

Woodcraft Folk DFs

Winter Thing 2024

Minutes



23-25th November 2024, Online

INCOMPLETE RECORD OF BUSINESS

Present: Aisling, Alex, Eunice, Lida, Molly, Tyler, Wilf

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1 Review of the Previous Thing's Minutes

Tyler presented the minutes from the previous Thing, Summer Thing in July. There was little of relevance because they were produced by the previous committee in preparation for the Summer events (DF Camp, Althing, Old/New)

2 Quarterly Reports

Note: Those present gave verbal reports. In advance of the meeting, those who could not be present were invited to submit a structured written report

2.1 Reports from Committee Members

2.1.1 Events Representative (Aisling Stuart)

The Events Team (Events Reps and Shadow Events Rep) were heavily involved in organising Autumn Nocturne. We have all settled into their roles and begun to understand the exact tasks that their role is responsible for. We are aiming to develop a more structured approach to events coordination with better systems for check-ins and delegation, which should remove stress from the events role. We would have liked to have booked the sites for upcoming events earlier. It sounds obvious, but booking the site for events is the single most important task and should be taken on by the Events Reps to take pressure off the individual event coordinators. We would like to review the way we do shifts on events, which will be discussed in detail later and would also like to improve the link between Events and Comms, which is a really critical connection.

3 Policy Proposals

3.1 Travel Reimbursements for Business Events

3.2 Camp late fees

Maya (Treasurer) opened a discussion on introducing incentives to get people to pay for camp on time. This has been discussed before at Spring Thing 2024 but

due to recent struggles with obtaining camp payments, it has been brought up again.

The conclusion of the discussion at Spring Thing was that: *The important change that the Thing wanted to implement was synchronising booking and payment. A more complicated payment system, [...] should be avoided and we should make sure that unpaid bookings still make cancellations. There are people whose personal circumstances mean that they do not have the money to pay during the first tier period, but this is something completely out of our control, and it is not practical to try and implement a system to combat this.*