

Althing 2019

Intro

- Attendance: Oliver (Chair of DF Committee), Izzy (Ex-Laymember & GC Rep), Hazel (Training), Niamh, Beth (Ex-Laymember), Alexi (Shadow Treasurer & GC Rep), Lucy, Joel (Secretary), Delilah, Alex (Shadow Events & Venturer Liason), Noah (Mest-Up Coordinator), Gus, Alfie (Comms), Sarah (Fundraising), Robin (Events), Chris (Ex-Affiliations)
 - Number: 16

Musings

- **Volunteer Accountant**
 - External Volunteer
 - There is a basis of this
 - Maybe Internal Bookkeeper
 - External Bookkeeper allows continuity
 - Puts more pressure on Central Woodcraft
 - Not necessarily well trained
 - Finance staff will be trained
 - **ACTION Treasurer Team & Saz&Maz: Contact central about how we should proceed with this issue**
 - Treasurer Training
 - Allows for Consistency within DFs without external involvement
 - Long term solution, maybe not best short term solution
 - Mandating Treasurer training will give Consistency but might not be necessarily
 - The turnover of training means that the Consistency slips with accounts
 - making guidelines for all future Treasurers/Shadow s
 - You can't remember everything and we don't know that we haven't been taught stuff
 - Training every x number of years/ everytime someone thinks they need it
 - *Table Training discussion till we've had the training*
 - Does this make Shadow Treasurer unnecessary
 - Shadow gives support to Treasurer
 - A day of training isn't nearly as good as a day of training and a year of experience
 - What sort of training
 - Community accountancy service training
 - Basic Bookkeeping, Basic budgeting and forecasting
 - In person
 - Free, so only expense for travel
 - **ACTION: Treasurer Team go to this training**
 - The current accounts are a mess
 - we should go through old payments
 - really difficult job
- **Web Fairy Weirdness**
 - Moving to Central website
 - Would be better for a DF run thing
 - Central Woodcraft website is a mess and worse than ours
 - We need to make sure that Central Woodcraft has stuff advertising DFs on central website
 - There is a safeguarding issue if the web-fairy/comms decides to reset passwords and access google drives
 - We should move away from social media being our main way of communications
 - Websites look better to external visitors and incoming members and their parents
 - WebFairy Team
 - Ex DFs would be able to do stuff
 - Allows for sharing of skills
 - takes pressure of WebFairy
 - Training potential WebFairies
 - ASK HAZEL ABOUT TRAINING
 - **ACTION: WebFairy & Comms to make + Advertise the WebFairy team and set it up**
 - **ACTION: Joel & Hazel, find old web fairies and ask about training for Website stuff**
- **Shift Supply Satchels**
 - Make shift kits for on shift people
 - allows for people to be in contact and helps new Coordinator shifts
 - **List:**
 - What their shift is about
 - Note book
 - Walkie Talkies
 - are potentially difficult to use effectively
 - Not as useful at smaller events
 - Maybe not everyone has a walkie Talkie

- 3 would be good
 - not a huge expense (£22 for 4)
 - anything with batteries needs to be charged
 - allows people to be contactable with no signal
- o Need to consider what we are asking people to bring
- o **Safeguarding**
- o WalkieTalkies could be an issue
 - people can be trained how to use them
 - Safeguarding is especially important
 - WalkieTalkies bring too many other issues and mean more otherness to people on shift which removes the point of it
 - potential trail of the WalkieTalkies using Ash's
 - Allows us to get a wider view of what DFs think about it
 - we could use the fancy ones from V Camp
 - **Proposal: WalkieTalkies at Winter Wonderland**
 - **Action; Oliver, Izzy & WW Admin: Winter Wonderland WalkieTalkie Trail**
 - Used as a point of contact, not for conversations
 - Steward like, which isn't what our on-shift people are for
- o Notebooks
 - people writing lots of confidential stuff in Notebooks is bad
 - Proper training and screening for Mest-Up would help stop these issues from arising
 - Centralised Sign in/out book that isn't carried with them
 - Kind of redundant to have it centralised
- o **Action Beth: Organise Shift Kits**

Motions

- Enhancing Expensing Explanations
 - o Seconded
 - o No Oposal
 - o The Motion Passes
- Omissions of Obligations
 - o Seconded
 - o Ammendment: Change health to well-being
 - Accepted
 - o Ammendment: Old-New thing to Old-New and things to business events
 - Accepted
 - o Ammendment: There are able to delegate to they are expected to delegate
 - Accepted
 - o Ammendment: Remove "they are able"
 - Accepted
 - o Ammendment: add "if they are able"
 - Rejected
 - The way that they are organised means that sometimes people can't come when they might be able to otherwise
 - maybe change to that they are able
 - People who can't come to events are still valuable
 - This is more about who were are a movement and how we work at our peak performance than how we actually function
 - The wellbeing thing covers not being able to come
 - The wording is the most important thing if we add this.
 - It is a bit wishy washy
 - Ammendment: change to "that they are able"
 - Rejected
 - **Vote for Ammendment Ammendment:**
 - For:12, Against:0, Abstention:2
 - **Vote for Ammendment:**
 - For:8, Against:4, Abstention:2
 - o Ammendment: year to term
 - Accepted
 - o **Vote for Motion:**
 - For:14, Against:0, Abstention:1
- Co-option Confusion
 - o Seconded
 - o No Opposal
- Campaigns Changes
 - o Seconded
 - o Amendment 1
 - Opposed
 - Campaigns are too specific, political climate is changing all the time
 - Removes the point of changing the rep to activism
 - Campaign work has been successful but is often more successful when pushing general involvement in activism.
 - 2 year role

