



KYLE OF SUTHERLAND Gala week

COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2009

Present - Alan Ross, Caroline Munro, Claire Bruce, Carole Morrice, Carrie Vettors, Gail Munro, Angi Sutherland, Wilma Campbell, Elissa Steven, Sally Mackintosh, John Mackintosh

Apologies – none.

Item	Action By
<p>The new committee discussed the feedback points raised from the previous de-brief meeting, following the 2009 Gala Week on the 21st September....</p> <p>Wheelbarrow race to be on Friday night. All agreed this was a good idea. Angi asked if official rules could be drawn up regarding the use of different wheels etc.</p> <p>4 days of gala-run events. All agreed that this had worked very well and should be kept as the format for next year.</p> <p>First Saturday night is not good for holding evening event. Opening ceremony is enough. It was also suggested that the local pubs could use this night to put on entertainment, as people seem to stay out in the bars after the opening ceremony anyway.</p> <p>Raft race to be shorter if possible – ask Pete Campbell for launch at Meikle Pool. Spectators will be able to watch all of the race this way too. It was also suggested that the boat race could be re-introduced. This was held between the first and second fishing beats on the Kyle. We could ask Rob Jones for a boat.</p> <p>Programmes need to be out sooner and we also have to have more printed. Gala will pay for the printing of additional copies. CB to find out cost of a leaflet drop by the post office.</p> <p>It was the general opinion that leaflet drops are expensive. Carole suggested placing a programme in every copy of the Northern Times in the Kyle Bakery. It was agreed that this was a very good idea. We will need to find out how many copies they receive and have enough printed.</p> <p>Fun Day – not to go ahead next year. Lots of work for only a few attendees. Can hold pet show or children's sports on Saturday morning instead, leaving more time to get organised for the dance.</p> <p>Suggested that Gala take games such as digger ducks and bouncy castle etc to the Invercharron games instead. All agreed that this was fine.</p>	Info

<p>Elissa suggested that we speak to the schools' sports co-ordinator to see if she could help with the children's sports. It was also suggested that we speak to Lairg primary school's P.E. teacher.</p> <p>Reintroduce craft day for children. Stone painting, card making, workshops etc.</p> <p>Hold musical event for children with Feis tutors. Caroline also suggested that there is not enough in the programme for teenagers. Maybe we could speak to the organisers of the Youth Bus to hold a music event/rock school for them. A DJ mix session/workshop was also suggested. Carole to speak to contact in Maitland's, Tain, as they run something similar.</p>	
<p>Hire bus to take children to Dornoch Beach for a sandcastle competition. 8 years and over, under 8s to be accompanied by parent.</p> <p>It was suggested that this could be versus the Dornoch Festival week. A good way to get the children introduced before the transition to the Academy. Elissa suggested there may be funds available through the council for this. Angi confirmed she is sitting her mini-bus test and would therefore possibly be available to drive. Carole also offered her dad's services for driving.</p>	<p>Claire</p> <p>Elissa</p>
<p>Darts competition. Hold heats in summer with final during the gala week. Carole also suggested that we contact Maitland's in Tain as they have darts teams who may like to enter, to make it a bit more competitive.</p> <p>Men-only night. Stripper and bar in Bonar hall. Michelle to look out previous stripper contact.</p> <p>Michelle has found contact, however it seems to be very costly and they would require overnight accommodation etc. It was agreed that the poker night on its own would be better. Peter Wemyss to be asked about providing training for the committee and help holding the event.</p>	Carole
<p>Family game show can be held on Friday night following wheelbarrow race. Bonar's Got Talent. Carrie suggested putting a sheet of paper with a tick on one side and cross on the other on each seat, so the audience could vote for the best act. Possibly try to get a 'celebrity' panel??</p> <p>Elissa asked if the Invershin duck race would be held again. It was agreed that this was sadly missed from the 2009 programme and that we should approach the Invershin Hall committee to see if they would be willing to hold it again for next year.</p> <p>Claire mentioned that we should try to promote the floats for the opening ceremony a bit more. Possibly the committee should take one up to Lairg's gala, to see if they would then come to ours. However it was noted that Golspie gala usually have a large float parade on the same evening, so ours will probably always be quiet.</p>	Claire
<p>Bonar Fire Brigade to be given donation to their Christmas party for putting out the bunting for us. All agreed this was a good idea.</p>	CM

Write letter to Calum Beattie asking him to keep himself free to do the security at the last dance as we were disappointed with ACE Security. Hopefully if he has the dates in advance, we will be able to confirm him.	CB
<p>Christmas Float. Santa, choir, elves, tins of sweeties for throwing, music etc. Decorate float as sleigh. Currently in the Dates to Remember section of the Northern Times.</p> <p>Claire has borrowed elf outfits from Skibo and Angi has one also.</p> <p>Carrie suggested that we try to make reindeer to go alongside the vehicle.</p> <p>Carole offered the services of her friend who is a joiner. She will speak to him and confirm when he is available to cut out the sleigh shape and a date will be arranged for us all to put it together. Please note that the dates are the 3rd and 4th of December.</p>	ALL
<p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Carrie suggested that we hold a clothes swap party. People bring items of clothing that they no longer wear. For each item brought they receive one ticket. Clothes are dropped off by a set time in the morning, to allow us enough time to get them all sorted out and hung on rails. Then, in the afternoon, people return to pick out new items. They are able to choose one item for each ticket they hold. We would charge them a set fee – say £5 – and this would also give them tea and cake.</p> <p>Everyone agreed this was a great idea. Caroline mentioned she has proper clothing rails that we could use. Look to hold in March/April.</p> <p>It was also suggested that we could have a beauty evening, with a couple of therapist and possibly a nail technician.</p> <p>Carole suggested that we could possibly hold a sponsored walk over the Struie, with half the proceeds going to a charity of our choice.</p> <p>Carrie had the idea of holding a prize draw stall, where the prizes are written on paper and placed in sealed envelopes. These are then mixed up with empty envelopes and people pay to choose them – like a lucky dip. Possibly an idea of the primary fun day.</p> <p>The blackboard in Bonar is proving to be a popular way for messages to be communicated. Caroline has kindly organised the painting of the board. It was suggested that we now charge £5 for this service, to cover the cost of materials and her time. CB to do a poster for the Kyle Bakery, advertising the service.</p> <p>Cookery demonstration from Dingwall cookware shop for fundraising. Claire to call them to try and find a suitable date.</p> <p>Carole had been approached by a Golspie gala week member, who had suggested we hold a fundraising dinner dance in the style of a wedding.</p>	<p>Claire</p> <p>Claire</p>

There would be tickets sold for the dinner and more sold for the dance at night. Catering and a band would have to be provided. May be a good event for March/April.	
<p>The 2010 Gala Week will be held on the 6th – 14th August. To go on the NT Note These Dates section as soon as possible.</p> <p>Anniversary year? Caroline suggested that 2010 may be the 50th anniversary, as the gala began around 1950. She has managed to gather a lot of the previous salmon queen photos, so we could potentially hold a small exhibition of the history of the gala week.</p>	Claire
<p>Website</p> <p>Please all note the address of the website is www.kosgw.com If anyone has photos they would like posted, please email them to Claire.</p>	All
Date of next meeting to be confirmed. Possibly just prior to Christmas parade.	All