**Borders Exploration Group**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Date**: Tuesday 17 November 2015

**Time**: 7:30pm

**Place:** Selkirk High School

**Minutes**

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| 1 | **Present**: Rosie Stewart, Ruth Longmuir, David Hunter, Geraldine Bouglas, Pam Hunter, Roger Hemming, Ron Sutherland, Ross Purves, Cheryl Brydon, Jim McPherson, Tim Cove, Maria McGurn, Frances Norman, Andrew Norman, Kieran Riddell, Nancy Anderson, Les Anderson, David Longworth, Stacey Thomson, Jennifer Graham, Lia Graham, Christine Anderson, Marisa Cove, Nicola Stillie, Chloe Purves, Bethany Thomson  **Apologies**: Jono Ellis, Pat Sutherland |
| 2 | **Chair’s report** |
| 3 | **Treasurer’s report**  Rosie circulated copies of the BEG accounts. They are in the format approved by OSCR and have been signed by the auditor. There is a surplus of £143 this year. Income is up on last year. A donation of £974 was received from the Malawi expedition. There are currently 49 members which is slightly down on last year but this is usual in the year of a smaller, European expedition. Expenditure is also higher this year. It is worth noting that there would have been a loss reported had it not been for the large donation from the Malawi expedition. BEG currently has £6535 in cash which is quite a lot but may be needed to pay for premises for stores. Rosie concluded that this is a very healthy position to be in. |
| 4 | **Election of a Committee**  A new committee was appointed:   * Chairperson – David Hunter – nominated by Jim McPherson, seconded by Ron Sutherland * Vice Chair – Geraldine Bouglas * Treasurer – Rosie Stewart * Secretary – Ruth Longmuir * Committee members – Ross Purves, Christine Anderson, Ron Sutherland, Jono Ellis, Jim McPherson, Julie Smith, Pam Hunter. The existing committee was reelected en masse - nominated by Roger Hemming, seconded by Nancy Anderson.   No one else intimated a desire to join the committee. |
| 5 | **Date of next meeting and AGM**  The next AGM will be on Tuesday 15 November 2016. Dates of committee meetings will be sent by email. |
| 6 | **Constitution**  A new constitution has been written based on the OSCR approved model. Three changes have been proposed to the version sent out to all members four weeks ago, two of which were immediately approved. There was some discussion over membership and whether to add the phrase “with a strong link to the Scottish Borders”. A vote took place: 2 votes for, 12 votes against. The phrase was not added to the proposal.  The finalised constitution was proposed for adoption by David Hunter and seconded by Geraldine Bouglas. A unanimous vote saw the new constitution adopted. |
| 7 | **Brazil 2017 update**  The Brazil expedition will definitely go ahead in 2017. They are currently in the process of recruiting doctors. Venturer selection will be on 14 February 2016. |
| 8 | **AOB**  Membership fees will remain the same as last year – £10.  Events programme for 2016 will be published before Christmas. |
| 9 | **Austria presentation**  The Austria team gave an excellent presentation on this summer’s expedition. |

**2016 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; Ron Sutherland