



INTERNATIONAL TEAM FOR WALES

The Minutes of a meeting for The International Team for Wales held on Saturday 6th March 2010 at Builth Wells High School.

PRESENT	Richard Perry	Commissioner Wales/Chairman
	Ruth Jordan	CATVOG
	David Morris	Clwyd
	Bill Gratrix	Glamorgan West
	Kevin Wallis	HQ representative
APOLOGIES	Hywel Weaver	Glamorgan West
	Roy Whittington	Eryri a Mon
	Nigel Cole	Carmarthenshire

PART ONE – RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no recommendations or project proposals from the meeting.

PART TWO – MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairmen welcomed those present.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given as above.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD 10TH NOVEMBER 2007

The notes of the last meeting were accepted and it was noted that they were very much out of date. The Team agreed to start afresh.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. AREA INTERNATIONAL REPORTS

CATVOG

2 Explorer Belts have been carried out in Catvog in the last 3 years.

The Area is quite active internationally with a number of visits abroad happening each year, although the feedback forms seem to go missing into the ether.

Module 19 has been running successfully giving leaders a reasonable base knowledge of International Scouting

There is perceived to be an issue with communication with regards to the Welsh Contingents going to the World Jamboree. It is believed that the next World Jamboree was only advertised to Explorers, although most who will be eligible to go are currently Scouts. RJ believes that relying on the Jamboree leaders to advertise was not the correct way to go forward with this.

KW noted that Avon have come up with a Jambassadors scheme bringing past Jamboree participants into the process to find out the good and bad points of how previous Jamboree's and selections have gone.

Catvog currently aim to run an Explorer Belt within the area every 3 years.

Clwyd

Most visits abroad out of Clwyd are at a group level, although there are a reasonable number of visits abroad happening with some groups travelling away every other year.

K2ESU are going to Kandersteg this summer

The Network are looking to run an Explorer Belt to Poland in 2011

KW noted that Chris Noble, ACC(I) for Devon, knows Poland quite well and has done an Explorer Belt there previously.

Contrary to the communications issue in Catvog, DM noted that the Jamboree may have been over promoted in Clwyd with everyone getting the full run down

For future World Jamborees the team involved needs to sit down with the team(s) that sorted previous Jamborees to discuss the good and bad points about the organisation, promotion and selection to reduce the disparity between Areas

Glamorgan West

Groups visited Iceland and France last year, and another group is visiting France next year.

DM noted that International trips are not as difficult as people think saying that K2ESU visited the South of France last year and transportation was via a number of cars.

6. ROLE OF THE AAC INTERNATIONAL

Looking through the role description for the AAC(International)/ACC(International) shows that it is a little vague RJ noted that maybe AAC(International) should be AAC(Global) to better describe what is involved in the role. DM queried how can we get International into the sections and BG stated it would be a good idea to have Area Training Days including all the AAC's for a more integrated Area Team. This should allow International Scouting to be passed down to the Sections. RJ noted that Catvog have tried this a few times, but as yet it has been unsuccessful.

DM noted that maybe the International Team should actively link with Faith & Beliefs to ensure F&B is also covered along with the International aspects of the Global programme

DM also noted that facilitating JOTA and JOTI would be a good way to bring International to all sections

BG also believes that discussions with the local sectional AACs and talks at the Explorer Scout and Scout Forum's would be a good way forward for promoting International locally. All agreed that this would be a good idea

7. EXPLORER BELTS

RJ gave a presentation on the Explorer Belts that Catvog have run in recent years highlighting the considerations needed before hand, and the pitfalls encountered.

Considerations :

The expedition area needs to be large enough that groups aren't bumping into each other at every turn, but small enough that the core team can get to any team relatively easily and quickly

Terrain needs to be thought of, probably a relatively easy terrain is best

Are there places that need to be avoided i.e. trunk road/motorways, main cities etc

Travel - to and from country of expedition, as well as travel within the country

Budget – small to increase the challenge, or larger to reduce the problems the Core Team need to deal with

Safety with regards to HoHo

Pitfalls :

Explorers and Network need to be in separate Teams

Mobile Phones

The Team agreed that the Explorer Belt is still a misunderstood award, although more people seem to be interested in doing it

The Team agreed that an All Wales Explorer Belt is a good idea to allow Scouts from less proactive Areas to get involved. This should be the main focus of the next Team Meeting in November.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Headquarters are more than happy to support anyone that needs it at anytime. The Team based at Headquarters are very helpful and can provide a wealth of information when asked

At the next meeting we will discuss and brainstorm idea for an All Wales Explorer Belt in 2012 with a view to putting together a Project Proposal detailing where it will be held, and support is likely to be needed from ScoutsWales

Module 19 delivery and best practice also needs to be discussed

9. DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Team Meeting - Saturday 13th November 2010
(probably at Llandrindod High School, but venue will be confirmed nearer the time)

The meeting closed at 15:45hrs

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____