- **Vote**
 - For:0, Against:13, Abstentions:2
 - Rejected
 - **Vote for Motion**
 - For:14, Against:0, Abstentions:1
- Standing-Down Simplification
 - Seconded
 - Amendment (get rid of section on Campaigns)
 - Accepted
 - Amendment to have members choose to hold the odd or even laymember to allow someone to stand for 1 year if they want
 - Rejected
 - Its bad practice to only stand for one year and not have the two year role cycle
 - This allows people to be more comfortable in the length of time they are taking the role on
 - Allow people to do one year as laymember before taking on a 2 year role which can be useful
 - **Vote** (change "this" to "one")
 - For:12, Against:0, Abstentions:2
 - **Vote**
 - For:15, Against:0, Abstentions:0
 - **Things Trimming Travel**
 - Seconded
 - What would an online discussion involve, would it be viable
 - Things are poorly attended, having less things means more focused time at Things
 - In person gives better discussion. But going to a business is scary, logging onto an online discussion is less scary
 - Follow up with mini-thing at DF camp? Gives 2 business things without having to go away for a weekend.
 - **Action Alexi and Izzy hold a intro to discord workshop for WWL**
 - Things often sitting around chatting, there are better ways to use our time and money and cuts out the chat.
 - Not as tiring as having a long things
 - More accessible financially, generally people have phones or laptops that can be used
 - Amendment: replace "north" with "north west" and "east" with "north east"
 - **Vote**
 - For:13, Against:0, Abstentions:3
 - Winter is harder for travel, people might want to spend time indoors on discord meeting
 - People make plans for the summer, making woodcraft top priority is often hard
 - Discord can be used in large groups well, we need to learn how
 - **Action: Izzy Joel and Alexi be in charge of making sure this works**
 - **Action: Joel make a rough guide to discord**
 - **Vote**
 - For:15, Against:0, Abstentions:0

Tom talks about Common Ground

Return to Motions

- **Presenting Prevailing Policy Practices**
 - Seconded
 - No Opposal
- **Outreach Overtaking Other Obligations**
 - Seconded
 - No Opposal
- **Shadow Safeguarding**
 - Seconded
 - Amendment added to reduce the term of safeguarding to 1 year to take effect in 2020
 - Discussion about making shadow safeguarding part of the safeguarding team, not good for training a person
 - SAFEGUARDING NEED TO GET BETTER ASAP
 - **Vote**
 - For:15, Against:0, Abstention:0
- **Supporting Scotland**
 - Seconded
 - Historically we have had regional reps as the committee structure, replaced by the current system but has left Scotland high and dry
 - "this sounds like a dope idea" Oliver 2019
 - **Vote**
 - For:16, Against:0, Abstentions:0
- **DF-Camp Downsizing**
 - Seconded
 - Potentially make this common practice in years with international camps and/or venture camp
 - Discuss next althing having shorter df camps in general
 - Postpone discussion for old/new to later when we know if we can camp at kent?
 - Could go for a few days of DF camp and then 5 days of common ground
 - Shelve it till October
 - Kent is too far, it doesn't need to be so far away

- o Think about what it is that we want from the camp
- o **Action Comms to put a poll online so we can have better representation of districts that aren't here**

Elections

- Here is a list of all of the candidates, the names in **bold** are the people who won those elections
- Committee Roles
 - o Activism
 - a. **Kat**
 - b. Delilah Walbank
 - o Chair of DF Committee
 - a. **Izzy Stewart**
 - o Communications
 - a. **Gus & Iz Costello**
 - o Outreach
 - a. **Theo James-Lucas**
 - o Events Representative
 - a. **Alex 'No Nips' Smithson Swain**
 - o Mest-Up Co-ordinator
 - a. **Katie Lister and Hazel Cawthan**
 - o Safeguarding Representative
 - a. Beth Aveyard
 - b. **RON**
 - o Secretary
 - a. **Joe Irving**
 - o Shadow Treasurer
 - a. **Robin Lyster**
 - o Treasurer
 - a. **Alexi Brailey-Stämpfli**
 - o Laymember
 - a. Theo James-Lucas
 - b. Joe Irving
 - c. **Lucy Kirby**
 - d. **Jacob Maynard-Vesely**
 - e. Niamh Pragnol-Tol
- Supervisory Roles
 - o Accessibility
 - a. **Niamh & Tessa**
- Non-Committee Roles
 - o Zine
 - a. **Gus & Iz Costello**
 - o Web Fairy
 - a. **Joe Irving**
 - o First-Aid Fairy
 - a. **Niamh Pragnol Tol**
 - o GC Rep
 - a. **Alexi Brailey-Stämpfli**
 - o Common Ground
 - a. Alexi Brailey-Stämpfli
 - b. **Allison**