

**NOTES ON THE UK-UGANDA NETWORK MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 26
JANUARY 2003 AT READING SCOUT AND GUIDE HEADQUARTERS,
READING, BERKSHIRE**

Present: Alan K B Beavis – UK-Uganda Network Co-ordinator
Marvin Takel – Uganda 2003 Co-ordinator
and the following Members:

Nigel Bird	Chris Boorman	Andy Byrnes
Zoe Dallen	Peter Denson	John Dohoo
Margaret Ellis	Ian Franks	Peter Golden
Eric Goulding	David Mander-Jones	Fran Salussolia
Betty & Peter Scurry	Julian Sore	Marion Stagg
Suzanne Stout	Robert Turnbull	Chris Wilkinson
Nick Winter		

Alan Beavis welcomed all present , outlining domestic arrangements and programme for the day as below:

OPENING REMARKS

Welcome once again to Reading Scout and Guide Headquarters where, you may recall, twelve months ago we laid the seed for Uganda 2003.

During 2002 that seed germinated and has been growing and today it reaches r maturity in August.

Like any plant or person there are growing pains, need for remedies and strengthening weaknesses and I am sure today that process will continue, although please do not be alarmed if there are set-backs.

The UK-Uganda Network continues to thrive, thanks to your work and efforts in supporting the Uganda Scouts Association and their Members.

May I, personally, thank each and every one of you for not only coming today, but for all the work you do behind the scenes, so that we may continue to develop Scouting internationally for our Members.

Marion Stagg kindly provided a very moving Thought for the Day based on the theme of families, friendships and the experience of having adopted Scouts in one's family from Uganda, through the friendships developed through International Scouting provided by the Network. She directed our thoughts to those who could not be with us but were supporting us in spirit, in particular Veronica Moloney as she continues to recover from an accident in Uganda in February 2002 and Colin Bennett.

The meeting divided with Marvin Takel chairing his Core Team Meeting 2003 and Alan Beavis working with other Members on moving the Network forward to the future.

Lunch was kindly provided by the local Guide Leader 9th Reading Guides/District Commissioner and her Barn Owl colleague.

Fran distributed Uganda 2003 sweatshirts, badges.

Meetings continued and finally Members departed later in the day.

Notes on the Uganda 2003 Core Team Meeting were recorded by Marvin Takel and circularised to Members.

Notes on the General Network Meeting will be available from the Network Co-ordinator.

The Diary of Events for the next few months will concentrate of preparations for Uganda 2003 with a series of Core Team Meetings, continuing Meetings and Camps, Team Building, with a visit to Uganda in February by Marvin, Nick, Julian and Stewart McKay.

The next UK-Uganda Network Weekend will take place 24/26 October at Chalfont Heights Scout Camp, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

NOTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE UK-UGANDA NETWORK HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2003 AT READING SCOUT AND GUIDE HEADQUARTERS, READING

Present: Alan K B Beavis, Marion Stagg, Eric Goulding
Chris Wilkinson and, later, Peter and Betty Scurry

Apologies: Mark Purkiss and Jonathan Cooksley

E-mail Lists: We clarified the operation of the various e-mail lists which would be consolidated as follows:

1. Website – due to increased scams of the site, the new address is webmail@ugandanetwork.org.uk. Any e-mails to the previous address are returned to the recipient to re-submit, thus allowing us to check our recipient.
2. The Core Team e-mail address is [uganda\(code\)@ugandanetwork.org.uk](mailto:uganda(code)@ugandanetwork.org.uk). This is a restricted list to Alan, Chris, Eric and Marion.
3. UK UG List – this is used by the Co-ordinator to send mailings to all Member of the UK-Uganda Network.
4. UK UG Web List – this sets up an automatic note to those who subscribe to the website to be advised of up-dates – there are only approximately 20 or so users and publicity for this feature will be share to the UG List Members.

All other lists are to be consolidated and/or links changed after consultation with Uganda 2003 Team.

