

Woodcraft Folk DFs

Old/New 2025 Minutes

30/31st August 2025, Darsham Country Centre



Present: Tyler, Suzy, Larry, Sumi, Eunice, Nyx, Lara, Alex, Esme, Angus, Caitlin, Rowan, Wilf, Stella, Sadie, Eva, Maya, Callie, Mollie, Meli and Aisling (21)

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0 Introductions

Tyler took the chair and welcomed everyone to Old/New. Aisling took the chair later, and oversaw most of the discussion.

The meeting began by going around the circle allowing everyone to introduce themselves. Everyone was asked to say their name, pronouns and their current or former role on DF Committee.

It was announced that everyone was free to come and go from the meeting as needed, this was especially applicable to those on cooking clans & those with other responsibilities within the camp. Where people have left and joined the meeting, this has not been recorded in the minutes.

1 Autumn Nocturne Update

Provisional dates were set for 24th – 26th October, however this will hopefully be moved to the week before. Nyx is contacting sites.

Action #1: Following difficulties to find sites so close to the event after Althing, the role of booking Autumn Nocturne will be given to the Shadow Events representative next year. This means the site will be booked before Althing leaving the incoming Events representative with a less stressful handover.

2 Provisional Dates for the year

Winter Thing - Will be happening in person from the 28th - 30th November if the budget allows. This will be useful to open an earlier discussion about Spring Awakening.

Action #1: Aisling and Lara to start looking for sites

Winter Wonderland - 27th - 30th December

Spring Thing - Will be happening in person. Will conform dates at Winter Thing to work around General Council dates. Will be aiming to have Span The World with Music around February, so will also need to work around those dates. Hope to happen 20th - 22nd February.

Spring Awakening - 7th - 11th April. Currently works with all term dates. Will reassess at Winter Thing to confirm.

Summer Thing - Will be online. Aim for the 11th July. Subject to change due to committee members exam seasons and term dates.

Everything 2.0 - Following a successful Everything following Camp 100 this year, it was decided that an Everything would work best around V-Camp 2026. Althing will take place from 14th - 16th August, and a regular DF camp will take place 17th - 22nd of August. Nominations for the New Committee will be opened at the start of Venturer Camp, leaving time for advertisement during the camp. Will try and include First Aid Training at DF Camp, and aim for Mest-Up training at V-Camp.

Action #2: Comms team to publish provisional dates on the Instagram

3 Co-option

Committee Roles

Chair - Aisling formally voted in by the New Committee

Fundraising - Jonah and Ren

Training and First Aid - *No Nominations received*

Accessibility - *No Nominations received*

Non-Committee Roles

Big Camps - Aisling

International - Mickey

Welsh Liaison - *No Nominations received*

Podcast - Stella and Eva

Secondary Roles

Vice Chair - Alex

Chair Carer - Rowan

Resource Fairy - Caitlin

General Council Representatives - Lara (2 years), Larry (1 year)

4 Comms Strategy

The New Comms team is aiming for more awareness about DF Committee. They will post videos of New Committee members to introduce them to the movement, creating more openness on the workings of DF Committee. We are aiming to create more connections nationally outside of national camps. There is a possibility to bring back other DF logos to the website, and the Comms team will aim to keep the website more updated e.g. publishing the minutes to meetings. Can contact Thomas Boxall regarding the website.

4.1 Zine

The New Zine Team is aiming to start having the Zines published on the website. They want to try and turn the Zine into a Newspaper type publication. There will be a Zine published soon rounding up this year's DF Summer.

4.2 Podcast

There will be an aim to advertise the Podcast more. There is potential to set up on Spotify.

5 Outreach

This year, we are aiming to have more focus on retaining Venturers and supporting local groups. For this to happen, there needs to be more publication on the website for those who do not use Instagram. There will be an aim to make DFs less intimidating by trying to increase communication between DFs in local areas. We need to utilise Regional events to boost this, This would also improve retaining Venturers when they age into DFs. We will also aim to increase transparency on the Committee and on camps. The question was raised, would regional events be funded by the DF movement or by district money? This could create disparity between smaller and larger districts. However, to fund regional events the DF reserves would have to dramatically increase to give loans to districts to fund regional events. This is not currently a possibility, so these regional events would have to be funded by Districts. We could potentially open up regional events to all DFs, meaning those from smaller regions could still have the opportunity to meet more DFs before they attend a national event.

Action #1: Create a toolkit for organising regional events

Action #2: Increase funding via fundraising representatives and outreach. This could be through increasing Grant Applications. These could potentially be used for regional events. Contact Debs (former General Secretary of Woodcraft) for Fundraising help.

6 Musings

6.1 Expenses

There was a very small profit made by Everything due to there being no DF Cafe on Camp 100. Treasurers hope to profit from Autumn Nocturne. There is potential to charge £60 for the event. There was also a general move to try and hold more events in the North, and to increase awareness of the Fairer Faire.

Action #1: Moot for more Northern sites. Potential for Winter Wonderland to be held in Scotland?

6.2 Event Discounts

It is currently not financially viable for us to give Event Discounts. We will move this musing to Winter Thing as finances will be clearer after Autumn Nocturne.

6.3 Activism

DFs want to be more involved in protests and potentially advertise DFs at protests more via Social Media. Sumi (Activism Rep) wants to make a handbook about different forms of activism to help DFs who want to get involved.

6.4 50th Anniversary of DFs

Delilah (DF Chair 22/23) is organising a Kinsfolk and DF Camp to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of DFs in 2027. They want to organise a meeting open to all DFs. Aim to have this meeting at the end of September.