts to attend this camp as it was too early.
- Camp Staff Programme in the UK for Russian Young Leaders July/August 2004.
- Winter Expedition for UK Explorer Scouts/Scout Network – February 2005
- Study Visit to Central Siberia Baikal Region – spring 2005
- European Jamboree – UK August 2004 SS stated that cost in UK needs to be limited to £100 including food to maximise young people to attending from Russia.
- Camp staff Programme in the UK for Russian Young Leaders July/August 2005.

Provisional suspension with full application of sanctions (from 12th April 2003)

- SS & BT discussed the situation of the sanctions. SS stated that the reason for not paying is that not all organisations in the Federation of ARNSO had paid. BT suggested that payment should be made to WOSM for those in ARNSO who had paid membership subscription together with lists of each ARNSO member organisation who has paid and who has not paid. This may help to overcome the criticisms being made currently by WOSM.
- SS did not understand why the President of ARNSO was not invited to WOSM meetings and that others were.

Dreams

SS & BT discussed the difficulties internally and externally and concluded that we shared the same dream -

“By 2009 – the centenary of Scouting in Russia – all Scouts in Russia were united in one organisation (at least a Federation) recognised and valued by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement”.

The young people in Russia deserve nothing less.