

Minutes of Ormskirk Network Core Meeting
Sunday 15th December at The Ring O' Bell's

1. Welcome:

Ricko welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2. Present:

Ricko Charnock - Chair
Mike Nolan Vice Chairman
Chris Phillips - Membership Officer
Mike Evans - Social Secretary
Emma Cunningham Secretary
Tim Seed Media Manager
Margaret Lomas - Co-ordinator

Ali chamber, Sarah Hunt, Catherine Ellis, Pamela Tompsett, Jayne Fitzsimmons, Leigh Phillips, Karen Millor, Dave Jakulis, Beckie Wallser, Laura Medway, Andy Wroe, Tom Hopley, Nobby, Kate Breithaupt, Tim Gorden, Stuart Collie, Sean Kirby, Martin Freeman, Ali Daniels, Sarah Marshall, Liz Lomas, Pete Schofield, Claire Lovelady.

3. Apologies:

John Potter, Dave Walton, Jenny Ramsbottom (Treasurer), Jenny Whetnall, Amy Reeve, Amy Dunn, David Jones, Max Lyon, Alex Lyon, Micheal coppelov, Ash Green, Pete Smith (DC), James Neville, Jamie Norris, Chris Lomas, Claire Charlton, Mark Charlton, Fay Collier,

4. Chair's Report:

Ricko began by thanking everyone for their support in all that the Network has organised. He then went on to talk about the programme and how busy this has been. Ricko discussed a few events which had been considered successful by both members and himself these being, The Gathering which was well attended by members and much enjoyed. Environment weekend, which a few members had managed to attend. The November activity weekend there were 7 people in total and Chris Lomas had considered this to have been a success. Bowling and Quasar was very well attended and enjoyed by a lot of people with much competitive spirit. The curry nigh that Mike organised was another success with nearly everyone enjoying their food and with a few trying some different cuisine. Network rambles a new event that will give you all the opportunity to get some walking done.

Ricko told us all about the newly established programme team who will be there to try and help to provide a well-rounded programme. You will all receive a copy of the up and coming programme for the rest of 2002-2003, which is looking very full. with both social and scouting activities.

Chris Phillips mentioned that he would be climbing on Tuesday 17th December, WE then had the pub-crawl on the 21st December that I can say was very well attended. I hope that a good time was had by all. On the 3rd January is the Network Ball

£18.50 tickets are now no longer on sale (Ricko gave you, your last chance on Sunday)

Every month there will be the opportunity to go walking this will be the 1st Sunday in every month, It has been given the name of the Network ramble to be held in the Lakes or North Wales, It's a good chance to go walking and to gain experience on the hills. They are hoping for free transport with a 4-man team all with experience. Ash and a few others went to Snowden. The walk will be tailored to your needs as easy or hard as the group wishes it to be.

Moonlight 18th January this is a district event. Ricko would really like a couple of running teams and a couple of catching teams. If you wish to be in a running team please speak to Leigh Phillips. If you are interested in being in a catching team please speak to Ricko. To drive you must be 21 or over. Ricko would like as many teams as possible to enter it's a great day so if you can please support.

Aeroballing is on the 28th January this is an activity that involves Trampolines with balls.

Snow and Ice to be held on the 20th February-2nd March (February ½ Term) this is a Fantastic Five days in the Cairn Gorms in Scotland which will include expeditions and other activities for any ability there are still places left speak to Ricko if interested.

Network Activities weekend two
March 8th-10th

See poster and reply as soon as possible £20. Activities included are climbing, walking, cycling and golf. This is limited to 26 places.

As Green not present at the meeting as he was involved in a car accident (Margaret spoke) Concussion there is a card going round.

Explore district camp 28th -3rd March. The Network will be asked to help.

April Lake Lander mountain activity challenge (MAC) this is an Orienteering thing over mountains really quite hard. It involves backpacking over different peaks over a weekend. Sean Kirby going to head that.

18th-21st April National Network Gathering

This will be held at G.T over Easter weekend. Groups from all over the country are invited. Its flexible will cost £10 for camp fees and then pay extra for any activities that you might want to do. Ricko would like a large attendance from Ormskirk Network. There is a big Scottish Contingent. Flyers are out now.

There are loads of activities please see programme sheet.

