

Minutes of the Goose Managers Meeting 2010

19-21 November @ Pfadfinderdorf Zellhof - Austria

Present:

Pfadfinderdorf Zellhof	Michael Steinmetz	Our Chalet	Sally Thornton
	Beate	Bucherberg	Moritz Loske
	Michael & Mäx		Sonja Janesch
Naesby Centre	Janus Reingaard	Buitenzorg	Sandra Dekker- Willemsen
	Mads Moller	Spensley Park	Davide Basso
KISC	Tom Sweeney	Houens Odde	Rikke Lauridsen
	Mark Knippenberg		Preben Nielsen
Griebal Scout Centre	Alfredo Diaz	Burg Rieneck	Johannes Keller
	Oscar Maldonado	Vässärö	Valdemar Eriksson
B.P. Park Scout Centre	Elio Caruso		

1. Opening

Mark, as the Papa-Goose, opened the meeting. There were greetings from Rotterdam and from Ingeborg (NL). We were informed that Ingelsrud Scout & Guide Centre is going to be sold in the coming months and will therefore cease to be a member of the Goose Network – with regret we say good bye to them and thank them for all their input and hard work over the past years. Many thanks to Zellhof for hosting this meeting.

3. How did your Centre run in the past year?

All Centres reported on their achievements and challenges in the past year and this gave a fascinating insight in the operation of all the Centers. Thank you all for doing such a great job with volunteers and giving such a great time to the guest.

4. ICD 2010 short evaluation + ICD 2011

Tom briefly informed the meeting regarding the ICD 2010. It doesn't take much work to organize the day itself and the main work is to promote the ICD.

We decided that the next ICD is on the **20th of July 2011** and it is suggested to play the goose-game during the ICD.

Who is going to organize it? Naesby, Kandersteg and maybe Zellhof. The Camp Staff Seminar 2011 will give input on the activities.

Every Centre is requested to do their utmost best to have at least one team (only staff or combination with guests) ready to participate in the ICD 2011.

5. Look back at the Camp Staff Seminar 2010

- Very impressed that everything was really really great – especially the game they played was funny
- Positive, and enthusiastic to share with others
- Good to feel part of something bigger
- Useful (for paid staff) to find out/get ideas how to work with volunteers
- Enjoyed it a lot, want to do it again
- There is always room for improvement
- Great mood in the group

All in all: Great seminar. Thank you to the planning team (Rikke (Houens Odde), Tom (Kandersteg), Ysbrand (Buitenzorg), Mads (Næsby), Mark (Rotterdam)).

6. Report of Planning Team Camp Staff Seminar 2011 + election host Centre 2012

Expectations: Some wants to have a solution on a concrete goose-”problem”, some wants just to have a great experience and again some want to learn some scouting skills. So to be a step ahead, we brainstormed at the meeting; what would we like for our camp staff to learn/experience from/at the seminar? The input was written on two flipcharts and handed over to the planning team for planning purposes.

Each Centre will be asked to send two participants to the seminar (planning-staff not included). It would be great, if you each delegation contains one previous participant and one new one.

After a brief discussion it is agreed that some of the topics as mentioned on the flip charts are good topics to discuss in this meeting in the future as well. Off course it’s a matter of time, but a couple of topics might fit in.

Around 1000 € is accumulated as leftovers from the seminars during the years. We use the money in the next seminar as a funding to make the fee stay low and/or pay some of the transport costs for the participants.

Sandra introduced the idea to pay a yearly membership fee for being a part of the Goose Network and use this membership fee to finance events such as the CSS and the managers meeting. That would turn the network in to a more formal network. Right know the network is “informal”. All participating Centres are requested to think this over so we can discuss it in more detail in the next meeting.

In 2011 it is the year of the volunteers. There should be some funding available for our events.

Hosts for 2012: Possible Centres are B.P. Park and Kandersteg. It was settled with a secret ballot that we are going to **B.P. Park Scout Centre**. Burg Rieneck is available to assist with the hosting.

Hosts for 2013: Vasserö is interested – we will decide next year.

Historic Seminar line: Buintenzorg (2005), Vasserö (2006), Kandersteg (2007), Bucherberg (2008), Ingelsrud (2009), Rotterdam (2010), Pax Lodge (2011), B.-P- Park Scout Centre (2012).

7. Report Staff Exchange 2010 and how to proceed

Use the email: gooseexchange@gmail.com

Stine (Houens Odde, DK) is the coordinator right now and would like to continue.

The Staff Exchange is promoted during the CSS.

Some Centres have a problem sending volunteers during the summer, because it's hard to just get enough staff. However the programme now runs the whole year so, why not try a week in winter? Or autumn or spring?

How do you select which staff member you will send? After a brief discussion it is clear that there are several opportunities such as holding interviews to find out what they think they will get out of an exchange. Næsby for example has an international coordinator (that helps to keep an "international-eye" on the staff, and it gives a better picture of who should/could go).

Every Centre is willing to receive staff. Very staff-active Centres are requested to consider sending staff to Centres with less staff or Centres that have not had the pleasure of receiving an exchange staff member. It might kindle the interest in this programme.

