**Borders Exploration Group**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Date**: Monday 17 November 2014

**Time**: 7:30pm

**Place:** Argus Centre, Selkirk

**Minutes**

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| 1 | **Present**: Jim McPherson, David Hunter, Ron Sutherland, Geraldine Bouglas, Ruth Longmuir, Roger Hemming, Nancy and Les Anderson, Christine Anderson, Ross Purves, Andy and Frances Norman, Bronwen and Keith Irving, Rosie Stewart, Jono Ellis, Martin Christison, Lesley Turnbull, Pam Hunter, Chloe Purves, Colin and Lorna Lyons  **Apologies**: Sir Michael Strang-Steel, Stuart Davies, Pat Sutherland |
| 2 | **Chair’s report** |
| 3 | **Treasurer’s report**  Ron went through the balance sheet and explained the income and expenditure. About £800-£1200 has come to BEG from the Malawi expedition. (Each participant had a £200 share of the surplus to decide what to do with and a number elected to give the money to BEG.) Ron explained that the reason for maintaining a high balance in the BEG account is the possibility of a substantial outlay for new stores.  Pam proposed and Rosie seconded the accounts. |
| 4 | **Election of a Committee**  Rachel Elliot, Nancy Anderson and Robert and Lorraine Sinclair have all intimated their desire to step down from the committee.  A new committee was appointed:  Chairperson – David Hunter – nominated by Jim, seconded by Ron  Vice Chair – Geraldine Bouglas – nominated by Ron, seconded by Jim  Treasurer – Rosie Stewart – nominated by Jim, seconded by Bronwen  Secretary – Ruth Longmuir – nominated by Ron, seconded by Andy  Committee members – Ross Purves, Christine Anderson, Bronwen Irving, Ron Sutherland, Jono Ellis, Jim McPherson, Julie Smith, Pam Hunter.  David chaired the meeting from this point onwards and thanked Jim for all he has done as chair of BEG in the past couple of years.  All committee meetings are open to everyone and so anyone is welcome to attend. |
| 5 | **2015 European Expedition**  Jim presented Austria as a destination. It was agreed. Jim has put his name forward to be chief leader. |
| 6 | **2016 International Expedition**  David and Nancy presented Brazil as a destination. It was agreed. Some safety concerns were raised regarding travel in Brazil. David and Nancy are happy to put their names forward as chief leaders but this is also open to other nominations. Same applies to Austria and Jim. |
| 7 | **Dates for next year**  Meetings are traditionally on a Monday evening but this does not suit some people therefore it was agreed to rotate through the days; Monday-Thursday. The first committee meeting will be on Tuesday 20 January 2015. David will host an informal get together of the committee before then. |
| 8 | **AOB**  **Membership fees**  Membership fees will remain the same as last year – £10. Geraldine has compiled a membership pack which will be sent out to members this year. |
| 9 | **Malawi presentation**  Geraldine gave a presentation on the expedition to Malawi this summer. |

**2015 committee**:

David Hunter (Chair); Geraldine Bouglas (Vice Chair); Rosie Stewart (Treasurer); Ruth Longmuir (Secretary); Pam Hunter; Ross Purves, Jim McPherson; Christine Anderson; Jono Ellis; Julie Smith; Bronwen Irving; Ron Sutherland