

Sionnach AGM

3rd February 2007 Co.Clare

In attendance: Zef Klinkenberg, Alan Sarhan, Deirdre McCarthy, Aoife Byrne, Mike Walker, Mary Nolan, Aisling Griffith, Fiona Ness, Mike Jones, Cate King, Brian Bliss, Sorcha de Eyto, Adam de Eyto, Gavin Daily, Barry Murphy

Dates and locations for 2007 events:

1. **Clare** 28th – 30th September *Brian Bliss & Fiona Ness*
2. **Bluestacks** 12th - 15th October *Mike Walker, Deirdre Mc Carth &, Al Sarhan*
3. **Knockmealdowns** 26th - 28th October (Bank Holiday) *Fergal Hill & Zef Klinkenberg*

Election of the team:

Chairperson: Aoife Byrne
SI Liaison: Zef Klinkenberg
QM (Equipment): Gary, (to be asked)
Website Maintenance: Mike Walker
Radio Maintenance:
PEAK: Gavin Daily

- **Radio report** needed from Colin Whitaker - some discussion on state of radios suggested that radios need to be replaced at some stage in the near future. For the coming year the old radios will be used.
- **Staff Database:** Dave Glennon was to look at this but no report was available. Some effort needs to be put in once again to see about new staff members.
- **Troup Mailing Lists:** Sorcha will put the current troop addresses in a list for next chairperson.
- **PEAK Last year:** the suggestion is that PEAK ran up a deficit last year, 34 scouts attended, 1 additional scout paid and did not turn up. Gavin had a conversation with Ian Davey but it is felt that his understanding of the PEAK deficit was incorrect. Zef e-mailed accounts to Ian but no accounts or expenses claims sheets have been made available from SI to the Sionnach and PEAK teams.
- **All Co-ordinators** to do a full expenses sheet and budget for each event.
- **In-coming Chairperson** to write to membership and insurance secretary of SI to clarify insurance issue, vetting etc for Staff members. (Al to help draft a letter) Ian Davey was informed last year that the Team's insurance would be paid retrospectively as per normal, no formal response was received.
- **PEAK 07:** Five applications received to date. Cappnalea has raised the cost to €200, so the PEAK participant cost has been raised to €220. Gavin outlined the SI application requirements for Peak, including the National Events Booking Form. (Ian Davey) SI will sort out PEAK T-Shirts as per agreement with Gavin. Mike was

tasked with merging the SI National Events form and the PEAK application form for inclusion on the website.

- **New Staff and Groups** An effort needs to be made by staff to invite new leaders to PEAK and Sionnachs as staff to widen the net and to talk to groups at a local level to encourage them.
- **Mournes Sionnach** was super with 8 patrols and 8 Staff, but Spring was a problem with bookings.
- **Commeraghs** 17 Teams, 68 Scouts, 21 leaders, 25 Staff - all went well
- **Achill**, 13 patrols, 15 staff. Worked well but one co-ordinator was ineffective, Bank Holiday weekends remain a problem.
- **Events for 2008** Three dates for Sionnachs in 2008 were picked:
 - 19-21st September
 - 3-5th October
 - 17th October
- The new Chairperson to communicate this to Ian Davey and the National Events Team for the 2008 calendar.
- **Aoife Byrne** was nominated for Chairperson for this year and accepted the role
- Staff Numbers need to be tightly watched by co-coordinators and safe minimums (suggested absolute minimum is 1 competent/experienced staff member per patrol plus two additional co-ordinators)
- **€40 fee** for patrols for the coming year was proposed. This is the same as the MPCs and responds to a request from Ian Davey.
- **Routes** should go up on website for groups to use if they wish.

Staff for Insuring retrospectively:

Mournes Staff 06: Fiona Ness, Orla Flanagan, Deirdre Mc Carthy, Gary Moyter, Zef Klinkenberg, Simon Stringer, Dave Glennon, Aoife Byrne, Gavin Daily, Brian Bliss.

PEAK 06: Sorcha de Eyto, Deirdre Mc Carthy, Tommy O'Brien, Keelan Burke, Jack Hickey, Gary Moyter, David Murphy, Gavin Daily, Colin Whitaker, Zef Klinkenberg, Dave Glennon, Aoife Byrne, Mike Walker, Donnchadh Casey, Aisling Griffin, Fiona Ness, Helen Flynn, Orla Flanagan, Adam de Eyto, John Heffernan (Fritz).

Commeraghs 06: Gavin Daily, Fiona Ness, Aisling Griffin, Orla Flanagan, Alan Sarhan, Aoife Byrne, Gary Moyter, Zef Klinkenberg, Mike Jones, Andrea Walkin, Philip Ryan, Colin Whitaker, Deirdre Mc Carthy, Clare Michael, Fergall Hill, Fergus Dowd, John Heffernan, Laura (Heffernan?), Kealin Burke, Owen Collins, John Harrison.

Achill 06: Simon Stringer, Mike Walker, Brian Bliss, Aoife Byrne, Fiona Ness, Clare Michael, Gary Moyter, Aisling Griffin, Tommy O'Brien, Fergal & Rachael Hill, Colin Whitaker, Deirdre Mc Carthy, Stana Gajdosova.