Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 4 March 2015 7:30pm Argus Centre, Selkirk Date:

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Item		Responsible person
2	 Welcome and Apologies Present: David Hunter, Ron Sutherland, Ruth Longmuir, Christine Anderson, Julie Smith, Rosie Stewart, Ross Purves, Geraldine Bouglas Apologies: Jim McPherson, Pam Hunter, Nancy Anderson, Jono Ellis, Bronwen Irving, Roger Hemming Minute of the previous meeting (January 2015) Approved by Ron and seconded by Julie. 	
3	Matters arising from previous minutes	
	Review of the constitution Rosie has emailed Jim. Action carried forward: A revised constitution to be drafted using the OSCR template Membership. Ron still to contact Rachel. We have 27 members	Jim, Rosie (and Allan) Ron
	 Closing of the Cuba account. Ruth has now been to the Hawick branch and thinks she is making progress. Date of Tower Trophy. It is not possible to change this date even although it is the same weekend as Hawick Common Riding (7 June). Website. Jono and Graham Anderson are working together on updating it. The website will still be in Word Press and can be updated by anyone with a login. Jono has also been working on Facebook and has developed a new page for BEG that anyone can "like". The BEG veterans group still exists. PVG. Julie has agreed to be the named contact person and David thanked her for the progress she has made. The Self Declaration Forms went to the training day for Austria but it is not clear whether they were completed. Events. There are activities allocated to months and people appointed to organise the events. The new events group has not met yet but will before the next meeting. Julie and Ross to work on a programme. Meeting dates. Julie will investigate whether Rowlands could be used for AGM. Cross Keys was approved as a venue for the next meeting. 	Julie, Ross Julie
4	Chair's business	
5	 No business. Treasurer's business Rosie circulated the treasurer's report. 2011 accounts. Rosie has reconstructed the accounts and they have been cleared by the accountant, Kenneth. David and Rosie have completed the forms to be added as signatories to the account. The Malawi account has been emptied and it's changed name to Expedition Account. It is now over to the bank to process the forms. Rosie and Jim are signatories on the Expedition Account currently. There may be some overlap between two 	

expeditions but that is ok, so long as separate records are kept. · Rosie was congratulated on getting the accounts sorted out. **Membership.** Ron will send the membership form out again to remind Ron people to renew their membership. Ron to include bank details with the form. There was discussion about how easy it would be to get people to still send the paper membership form. It was agreed that there needs to be an easier way to pay membership to encourage people to do it. Rosie will investigate PayPal as an option for paying, David will check Rosie, David with Jono and Graham about how to put it into the website. Secretary's business No business. 7 **Events** • The subgroup has not yet met. Action: By next meeting to have a programme of events and put dates Julie, Ross onto website/Facebook • Tower Trophy. Geraldine reported that planning is going well, a reccy has taken place, activities decided, three or four teams already interested. Six people in a team, £60 joining fee, minimum £40 sponsorship. Limited to 12 teams. Volunteers will be needed. ΑII Action: Anyone with a team should email Geraldine 8 **Expeditions** Austria • Selection has taken place. Four leaders were selected on the Saturday and nine venturers on the Sunday. One venturer was not able to be selected due to being under 16. This was missed at the application stage. It was decided that the Chief Leader and Training Team should see the leader application forms and that the whole leader team should see the venturer applications. Ron and Pat were unable to attend the original selection and were selected at the first training day. • Some clarity is needed on whether people can be selected without attending selection as this has caused some problems in the process of selection for Austria. Rules should be same for European and International Expeditions. Currently there are rules for venturers but not for leaders. • The first full **Training Weekend** will be 20-22 March. Volunteers are needed and an email has been sent out. It will be at Broadmeadows. walking to Yair Bridge and setting up full base camp, then returning on the Sunday with full kit. Brazil David and Nancy were interviewed by Geraldine and Ruth and were appointed Chief Leaders. • The application forms are now on the website. • 17-19 April – leader selection at West Morriston, camping outside both nights. Application forms are to be in by 3 April. There will be information evenings on 17 March in Selkirk and 19 March in Peebles. David will send posters tonight or tomorrow and asked people to print them and put them up across the Borders. David is looking for names of people who are available to help for the whole weekend, no coming and going. • 31 May – venturer selection (this will also be a full leader weekend).

	 High school contacts. Ron is already doing a talk at Hawick on 19 March, Stuart Davies teaches at Jedburgh, Rosie's mum is at Kelso, Christine knows someone at Berwickshire High, Maizie's relative (Malawi venturer) is deputy head at Peebles (Rosie to contact), Michael Haywood teaches at Earlston, Ruth has a contact at Eyemouth, Rachel Lyall is in Gala (Ron to speak to her), Selkirk – David to ask Jim. The team will be 2 doctors, 7 leaders, 22 venturers. David and Nancy want a small leadership team so that it is challenging, there is lots to do, and with the hope that the leaders will stay involved with BEG. Publicity – Radio Borders, posters, newspapers, Julie suggested Youth Borders email news. Ruth to send Southern Reporter contacts to David. 	Christine, Rosie, Ruth, Ron, David
9	Accommodation	
	The subgroup met and came up with a remit:	
	The long term certainty about accommodation at West Morriston has led Borders Exploration Group to review accommodation and storage needs. This work started in 2014 when tentative enquiries were made regarding available options.	
	 In 2015 the sub group will: Establish clear guide of area required for equipment storage Follow up leads for storage only options in a central location Establish costs of alternative accommodation Investigate Training Accommodation options short term Investigate Training Accommodation options long term 	
10	Expedition Planning Document	
	 This was pulled together by Nancy and Ruth, has been circulated to the committee and all feedback incorporated. A copy was given to each committee member to read and then discussed. Ruth will incorporate further comments and circulate again. Geraldine to create a proforma for Chief Leader interviews. 	Ruth Geraldine
11	Any Other Competent Business	
	 Julie reported that Erdols Chip Shop in Hawick had given her money for BEG from a charity box. Roger Hemming had sent information about a leader training course run by the Brathay Expedition Trust. It is on the weekend of 20-22 March in the Lake District and costs £45. David, Nancy and Roger plan to visit BET in the near future. Feedback forms for venturers and leaders will be introduced for Austria. They will be circulated the week after the trip returns. 	
12	 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings All meetings are at 7.30pm Thursday 16 April – Cross Keys, Selkirk Tuesday 26 May – Peebles High School Wednesday 8 July – Argus Centre, Selkirk Thursday 20 August – Peebles High School Monday 5 October – Argus Centre, Selkirk Tuesday 17 November (AGM) – venue to be confirmed 	