

Nessie or not Nessie ?

Minutes of the meeting – Part one

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Chairman: Florian

Present: Helene, Charlotte, Vanessa, Jean-Charles, Laurent

After a brief description of what will be tackled, each participant has been introduced.

Then, Charlotte (the lochness inhabitant) was asked to tell us more about Nessie. She talked about Nessie's appearance, the history of Scotland (especially of Loch Ness). Next Laurent (the paleontologist) explained what kind of animal « could » be Nessie. He evoked the name of plesiosaurus.

Helene, (a Russian tourist) has visited the Loch Ness but saw nothing. She said it is really strange that Nessie would be a kind of plesiosaurus.

After having called to mind the different appearances of Nessie, the participants had to talk about the existence of Nessie.

Vanessa (a marine officer) explained the use of sonars to drill the lake. But to her this is a pseudo-science. Anyway she hasn't seen Nessie, but only pictures or sonar's shots.

Jean-Charles, aka JC , (a special effect expert), showed differences between a true and a fake picture. He explained Nessie's pictures can be totally created by human. Laurent added some informations about Nessie's food , ie zooplankton. He spoke of some huge water caves where Nessie could hide.

Charlotte stated she has seen Nessie's neck! But Vanessa can't believe it... no proves.

Maybe Nessie is just a way to promote the region... that's the problem we tackled.

Helene spoke of the legend, the fact this curiosity makes you go to Loch Ness.

To her, it's a way to promote the region, even Scotland needn't such a publicity.

She added that Nessie would be afraid of all tourists!

Charlotte said it's not a way to attract people because most of them are disappointed not to have seen Nessie.

Laurent told us Nessie and the legend give a special touch to the country.

To JC , someone created the monster to earn money.

But all agree there is no problem with publicity , because it's a good thing people go to Scotland.

Should we believe in Nessie as we do for Santa Claus?

Charlotte stated we know Santa Claus doesn't exist but Nessie does.

Jc wanted the Legend to be kept alive in order to dream.

Helene suggested Santa Claus is linked to an event (Christmas) whereas Nessie doesn't.

Conclusion:

Jc and Vanessa stated Nessie only exists in dreams. Laurent was doubtful. Helene didn't know but she wanted to believe in it. And Charlotte stated Nessie exist!

Thank you for having participated in this meeting!

Nessie is proud of you =)