

Southern Thing

Attendance:

Alex SS, Gus T, Miranda (Maz), Lucy K, Jacob MV, Tessa RB, Izzy S, Kat SB, Niamh PT, Joe I, Robin L, Delilah W

- Althing motion
 - at GC meeting they are going to make sure that half of people elected are female or non-binary
 - At DF we are better at having a balance of gender
 - We should write a motion for Althing that half of GC Reps are female or non-binary
 - Writing motion
 - *This Althing believes that gender should be a key focus within the DF Movement This includes representation of DFs Externally. It is also a current focus of the Woodcraft Folk, who want to have equal representation within their trustee board. For this reason, we propose that at any one time, at least 2 of the 4 DF Representatives on General Council will be of a minority gender (female or non-binary) at the time of election. This includes both committee and movement representatives.*
 - *Rational: GC has a lot of male member on the board. we feel we should set an example for wider Woodcraft Folk by being equal.*
 - **ACTION:** Joe to find out a way to democratically implement gender equality motion.
- Training
 - Common ground (CG) are running trainings
 - first aid training at:
 - AG (this is Althing for general woodcraft / precamp to common ground on half term
 - Thursday international people arrive,
 - Friday is IFM conference,
 - Saturday is pre-camp stuff and in evening is business (AGM).
 - There will be a northern hub in Glasgow /Edinburgh and they will be connected via the internet!
 - On Sunday people leave
 - If you come you can represent DFs or your district for AG
 - We can probably use the training at the same event
 - Hazel will be advertising online for renewing first aid
 - MEST-UP training:
 - At CG they (adults) will have some similar to MEST-UP training at CG (run by ex-MEST-UP people):
 - Separate groups of mediation and education, for DFs to use rather than run
 - Ventures would prefer to be approaching DFs than adults, so DFs will also be running a center similar to the V Camp one
 - DFs can be partially trained here
- Advertising at CG:
 - Alfie is running a DF Café, we need help
 - Gus and Lucy suggesting they might be able to help (**ACTION**)
 - Robin can help pre CG stuff
 - Please drag Woodcraft Folk friend into doing it, and ventures are keen for this to be a "cool" place for Ventures.
 - We should design T-shirts. Working group:
 - Alex SS
 - Gus
 - {Tessa socks}
 - **ACTION** Joe talk to Friend about t-shirt for charities
 - Delilah can bring screen printing stuff to an event
 - **ACTION** Maz to sort screen printing at her uni after designs have been done
 - program at SA for making banners for CG. **ACTION** Alex
 - **ACTION** Niamh banner making at WW
- Expenses Claim Form:
 - Robin made an expense claim form, which should be used.
 - **ACTION** Robin to include dates in travel description and include "donate to WCF" button

- **ACTION** Joe to look into email names
 - **ACTION** Robin to update website with link to expenses claim form
- Unite the Unions (UU)
 - Person from UU talked to Izzy about education about unions in schools
 - She (UU) does this by getting young people to go into schools. Need to be member of UU (50p a week) and each session gets £40 for yourself
 - they give you training about how to run events
 - A good thing to advertise to DFs and friends
 - She was impressed by what WcF does!
 - Unite will also be at CG
 - **ACTION** Kat chase up on Unite the Unions
- Walkie Talkies:
 - For camps when bigger we need Walkie Talkies for on shift people, who will take it seriously
 - Requirements:
 - Easily rechargeable;
 - Cheap;
 - Long range;
 - 3 to start with: one per shift type
 - Costs (Lucy's research)
 - £15.90 for 2 (recharge indicator)
 - £17.99 for 2, 3 mile range (many people can use these)
 - Concerns:
 - strict guidelines for when they can be used
 - no names said across radio
 - anyone can hear in the vicinity
 - Possibly not needed for WW
 - Proposal to revise this at next Thing, for SA
 - Useful to have this research, contact Lucy (oddlaymemeber) if you need to know more about it
 - **ACTION** Joe to put Walkie Talkies on Spring Thing Agenda
- Financial stuff, inc first aid training
 - **ACTION** Joe make Tessa get FA trained
 - **ACTION** Maz/Izzy to look at Co-op funds
 - **ACTION** Alexi to beg Lewisham and Greenwich for money
 - Central WcF are aware of how small we are, and are helping already
 - Span that world with music
 - Saz drafted a guide to doing one of these
 - Some people keen to have it in London
 - **ACTION** saz to finalise the guide, and get it sent out
 - Volunteers for organising a STWWM:
 - Lucy
 - Saz
 - Motion for expensing this thing from reserves
 - For: 9 Against: 0 , Abstentions: 0
 - Motion for expensing all events
 - For: 9 Against: 0 , Abstentions: 0
 - Writing motion for Expenses Policy:
 - Making sure that people don't get too expensive travel to events
 - Policy:
 - *Travel can be expensive when booked last minute. For this reason, if a member who is eligible for travel expenses books transport for a thing less than 2 weeks in advance, the treasury team will only expense up to half (50%) of the cost. This will be up to the discretion of treasury team to allow for those with extenuating circumstances. This could include, but is not limited to:*
 - *The Thing being organised less than 2 weeks before the thing happening*
 - *Medical/mental health reasons*
 - *Unavoidable job commitments (not scheduling if can be sorted)*
 - Vote:
 - For: 11 ; Against: 0 ; Abstentions: 0

- MEST-UP co-option
 - Katie Lister is only person standing
 - co-option so only present committee votes
 - Voted in unanimously (9 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions)
 - (sorry RON)