

# Minutes of the Goose Network Manager's Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – The Lochgoilhead Scout Centre – Scotland

Present:

Pfadfinderdorf Zellhof	Michael Steinmetz	Naesby Centre	Benjamin Larsen
	Max Riegler		Janus Reingaard
KISC	Mark Knippenberg		Thomas Kirkeskov
Our Chalet	Sally Thornton	B.-P. Park	Achille Orzali
	Koran Kovacevic	Buitenzorg	Marjan Schreuders
Bucherberg	Johanna Scheumann		Jasper Boomker
	Jan Pschibul		Ingeborg van Dijk
Houens Odde	Stine Jensen	Ingelsrud	Aylin
	Karsten Mulvad		Line Hage
	Rikke Lauridsen		Ole Johansen
Pax Lodge	Maia Faulkner	Rotterdam	Jeroen van Essen
	Grace Farrelly		

## 1. Opening

Mark – as Papa Goose - opened the meeting at 20.03 and welcomed everybody at the Centre and gave a quick overview of a rather good year in the Goose Network

## 2. How did your Centre run in the past year?

Many Centres were influenced by the recession but non of them really bad. In general for all a good year with individual challenges and successes.

## 3. ICD 2009 (short evaluation) + ICD 2010

Due to the change in who organises the ICD the information about the ICD went out late and took most centres by surprise. However, with some flexibility, teams were formed by the staff at the participating Centres and guest were included. It was again a lot of fun and challenging. Not so good was the late (week after the ICD) announcement of the winner and the availability of the website and the upload abilities.

All agreed that the ICD 2010 should go ahead. Suggested date is 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 and Mark promised that he will ask his Deputy Director if he want to organise it again.

## 4. Look back Camp Staff Seminar 2009

Ingelsrud was happy with the result albeit a little disappointed that there were only 15 participants. There were good discussions between participants and an excellent opportunity to liaise with other Centre's on staff level, to share problems and have a lot of fun. Mark thanked the Planning Team and Ingelsrud Guide & Scout Centre for the organisation and the hosting of the event.

## **5. Camp Staff Seminar 2010**

Rikke informed all that the planning team (Rikke-DK, Tom-IE, Ysbrand-NL & Mads-DK) for the next CSS 2010 is already up and running but realised that the meeting had not officially approved the CSS 2010.

Rikke proposed to not only approve the 2010 CSS but the 2011 one as well as that would make applying for funding from Danish and EU sources easier.

For the 2010 CSS two Centres had sent in the candidature: Rotterdam and KISC. For the 2011 CSS the following Centres spontaneously volunteered: Pax Lodge and Naesby.

Using the secret voting method it was decided that Rotterdam was hosting the 2010 CSS and Pax Lodge the 2011 CSS. Mark congratulated both Centres and wished the planning team lots of success and inspiration!

## **6. Staff Exchange and how to proceed**

Mark shortly explained to the new Centre's what the idea of the Staff Exchange was and how it was executed.

Stine informed the meeting that in 2009 she was involved in 4 exchanges but hoped that more had happened without her involvement. 2009 was the first year in which the new format was used (year around, no need to send staff to the Centre you received staff from) and it was agreed that the new format needed a bit more consolidation in 2010.

It would be good if Centres were actively promoting the Staff Exchange and to register interest you need to use the following email address: [gooseexchange@gmail.com](mailto:gooseexchange@gmail.com).

Buitenzorg asked if other participating centre's required anything from the staff that they registered. Several centres responded and in general staff participating in the Staff Exchange is briefed in detail in advance (not a holiday, keep eyes open, learn and bring ideas back) and were requested to write a short report.

In general the staff that participated returned highly motivated and had fun experience.

Centres are requested to actively promote this opportunity among their staff.

Mark asked if Stine would be willing to continue the task of Staff Exchange Coordinator and she confirmed that for 2010 she was happy to do so!

## **7. Goose Network Game**

Many Centre's used the Goose Network Game but found out that it needed some pushing from the staff to get it going but then people liked it. The instructions are not always clear enough and therefore there is some confusion on how to run the game.

Rikke asked if all Centres received the newest version, updated after the CSS 2009, and unfortunately only a few confirmed that they received it. Which made everyone wonder if the post was now playing the game.

Ingeborg reminded all that the idea was to make a new game every year. After a good discussion it was decided that the new version of the game needed more time to establish itself and that therefore 2010 will not see a new game.

As the latest version of the game was all printed and laminated at Houens Odde (Mark thanked the Centre on behalf of the Goose Network for this valuable contribution) but majorly not received it was discussed and agreed to make the game available for download on the Goose Network website ([www.goosenetwork.org](http://www.goosenetwork.org)).

#### **8. Goose Network Manager's Meeting 2010**

The proposed date of 19-21 November 2010 was accepted by all. Two centres were available for hosting the meeting and after a ballot the Guide & Scout Centre Zellhof in Austria was chosen.

#### **9. Goose Network website**

Needs to be updated and MARK apologised that he had forgotten all about that. The present webmaster is still a member of the Campstaff of Buitenzorg.

Ingeborg suggested that 2/3 people formed a group to work on updating the website and to be ready for 2010 and beyond. Janus and Mark will work with Olaf (webmaster) in updating the website in the coming months.

#### **10. How further with the Goose Network**

In general all are happy with the present level of activities and direction of the Network and feel that the Network is now fully established. Not all Centres present can participate in all available activities but that is okay.

Sometimes it is difficult to explain to new staff or wardens what the value is of participating of a Centre in the Network and that is something we all need to work on!

MARK proposed that during the next meeting at Zellhof we reserve some time to do a proper brainstorm on this topic as well as on the topic of the future. This was agreed by all.

#### **11. New Papa or Mamma Goose**

Nobody present volunteered to take over this role and after some deliberation Mark agreed to stay on as Papa Goose until the meeting in November 2010. Mark is not available for another term!

#### **12. Any other business**

- In Italy an association of Italian Scout Centres is formed. Achille explained shortly the idea behind this initiative. 2 of its members are interested in joining the Goose Network.
- Mark informed the meeting that he got two requests from Italian Scout Centres to join the Network.
  - Spensley Park Scout Centre – Genoa
  - Marineo – Massariotta Scout Centre

In the last meeting it was decided that max. 2 Centres per country could be member at any time of the Network. It was proposed and agreed that the 2 centres would get the

candidate status and depending on their level of participation the meeting in November 2010 will decide which Centre can join the Network as a full member.

- Presently the Network has 18 members of which not all centres are active.
- The costs for the overnight and meals for this meeting are set on EUR 21.50 and everyone is requested to pay Ingeborg at the end of the meeting.
- Ingelsrud asked if a new contact list could be send out after the meeting. Mark will do so.

### 13. Closing

Mark closed the meeting at 22.05 and thanked all present for their active participation.

#### Present members of the Goose Network:

Buitenzorg (NL)	B.-P. Park (IT)
Rotterdam (NL)	Our Chalet (CH)
Houens Odde (DK)	KISC (CH)
Naesby Centre (DK)	Zellhof (AT)
Rieneck (DE)	Ingelsrud (NO)
Bucherberg (DE)	Vässärö (SE)
Pax Lodge (UK)	Kopparbo (SE)
Belchamps (UK)	Apulia Scout Centre (PT)
Merkenveld (BE)	
Domaine de Mozet (BE)	