Saturday 5th July. County Fun day. Activities for younger sections, anybody interested in helping or organising please contact Ricko .Ali has a lot of the stuff from last year if you would like it. Ricko need an individual or a group of people to run this and could do with knowing by January.

Connected 2003. 29th-31st August information out in March.

Ricko apologised for Anthony Wilson who was unable to make the meeting. Therefore, Rick spoke about the Moot 2004

Anthony is on the U.k Management team for the Moot this will be the 12th World scout Moot. A gathering of people from all over the world split into five different places 18-26 year olds. 30th July- 10th August (summer holidays) e-mail to register you interest

This does not mean you have to go will just provide you with information. There will be an information evening in the Easter holidays.

8th January Games night bring a bottle and some games ideas

5. Awards

- Platinum, Diamond and Queens scout awards this is similar to Doe you get two for one.
- Group awards, International and Faith these are done with another section and are a long term project over a period of time.
- Explore belt-new format groups of 3 or 4 and can use alternative forms of transport with major and minor projects.
- National Governing body awards will enable you to take people on activities Chris Phillips is working towards beginning Climbing and Leigh Phillips has a canoeing one.
- First aid certificate. Everyone needs first aid. 1st weekend of February and 1st weekend of march £20 if unwaged, £40 if Waged.
- Refresher is half price and only one weekend name to Margaret Lomas Monthly awards night. First Sunday in every month at 1st HQ 7.30 pm for information and resources. Starting Sunday 5th January.

Ricko would like to reinforce that we are SCOUTS and that we work towards awards. Its great on CV's and they are Fun!

COMMUNICATION

Text messaging is our new way to communicate. Tom would like to say that the message board is FANTASTIC!

Feedback on text

Margaret suggests that they are sent out of work hours.

That you are able to change numbers. They are a good idea and an easy reminder. Cheaper to use and web-based so easier than normal text. 2.8 p each 50 members so £1.40. Categorise people and maybe have a uni and home list. Mike Nolan is managing it everyone seems happy about it. Therefore, we are going forward with it.

6. Secretary's report

Emma received many apologies that was good and thanked everyone. Please could everyone be reminded to fill in their forms for the Census in Block Capitals so that they can be read. Yahoo groups-scout network information no personal emails be aware of what you are sending

7. Treasures report

Jenny sends her apologies Census forms should have been sent unless you have lost it (Tom Hopley) please see Ricko. They are very important and cover your insurance for scouting activities.

To Jenny by 20th December (Ricko fly to Thailand no Ricko for 3 weeks)
Need to county by January

Thanks to those who bag-packed yesterday disappointing numbers

Fundraising ideas are being put into process so please help if you are asked.

8. Membership officers report

Since Chris started there are 15 new members please pass on names and contact details of potential members to Chris Phillips,

Membership group looks after new members and makes them feel part of the Network.

Membership forms are now coming into effect to have information like name, contact, medical information and much more. Margaret and Chris will have it.

Investitures, if you want it to be done somewhere special tell Chris.

9. Media Manager

Website

All future events are on it and past events, we would like reports on each event so please can you write one now and again.

Calendar, Training, and links to county websites.

Message board is going well keep the gossip coming. There is also a facility to order garments now via the shop. Photos requested especially the member's section.

Mikes Calendar: Calendar £4 and county bottle openers £1.50 on sale.

10. Co-ordinator's report

Training newsletter called woodsmoke on website. Pass on to Margaret what ever you want to know.

C R B forms coming out soon please fill out a.s.a.p everyone has to do it eventually so do not put it off.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING is another **essential** please attend. Margaret has yellow cards please get hold of one, read it, and take it on board please.

11. A.O.B

Programme on the website is wrong.
December 28th Sean's party 7.30 pm 186 Briars Lane

Leigh Phillips suggests a 3 peaks challenge.

Ali Daniels is doing recruitment for Explorer scouts let Ali know of any scout at Ormskirk School to help 16th-17th January

Explorers up and running but a need for assistant leader and helpers if you would like to help please contact Ash Green in the New Year or Barbara Ashcroft now.

Contacts will come out in the post.

Finally thanks for coming please get involved.

Next Meeting

Sunday 13th April`

Have a fantastic Christmas and a jolly and safe New Year.