

UK ASA NEWS

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Newsletter of the UK Adult Scout Alliance

UK ASA AGM - Sat. 28th March 2009

Held at the Leapark Hotel, Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth
The AGM followed that of the B-P Scout Guild (Scotland), Allan Page, as Chairman of the Committee opened the meeting and began by introducing the members of the committee seated at the top table. Printed copies of the Minutes of the 2008 AGM were provided and were accepted and approved by the meeting. The Annual Report was approved and will now be forwarded to the World Bureau. In the absence of Alan Beavis, Treasurer his written report, balance sheets and budgets for 2010 were presented by Willie Taylor and approved by the meeting. A vote of thanks to the officers who have given time and money to running ASA was proposed and fully endorsed by the members present. The membership fee for 2010 is to remain at £4. This year several members of the committee had completed their first 3 year term. For the Baden Powell Guild, Sue Page was standing down, Allan Page had been nominated for a 2nd term to 2 years. For the B-P Scout Guild (Scotland) Willie Taylor and Robert Nicol were nominated for their 1st term of 3 years. For the Central Group, Beryl Aldridge, Brian Staines & Dave Mowbray were all nominated for their 2nd term of 2 years. The meeting voted in favour of accepting all those Nominated for the Committee. Presentations were made at this point to Sue Page for her work as Secretary and Allan Page for his work as Chairman of the ASA Committee. There being no other AGM business the meeting closed at 3.45pm

Following the meeting, those members elected to the ASA Committee held a short meeting. Officers are now as follows:

Chairman Allan Page, Baden –Powell Guild of GB
Secretary Vacant
Treasurer Alan Beavis, Central Group, Co-opted
International Secretary Brian Staines, Central Group

Committee Members:

Dave Mowbray, Central Group
Beryl Aldridge, Central Group, Liaison
Grant Bailey, Baden-Powell Guild of GB
Isobel Vernolini, B-P Scout Guild (Scotland)
Willie Taylor, B-P Scout Guild (Scotland)
Robert Nicol, B-P Scout Guild (Scotland)

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This year it was the turn of the Bo'ness branch to organise the event. Coffee was served from 12 noon as members arrived from all branches to register their attendance. An excellent 2 course lunch followed in the hotel dining room and the AGM commenced at 2pm. The business was despatched very efficiently by the Chairman, Robert Nicol and Alex Adam was confirmed as Treasurer having been co-opted after the AGM last year. Unfortunately there were no volunteers for the vacant position as Secretary and the GNC will continue to seek a member to carry out this job. In 2010 it will be the turn of the Dunfermline Branch to organise the AGM, date and venue to be announced later.

Annual Report to ISGF World Committee December 2008

The UK Adult Scout Alliance (UKASA) is a 'Member Organization' of the International Scout & Guide Fellowship (ISGF) for the United Kingdom. It is made up of three component organisations:

The B-P Scout Guild (Scotland)
The Baden Powell Guild of Gt. Britain
The Central Group

These organisations are completely independent, but come together as UKASA to form one organisation for membership of the ISGF. Each organisation and the groups within run their own program for supporting local Scouting. Many individual members have developed international contacts around the world.

The revised constitution for UKASA submitted in 2006 was approved by the World Committee during 2008.

The support given by the Guilds and individual members is much varied and ranges from practical support to financial support for Scouting and Guiding and all manner of charitable and community causes.

It is estimated that in excess of 2000 hours and £4000 has been given to support Scouting and Guiding in addition to 1000 hours and £2000 to charitable and community causes. It must be noted that these are probably very low estimates. The activities of UKASA members are scattered across the United Kingdom and because many forms of financial and practical support take place locally by small groups and individuals they are not recorded in such a way that can be collated at a national level. It not considered necessary or desirable to collect and record such detailed information.

Membership numbers have gone down from 245 as at December 2007 to 243 as at December 2008.

Members attended the Grossarl Forum in January 2008. Members also attended the World Conference in Vienna. A member attended the European Region Workshop.

Brian Staines - International Secretary

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Baden-Powell Guild of Gt. Britain

AGM – Sat 4th April 2009 – Malvern, Worcs.

Approx 50 members of the Guild were welcomed in Malvern for the meeting. As members arrived they were welcomed with tea or coffee and apart from catching up with friends old and new there was a display of photos from recent Guild events. The video of the Scout & Guide Flame was shown in the morning and followed by a buffet lunch. The afternoon events started with the Guild Chairman welcoming Jane Wardropper, a Trefoil members who is presently Chairman of the Europe Region Committee. Jane spoke about the Region and about ISGF in General. The AGM started with the President, Derek Elton leading members in a short remembrance of those members who had been called to 'Higher Service' in the past year. The AGM business was efficiently dispatched and was followed by a very lively Open Forum ably chaired by the Vice President, Alec Fraser. The day was completed with a hot meal.