Centre managers should consider to exchange too 😊.

8. Goose Network Game

It's a little unclear if everybody received the new version – if you are unsure if you have the newest version please contact Rikke. At the some Centres the game is very popular and at others it is hardly known by staff that the games exist. Each Centre should have the Goose Network Badge. This (the badge) combined with a little selling from the staff; makes the game very popular.

We need a centre to take care of the game (update it). Naesby (Mads) would like to adopt it. Thank you to Houens Odde (Rikke) for having the game in the past.

9. The Goose Network Badge

Ingelsrud is closing down, and therefore can't be in charge of the badges anymore. But we don't need anyone being in charge anymore. We just contact the company ourselves www.stili.no (they have the artwork already). We are happy with the design.

10. Goose Network Managers Meeting 2011

On 18th October 2011 we will have a meeting before the CMC starts. The meeting will take place in Jambville Guide & Scout Centre in Paris. After a brief discussion it is decided that besides the evening of the 18th the morning of the 19th will also be used.

11. The Goose Network website

Olaf (NL) said yes to being the webmaster in 2011 for the website. It's pretty updated but also static. We could include a Google map with all Centres (Tom will talk with Olaf of this). Maybe a factsheet with some practical details for each centre could help promote the Centres (or a searchable database). Most of us are in the Where To Stay In Europe database:

(http://scout.org/en/autour_du_monde/europe/information_events/scout_centres). Every year, an email is sent out to the contact person from each Centre asking for updates.

We could do a Facebook-page for the Goose Network. A lot of us have a Facebook page already for our Centre. Tom will setup the page.

Moritz will send a good selection of pictures from this seminar to Olaf. If anyone else wants to contact Olaf here is his email: Olaf Tuinder (NL) olaf@tuinder.net

12. Goose and SCENES

Kandersteg, Houens Odde and Naesby are both members of the Goose Network and a SCENES centre. They can recommend being a SCENES Centre. You will have to make sure that your scout organization adopts the SCENES charter, so you are able to join (your NSO has to approve you). Check the list of requirements and invite i.e. another SCENES Centre to have a critical look at your list (make sure that it's true). You can see the guidelines here:

http://scout.org/en/about_scouting/the_youth_programme/environment/scenes_centres

Once you are ready for a peer assessment, inform your NSO and invite an existing SCENES Centre to do the assessment. This Centre will write a report to the SCENES Coordinator on world level (with cc to you and the NSO) and will advise an accreditation of the assessed Centre if there are no major points of concern.

As SCENES is a WOSM programme it is presently only possible for Centres of a WOSM NSO to become a SCENES Centre.

WAGGGS World Centres work on something similar and a checklist is available from Sally. Each WAGGGS World Centre will become a Centre of excellence in a specific topic and Our Chalet will be the Centre of Excellence in Environment.

Inspired by the informal Goose Network there is also an informal SCENES Network: they have a Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115600795148754>

The next SCENES seminar will take place in 2012 in Costa Rica.

13. How further with the network

Right now we are 18 members but not all active in the network. Domain de Mozet is no longer a member because they can't participate. Apulia Scout Centre from Portugal and Belchamps from UK are not in contact with the network, so they are no longer members. Ingelsrud from Norway will leave the Network as their national organization decided to sell the centre.

It is agreed that from now on a maximum of 3 Centres per country can be a member of the Network (was a maximum of 2). New members will obtain the 'candidate' status for a period of 12 months before obtaining the full membership status. In these 12 months the Centre need to show that they will be active in the Network.

We decided:

- Spensley Park Scout Centre (IT) is now a fully member of the network
- Gilwell Ada's Hoeve Scout Centre (NL) is welcomed as a new candidate member.

At the next CMC we should see if there is room for a plenary session to inform all the participants about the Goose Network and maybe play the Goose Game.

We had a discussion about the balance between "free time" and "organized time" during this meeting. It is agreed that this network is very much about getting to know each other and to exchange ideas, which happens both during free time and organized time. However Mark agrees that maybe this time there was a slight in-balance – as it was his last meeting he would not miss the opportunity to see Salzburg (and eat the famous Mozart Kugeln ☺).

World Scout Jamboree 2011

We would like to have an information stand at the Jamboree where we can promote the Centres. Michi (Zellhof) is happy to follow up on this and to explore different options such as space in the Black Magic, the KISC exhibition tent or the WAGGGS exhibition tent.

We should meet during the camp to socialize and to exchange experience.

We can have Goose Network banner in the black magic (we could use the left over money from the camp staff seminar2011).

14. New papa or mama Goose

Sally (Our Chalet) and Michael (Zellhof) offer their service. After a secret ballot our new Mama Goose is Sally from Our Chalet. Mark will send the CD ROM with documents and stuff. A big 'thank you' to Mark for being our Papa Goose for the last three years.

15. Closing

Mark thanked all participants for a very interesting and successful meeting! A very special thanks to the Zellhof Team for their excellent hosting of the meeting, the great food and good tour in Salzburg.

Mark wishes the Network a safe and smooth flight in the future and looks forward to the updates of the Network in his new position of 'Grand Pa Goose'.

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