Borders Exploration Group

EGM March 25th 2019

Minutes

Present

Ruth Longmuir, Roger Hemming, Geraldine Bouglas, Nicola Stillie, Richard Forsyth, Lucy Forsyth, Nancy Anderson, Les Anderson, Ron Sutherland, Jim McPherson, Jono Ellis, Marc Graham, Rachel Thomson, Chair.

Rachel opened the meeting by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed dissolution of Borders Exploration group. She presented the reason which had led the committee to this decision and all members were given a written copy. (Attached to these minutes)

A paper ballot was held and it was unanimously agreed that the dissolution should take place.

Jim on behalf of the membership thanked Rachel for the professional and diligent manner in which she had taken forward this difficult task. All agreed that BEG should be very proud of the work over the past thirty years and the benefits it offered to young people of the Borders, the Borders Community and the many communities abroad.

Discussion then took place regarding the existing funds and assets which according to the constitution must be passed to other charities with a similar ethos to BEG. (See attached document for suggested list). All were in agreement with the proposed organisation both for the funds and equipment.

Jim McPherson will contact Fresh Start, Scouts and D of E groups and Geraldine offered to contact the Guides.

Jono also suggested that if any equipment was left then Refugee Action In Edinburgh would be another Charity who would welcome assistance.

A date of 27th April has been set when the invited organisations can visit and take what equipment is of use to them. BEG members are also welcome on that date to take equipment and make a donation to BEG funds. After that what is left will be taken to charity shops or the dump as appropriate.

Laptop is to be given to a Malawi Charity via Innerleithen and Walkerburn rotary – Jim McPherson to arrange. Screen and data projector to be offered to local community halls which BEG has used.

Surplus kitchen equioment also to be offered to local halls previously used by BEG

Website – Jono indicated that this can be left as an archive and any photos which members would like can be added before going to archive. Jono to take this forward.

All other reports, photos, documents to be given to Heart of Heart to be archived. A sub group led by Roger Hemming along with Ron Sutherland, Nancy Anderson and Marc Graham has been set up to organise this.

Toposcope on Ruberslaw – Roger Hemming reminded us that this has to be maintained and currently he has being doing this but we require to set up a small group to ensure that this continues into the future.

Bolivia Stone – Nicola reminded us that the Bolivia stone is now completed and requires to be place on the wall at Riddel Estate – Nancy agreed to contact Andrew.

Organisations which require to be informed were Youth Borders and OSCAR. Advice will be sought from Kenneth Oven auditor for BEG regarding the accounts and how they are presented to OSCAR.

Press Statement - It was agreed that an official press statement should go out to local press and on social media.

Celebration of the past 30 years of BEG – It was decided that a walk to the top if Ruberslaw followed by a social get together in the Bridge in Hawick would be a fitting celebration of the work of BEG. A propose date was August 24th 2019. Ron agreed to investigate this further. Invitation would be extended to all previous and current members, friends and supporters of BEG.

Next Steps

Committee will require to meet for further meetings to take forward the dissolution in full. The next meeting will be arranged on April 27th.