**Borders Exploration Group**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Date**: Tuesday 14 November 2017

**Time**: 7:30pm

**Place:** Selkirk High School

**Minutes**

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| 1 | **Present**: Rosie Stewart, Nicola Stillie, Graham Little, Christine Anderson, Pam Hunter, John Hunter, Roger Hemming, Kieran Riddell, Ross Purves, Ruth Longmuir, Audrey Power, McKenzie Power, Zoe Pflug, Adam Aitkin, Mark Graham, Dee MacLean, Molly MacLean, Dawn Pactan, Anne Forsyth, Alison Forsyth, Moira Blyth, Craig Forsyth, Richard Forsyth, Lucy Forsyth, Grace Edwards, Fiona Edwards, Declain Edwards, Michael Strang Steel, Alex Traynor, David Traynor, Euan Briggs, Jane Bryant, Jim McPherson.  **Apologies**: Ron Sutherland, Janet Ritchie, Geraldine Bouglas, Rachel Nuttall. |
| 2 | **Chairperson’s report** |
| 3 | **Treasurer’s report**  Income is down on last year. Expenditure is up mainly due to a very large insurance bill. Loans were made to the Bolivia expedition and these have now been repaid. The available cash is £2545 (down from £6823 in 2016). BEG has benefitted from free storage at West Morriston for a number of years. This will come to an end in March and new stores are being sought. It is hoped these will be inexpensive or free. |
| 4 | **Election of a Committee**  A new committee was appointed:   * Chairperson (temporary basis): Graham Little * Treasurer: Nicola Stillie * Existing committee members reappointed: Keiran Riddell, Nancy Anderson * New committee members appointed: Rachel Nuttall, Mairi Lawrie, Adam Aitkin, Richard Forsyth, Mark Graham, Euan Briggs, Lucy Forsyth, Sophie Wilson   Graham has been appointed as temporary Chairperson. It is not ideal for Graham to be Chair and Chief Leader of an expedition at the same time and so the committee will seek to find someone to take over from Graham in the near future. Rosie handed over to Graham to chair the rest of the meeting. |
| 5 | **Membership Fees for 2017/18**  Membership will stay at £10.  **Date of next meeting and AGM**  The first committee meeting will be on Wednesday 13 December. The date of the next AGM is 13 November 2018. |
| 6 | **Malawi expedition update**  Graham gave an update on the next expedition which will be to Malawi in July 2019. It is the first time BEG has returned to a country. It will probably be three weeks long, mainly based in Thondwe, with a maximum of six leaders, 14 venturers and costing about £2000 per participant. BEG can be involved with small scale projects already being run there. Good contacts have been established via the Rotary and Church of Scotland in Innerleithen. Graham laid out the timetable which included leader selection early 2018, venturer selection in April/May, four training weekends, a few training days and a packing day before departure in July 2019. Anyone interested in being involved, either as a leader or venturer, should contact Graham. |
| 7 | **Bolivia presentation**  The Bolivia team gave a presentation of the recent expedition to Bolivia. |

**2018 committee**:

Graham Little (Temporary Chairperson), Nicola Stillie (Treasurer), Rachel Nuttall, Mairi Lawrie, Adam Aitkin, Richard Forsyth, Mark Graham, Euan Briggs, Lucy Forsyth, Sophie Wilson, Keiran Riddell, Nancy Anderson.

POSTSCRIPT: Mairi Lawrie has decided to withdraw from the committee and Sophie Wilson will not be able to attend committee meeting for the foreseeable future due to university commitments.