

# County Network Meeting 10/03/08

## Attendees:

Dan Weaver – chairperson & Lynx  
Pete Hogg, Adam Govan, Luke Greensmith – Phoenix  
Toby Meek – Fusion  
Troy Crate – Ilkeston  
Tim Warren – Lynx  
Josh Vinall, Adam Thompson – Genus  
Rosie Robinson, Lucy Robinson – Sandiacre  
Adrian Marriott, Daniel Leiter, Sam Avison, Katherine Marsh – Alfreton District  
Laura Lloyd – DC Alfreton  
John Queening – County Commissioner  
Clare Battelle – Talisman  
Lee Smith, Dave Whelan – Quest

Dan weaver opened the meeting

## Recruitment and Promotion:

The following items were discussed:

- Targets for new members, 40 throughout the county was agreed as achievable by this time next year.
- Importance of getting Explorers interested earlier.
- Targeting Derby University students.
- The re-launch of the NetEx Challenge.

**ACTION:** *Phoenix Network has agreed to organise the first NetEx event, details as follows:*

*Photo Rally, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008, 7pm meet at the Toby Carvery, Chaddesden. Bring a digital camera and USB lead. Teams to , all Explorers need to be 16+???*

*Please contact Phoenix to give them an idea of numbers attending.*

**ACTION:** *Toby Meek of Fusion agreed to organise the following NetEx Challenge, around July and ideally somewhere central in the county. Details to be confirmed at the next meeting.*

- Location of networks, uneven distribution centred around Derby, Networks in the northern part of the county finding it difficult to attend meeting. Suggestion that we should hold a meeting at Matlock.
- Dan Weaver suggested that there are so many thousands of people of network age in Derbyshire and the public could provide new members. Importance of recruitment of people from outside of Scouting, need to find a way of breaking down barriers.
- City days suggested – Derbyshire Network should do something to create publicity, perhaps in the market place. Various ideas discussed including setting

up sofas and providing teas and coffees. Apparently hiring the pitch is cheaper for charities.

**ACTION:** Dan to contact Derby City Centre Management to find out details. To discuss plans in more detail at next meeting.

- Tim Warren said he should be able to put posters up Yeomans stores.

**ACTION:** Tim to investigate.

- Other publicity via radio, website, flyers, business cards.
- Suggestion that website needs updating with all Network programmes.

**ACTION:** Dan to liaise with Leon re updating website.

- Ways of contacting people, SNS contact suggested to text out information. Contact list needs completing for each network for the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Unit reps to bring contact list for their Network to next meeting or email to Dan in advance.

- Uni /freshers fair could be a good way to publicise network. Steph from Derby North can provide information.

**ACTION:** To investigate in more detail nearer the time. Lee Smith to discuss previous plans with Stephanie Argyle.

- New member point of contact, Dan to email Laura Jones to see if she is still ok to do this. Leon to set up generic email address for contact.

**ACTION:** Dan to speak to Laura about the role and contact Leon re setting up email account.

## **AOB:**

- Feedback from the National Scout Network Working Group was handed out on behalf of Ben Lee.

**ACTION:** All members to feed back to Ben with any comments. Contact Ben if you have not seen the documents.

- Seaside Social is still going ahead but no club has been booked due to low numbers. Everyone will get their money back.
- Other up and coming events were mentioned – The National Network Gathering over Easter weekend; St George's Day, 18<sup>th</sup> April.
- Help for the 4 Inns is required – contact Pete Hogg.
- Network Newsletter – next issue out end of April; copy deadline is 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**ACTION:** All to consider whether they have anything for the newsletter and send to Dan.

- New member form required by Toby Meek – this is on the website.
- CSNC – John Queening said he would be interviewing someone soon and would hopefully bring them to the next meeting.

**ACTION:** John to advise of progress in advance of next meeting.

- Queen Scout Award contact is Mel Dyson.
- Date of next meeting: Monday 12 May 2008 in Birch Hall from 7:30pm (provisionally but to consider moving elsewhere for future meetings).

***ACTION:*** Dan to organise & circulate minutes in advance.