

Meeting Goose Managers

Date: 12-10-2005
Place: Herrentals (Belgium)
Present: Merkenveld (Belgium), Koppäbo (Sweden), Neasby Centre (Denmark), Rieneck (Germany), Kandersteg (Switzerland), Bucher Berg (Germany), Houens Odde (Denmark), Buitenzorg (Netherlands).

1. Changes in membership

Bucherberg wants to join, Wallrick (Netherlands) stops for the coming period, Ingeborg ask Malta and Italy what there plans are.

State of affairs

At present we have 9 active members. We would like this to be a larger group, but maximum 15 members. We add a new statement: knowing each other better, FUN, keep it informal, not too many "rules".

We had the value that people have a better contact in this small group than in the big managers group.

2. Introducing:

Buitenzorg

Backpack was used twice this summer. International centre day was joined by 60 people. Stays per year 19.000.

Merkenveld

Stays: 1.200 campers and 2.500 indoors. Do not offer activities. Centre had to invest a lot the last years, plans to enlarge the centre with 8 ha and a farm.

Koppäbo

Stays in July 600/700 per week. They had their biggest year (1 May – 1 October). One paid worker for the whole year, 4 more during season. Offer a lot of activities, the backpack is not used any more.

Rieneck Castle

Backpack used by Americans, Brownies. They have an active team of about 50 volunteers, esp. in Spring.

Neasby

In spite of a National Jamboree elsewhere, they had a lot of guests. The backpack is in the brochure, but hasn't been used (1 x ,but cancelled). They have 170 volunteers, 5 per week.

Kandersteg

Usual stays: 57.000, now 53.000. The backpack is not yet in the active program.

Bucher Berg

Their president died recently and they have a new generation staff now. It needs some more organizing.

Houens Odde

Because of the National Jamboree elsewhere they didn't have many guests. Backpack will be ready in the database in October. Sight is host in EVS-program: www.sosforevs.org

3/ 4. New plans for the backpack

A backpack is too abstract, you have to look inside to get enthusiastic. It was not used enough last years. We decided to stop the existing form

Idea 1: place the activities of the backpack in a database, add an activity per centre, make this known to your visitor with the reservation. In this way everybody can look at it before coming to the centre. On the websites of the centres will be a link to (a short version?) of that database.

Games behind Keyword?

Idea 2: make a "Goose Game". All centres make a game together and add it to the database.

It's fun to have a game to play "European-wide". Make it a challenge by awarding points to parts of the game. Winners are made known on the website.

ACTION:

Ingeborg: makes a draft for the database game

Thomas and Janus told that there is a possibility to make such database, but do they want to think about this further?

All: give ideas for "the 30 minutes-easy-goosecentre-wide game". We forgot to do this in the bar in the evenings.....

5. Election next Papa / Mama Goose

Ingeborg offered to be re-elected. Nobody objected.

Next mama Goose: Ingeborg

6. Evaluation Goose Seminar 2005 (See also CS-rom)

a. About 20 participants. Very successful weekend.

b. Charge was € 75,00 (no boarding costs) + € 50,00 to be spent on shared travel expenses

- c. Financial left-over € 140,00. It is decided to spent this on promoting the new database / game (poster, materials)
- d. Next time more scout work, we decided to sent old and new participants
- e. Price of a seminar max. € 200,00 excl. travel expenses
- f. Try to set up a "goose songbook"

Next seminar is Easter 2006 at Vassaro! (in the other year than the managers conference)
Torben and Ingeborg can give the next organizing centre a draft of their seminar.

ACTION:

- All: send in your most favourite song of the campsite to Ingeborg
- All: sent staff members to the seminar and give the names/ e-mail addresses as soon as possible to Ingeborg But before February 1st

7. Exchange staff members

One staff member in a centre is linked to a member of another centre. One week they staff in one centre, the second week in the other centre. Each staff members brings an activity special for their own centre.

ACTION:

All: Give the name and mail-address of the candidate to the centre you would like to join with **before February 1st** to Ingeborg

Note : last week of July and first week of August is not good for Kandersteg.

8. International Centre Day

- a. Problem for new participant centres is the PR
- b. Website is: <http://www.naesbycentret.dk/icd/>
- c. Inform the groups which stays that day on your campsite before they come!!

ACTION:

Neasby make a (practical) draft of a ICD, esp. of the PR, they can sent that to mama Goose
Buitenzorg sends the information to all members.

Dates :

Goose seminar: 7-10 April 2006 (Easter) Vassaro

Goose Managers: 15-18 september 2006 Kopparbo
meeting is on Saturday 16th.

International Centre Day: 12 July