**Borders Exploration Group**

**Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Date**: Tuesday 20 November 2018

**Time**: 7pm

**Place:** Blainslie Village Hall

**Present:**

Nancy Anderson, Les Anderson, Mark Graham, Kieran Riddell, Ron Sutherland, Lauren Nuttall, Adam Aitkin, Nicola Stillie, Rachel Thomson, Richard Forsyth, Jim McPherson, Roger Hemming.

**Apologies:**

Rosie Shankey, Lucy Forsyth

1. **AGM 2017 Minutes:**

* Read out by Lauren Nuttall.
* Agreed by Richard Forsyth.

1. **Chair’s report:**

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1. **Treasurer report:**

All Bolivia loans were paid off at the beginning of the year.

Membership is down from £510 to £260

Donation from Maxwellheugh trust of £794.86

Fundraised £294.00 from Greatest Showman cinema night

Insurance costs down with no expedition, room hire is down with the free use of NFU mutual building.

Cash at year end £3095.93

1. **Election of Committee for 2019**

Rachel Thomson (Chair), Lauren Nuttall, Nancy Anderson, Mark Graham, Richard Forsyth, Lucy Forsyth have agreed to stay on the committee with Nicola Stillie staying on to manage accounts only.

A decision has been made to recruit for new committee members with a deadline of End of March 2019.

Small committee means that the people on it are taking on a lot of commitment and work and therefore if no significant recruitment has been made the future of the organisation will then be questioned.

Sir Chris Hoy – speaking in Kelso 29.11.18. Opportunity to put flyers out to reach out for committee members. Rachel Thomson to make leaflets.

1. **Difficulties:**

No secretary on the committee.

General lack of committee members.

Rival from schools and other agencies.

People don’t know about B.E.G.

What do people actually want? Questionnaires?

Need to market ourselves.

Due to the trip to Malawi folding B.E.G was left in the lurch and it became difficult for the committee members left.

1. **Points of action:**

Pre-Christmas committee meeting – Tuesday 11th December 2018 @ St. Boswells.

1. **Zambia trip:**

Nancy gave a presentation on her trip to Zambia through the BGH.

**2019 Committee:**

Staying on committee 2018/19: Nancy Anderson, Rachel Thomson, Mark Graham, Richard Forsyth, Lucy Forsyth, Nicola Stillie (willing to stay on for treasurer).

Coming off committee 2018/19: Keiran Riddell, Adam Aitkin.