NB: The code for the Core Team, Item 2, was as stated at the meeting and will be changed as and when appropriate and notified to us by Chris.

Website: We expressed our thanks to Chris for the continued work, assisted by Mark, in keeping our website up to date and alive. Changes are needed to opportunities and dates of meetings and Chris requested that we agree the date for the October 2003 and May 2004 Network Meetings asap.

Alan made the suggestion that there should be quick access for visiting the sites for ideas, for example – How Beaver Scouts, CubScouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Scout Network Leaders and Fellowship Members can be involved in the work of the Network, eg, the simple example of raising money for pigs for Beavers and Cub Scouts through to the current interest in Explorer Belt from the older Sections.

NB: Perhaps we should put forward some ideas for the Scout Section as they appear to have been forgotten! We need to find ideas from active leaders to enhance the programme content and Focus on UK-Uganda Network. Chris asked what arrangements would be made for linking Uganda 2003 Team's progress through to the website – Chris to discuss with Marvin.

Correspondence: Alan advised of the steady stream of correspondence, noticeably persons looking for information on Uganda, its people, etc together with requests for Membership from individual Ugandans and Scouts who find our site through their/our websites at their local Yahoo address.

Contacts Names and Address List: Unfortunately we have received no up-dates from Spike and, therefore, rely on old lists, ie maintained by Marion for noting changes. Most of our correspondence is now done via the e-mail with the exception of one or two to whom Marion arranges to post copies of the information on meetings.

Network Meeting: After discussion, it was agreed that the next meeting should be 24/26 October 2003 at Chalfont Heights Scout Camp, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire. Marion is to confirm booking and make enquiries re catering.

The proposed date for the meeting in May 2004 is 8/9, venue to be the Runways End Camp Site at Farnborough, Hampshire. Marion to confirm booking.

The proposed date for the October Meeting will be 13/24, venue to be advised.

Uganda 2004 and Beyond: It was felt that this would evolve from the enthusiasm generated amongst those attending Uganda 2003 and others.

We understand that Mityana Community Enterprises project will possibly take place during October 2004 with mainly a party of adults travelling on this project which is no longer directly connected with the Network.

Explorer Belt: After consultation with Nick it is felt that the next one will possibly take place in 2005, although it is noted that we are now turning down applicants for this year's trip.

Marvin, who joined the meeting, stated that as vacancies occurred with different parties for the summer then those who had made enquiries are contacted for interest. One such enquiry on the file was followed up during the process of the meeting, offering an opportunity for a Venture Scout from Hampshire to join the Mbale party if he could raise the deposit of £300 within days.

Africa Scout Fellowship Network: A meeting was being called in Birmingham on 2 March to which several of the UK-Uganda Network were attending.

Eric asked the purpose of the new Network and was given a handout prepared by Alan.

Gilwell Reunion: 6 September 2003. It was felt that this should be an occasion for those who participate in Uganda 2003 to come and share their experiences and Members would be encouraged by Marvin to attend on their return.

Attendance at International Camps in the UK 2003: Peter and Betty Scurry advised that their Ugandan contacts had been invited to attend and they were at present awaiting details to arrange to provide letters for visas.

Alan had received no other notification in connection with participation at International Camps.

International Team: Alan had been invited to the International Team Meeting in February at Gilwell Park and we had been asked to provide a young person involved in Uganda to talk at the Founder's Day Service on 22 February 2003.

Raffle: Eric, whilst on a recent holiday in Madeira, in talking to staff the Manager/Owner offered a free holiday for up to four for one week to be raffled in aid of the Bulangira Disabled Association and Steve Hall Project at Palissa. It was suggested that this should be offered as the main prize for a draw in 2003 to be promoted by the local Scout District with supplementary prizes provided.

It was felt 10,000 tickets at £1 per ticket would be appropriate with the draw being made at the October Meeting, allowing us, therefore, to promote it at the Gilwell Reunion.