Central Group Meeting

A rather depleted Central Group annual meeting was held on the morning of the UKASA AGM. The 2008 Minutes were handed out and approved. Beryl presented the Annual report. Numbers had remained fairly static. Three members had attended the World Conference in Vienna and Beryl had represented UKASA at the 2nd European Conference in Kutna Hora-Prague. Members had supported Scouting and Guiding locally and taken part in International projects. Some went to the Gilwell Reunion, attended Fellowship Day services and some are booked to go to the Western European Gathering in Dundee this summer. The ISGF Bureau Info is now being distributed to members by post or E-mail.

David Mowbray, Brian Staines and Beryl Aldridge had agreed to be nominated for a further term of 2 years to the UKASA Committee to represent Central Group. Others present at the meeting were asked if they would like to be nominated but they declined. The question was raised as to whether nomination forms should have been sent out to all members prior to the meeting. There is no precedent for this in the CG Terms of Reference but it was agreed that we should do this in future. The meeting agreed that Central Group would be responsible for hosting the 2010 UKASA AGM. Beryl Aldridge.

EVENTS 2009 - 2010 GROSSARL FORUM – 2010 19th – 26th June

The 42nd European Forum at Grossarl takes place on the above dates. Full details are available on their web site: www.forumgrossarl.at or from our International Secretary. You can register online at the web site or download a registration form. A fee of 97 euros is payable on registration but is fully refundable up to 15th April 2010. There will be the usual range of activities plus the opportunity of meeting fellow ISGF members in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

ALSO IN 2009 the year for Sub Region Gatherings

June 10-14 Nordic/Baltic Gathering - Aaland, Finland
July 16-19 ASPAC Gathering – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Aug 18-22 Western European Sub Region Gathering – Dundee, Scotland



Provost's Reception on the opening evening. Excursions into the Scottish countryside, a Scottish Ceilidh &

activities ranging from Scottish crafts to Scouting today. Transport arranged from Edinburgh Airport or Dundee Train Station.

Forms available on ISGF and UKTG websites or the International Secretary.
Cost of residential event £400.

Sub Region Gatherings are also due during 2009 in:

Sept 2 – 6 Central Europe: Constanta, Romania
Oct 8 – 13 Med Gathering, Tavira, Portugal

Taking place in 2010

June 19-26 European Forum, Grossarl, Austria
Nov 3 – 7 Europe Region Conference, Cyprus
Regional Gathering Africa, Lusaka, Zambia
Arab Region Conference, Jordan

VISIT OF WORLD CHAIRMAN

Brett Grant, Chairman of the ISGF World Committee stopped off in London on his way to the recent world committee meeting in Brussels. He met with Allan Page, Chairman of the ASA Committee and Elizabeth Ferrier, outgoing Chairman of the Trefoil Guild. Brett was able to give them an update on progress since the World Conference and sought their views on the present situation and the ways forward for ISGF.

Web Sites

If you have access to the internet – your local library will have terminals and help at hand if you need it - please do have a look at some of the following:

The new ISGF web site: www.isgf.org is now up and running, it is very clearly laid out and easy to navigate.

The UK ASA web site: www.ukasa.org.uk this has been updated, but more news and photos are required. Please let the Chairman or Secretary have any contributions.

The UK Trefoil Guild also has a new web site: www.trefoilguilduk.org.uk this is well worth a visit and has lots of information and ideas.

EUROPE REGION CHALLENGE - Part 2

Now it is time to widen your search and your Guild can find out about the Guilds / Fellowships in another European Country.

1. Identify the European Country that you would like to contact. (Your country's International Secretary or International Adviser could give you a contact address in that country), also look to see if there is a Web site for the Guilds in that country.
2. Correspond with a Guild in the European Country you have chosen. Europe is a large continent with many languages how about learning a few phrases in the language of the country you choose? How about Twinning with another Guild.
3. Share programme ideas and recruitment ideas with the Guild you have contacted
4. Find out what service projects to support Scouting or Guiding, the Guild you have contacted, is planning during the next twelve months – your Guild may be able to help in providing ideas, resources or even “manpower”. Remember that the other Guild may be able to help your Guild with a project.
5. Make a poster showing what you have achieved and display it at the next European Conference in Cyprus in 2010.
6. In your own country find out about another Guild and share programme ideas and if possible visit the Guild or contact the Guild by telephone, text, letters or emails.
7. Find out what service projects to support Scouting or Guiding the Guild, you have contacted, is planning during the next twelve months – your Guild may be able to help in providing ideas, resources or even “manpower”.
8. Record what you have done in a log book

Details of Part 3 will appear in the next edition of the Newsletter

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – subscriptions for 2009 are due on 1st Jan. at £4. Membership Renewal forms were sent out in November, if you have not yet renewed, please send your form and money as soon as possible.

Further details on international events can be obtained from our International Secretary, Brian Staines: 01672 511339 b.staines@btinternet.com or our **WEB SITE** www.ukasa.org.uk