

Borders Exploration Group Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 18 November 2013

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Argus Centre, Selkirk

Minutes

- 1 **Present:** Jim McPherson, David Hunter, Ron Sutherland, Geraldine Bouglas, Ruth Longmuir, Roger Hemming, Martin Christison, Nancy Anderson

Apologies: Christine Anderson, Brennan Bouglas, Catriona Davidson, Rachel Elliot, Pam Hunter, Rachael Fraser, Vicki Moyes, Lauren Smith, Holly MacKay, Cara Griffiths, Allan McGee, Hamish Robertson, Catherine MacDonald, Cheryl Brydon, Kieran Riddell, Patricia Rueda, Jono Ellis, Nick Anderson, Robert Sinclair, Lorraine Sinclair, Lauren Farquharson, Rob Hemming

- 2 The minutes from the AGM on 19 Nov 2012 were approved.

- 3 Chair's report



Chair's report 2013

In addition to the attached, the Chair extended his special thanks to Roger Hemming, Nancy Anderson, Ron Sutherland and Geraldine Bouglas for their contributions to BEG in the last year. Thanks were also extended to Sir Michael Strang-Steel for the support he has shown BEG in his first year as Patron.

- 4 Secretary's report



Secretary's report
2013

- 5 Treasurer's report



Treasurer's report
2013

The Treasurer extended his thanks to Kenneth Ovens for his assistance with the BEG accounts throughout the year

It was agreed that the membership rates for 2014 would remain the same (£10)

Ron confirmed that the Chile bank account had been frozen as the authorised signatory had moved house but had not informed the bank

Action: Ron to pursue this with the Bank of Scotland

- 6 Election / reappointment of committee

The Office Bearers were agreed as:

Chair – Jim McPherson (for a further one year), approved by Sir Michael Strang-Steel and Ron

Vice-chair – David Hunter, approved by Nancy and Ruth

Treasurer – Ron Sutherland, approved by Nancy and David

Secretary – Ruth Longmuir, approved by David and Nancy

Ordinary Committee Members were agreed as: Nancy Anderson, Geraldine Bouglas,

Rachel Elliot, Pam Hunter, Ross Purves, Lorraine Sinclair, Robert Sinclair

The Chair thanked the committee members who had indicated that they were stepping down (mainly due to work commitments): Christine Anderson, Brennan Bouglas, Martin Christison, Catriona Davidson

The first meeting of the committee was arranged for 2 Dec 2013. This is to be an informal meeting at David's house to discuss and agree the aims of the committee in the coming year

It was agreed that the next AGM would be held on 17 November 2014

7 BEG Patron – Sir Michael Strang-Steel

Sir Michael told the AGM that his first impressions of BEG were immensely favourable; the group presented as dynamic and extremely professional. He spoke about the importance of leadership and was impressed with the commitment shown by the committee members.

Sir Michael spoke about a meeting he had with the Prince of Wales re a new initiative involving youngsters and he felt that BEG were ahead of the game. He also commented on the preparation that was well under way for the Malawi expedition and how he looked forward to hearing about the expedition.

Sir Michael reminded the committee that Philiphaugh Estate may be available for use as a base for BEG training weekends; he then presented the Treasurer with a cheque for £100. This will be paid into the main BEG fund.

8 Presentation

Jean Robertson, SBC Funding Officer delivered a very interesting presentation about support that is available to groups applying for project/grant funding. Up to £2000 may be made available to groups who help 'people have a better chance in life'. Jean felt that this fitted with the BEG philosophy. Jean told the AGM that the main reason for applications being rejected is the poor quality of the applications; she went on to say that she can provide a ten step planning process to assist with this task. Jean suggested that, for example, a BEG membership drive could be seen as a mini project that might be eligible.

Refreshments (and home baking from Ruth) were available and those present had an opportunity to mingle and have a general chat about BEG

2014 committee: Jim McPherson (Chair); David Hunter (Vice Chair); Ron Sutherland (Treasurer); Ruth Longmuir (Secretary); Nancy Anderson; Geraldine Bouglas; Rachel Elliot; Pam Hunter; Ross Purves, Lorraine Sinclair, Robert Sinclair