

Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 13 April 2016
Time: 7:30pm
Place: Peebles Community Centre

Item	Responsible person
<p>1 Welcome and Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: Ron Sutherland, Pat Sutherland, David Hunter, Ruth Longmuir, Ross Purves, Rosie Stewart, Nancy Anderson • Apologies: Jim McPherson, Christine Anderson, Pam Hunter, Geraldine Bouglas 	
<p>2 Minute of the previous meeting (February 2016)</p> <p>One correction: one doctor and one nurse have been recruited for the Brazil expedition, not two doctors as stated in the minute. These were then approved by Nancy and seconded by Ron.</p>	
<p>3 Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ross has sent an email about the Cheviot walk on 14 May. It might be a good chance for Brazil participants to get to know the committee. It is hoped an expedition representative will join the committee. Ross to organise dates for the rest of the programme and circulate to members. • Nancy intimated willing to join the committee at the last meeting. This was proposed by Rosie and seconded by David. • Location of committee meetings. Ruth confirmed that three meetings are to be in Peebles, one at West Morriston and the rest at the Argus Centre (which was unable to accommodate all the dates that were chosen). 	Ross
<p>4 Chair's business</p> <p>Vice Chair. Ruth agreed to become Vice Chair and give up Secretary at the AGM. Rosie is willing to become Chair at the AGM and give up Treasurer. It was emphasised that an effort needs to be made to increase the committee and recruit new people. Hopefully some Brazil leaders will be keen.</p>	
<p>5 Treasurer's business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income is £678. Expenditure is £950 but £450 of that is depreciation. Therefore there is a deficit of £272 but this is not a problem as money is still to come in from Brazil membership. BEG currently has £6,082 cash. • There is £1,195 in the Brazil account. • The Chile account can't be closed because Gordon is a signatory and he needs to sign to close the account. Ron will speak to Gordon's mother and try to get an address for him. • It was noted that although we have quite a lot of cash there is no point in moving it to another account as nowhere is paying much interest at the moment. • There was a discussion about members and who is on the group email lists. 	Ron
<p>6 Secretary's business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No business. 	
<p>7 Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 June is a walk at Abbotsford, the day at the beach is on 14 August with a sharing picnic, the Cobbler walk will be in September and the 	

	Ocean Film Festival on 14 September.	
8	<p>Expeditions</p> <p>Brazil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venturer selection. There were 34 applicants and 26 have been chosen - 6 boys and 20 girls. Good balance of those who will be confident and those who are quieter and will really benefit from the experience. One girl came on crutches and Ron spent a lot of time with her. She wasn't selected because she had the opportunity to ask questions and to participate in tasks even if she couldn't physically and she didn't take those opportunities. Four venturers (or their parents) have asked for feedback. • Two information evenings have been organised for the venturers to get to know each other, learn about equipment and fundraising and with a parents Q&A session at the end. The Selkirk clean-up will be the first training day (19 June). • There is a leader weekend this weekend at Kincaig. • Nancy and David asked whether they should be seeking a second doctor (a doctor and nurse have already been selected). The committee felt strongly that a second doctor was needed. They also asked whether to consult Public Health for advice regarding Brazil as a destination, particularly in light of Zika virus concerns. It was decided that consulting Public Health should be a feature of all expeditions. 	
9	<p>Best Practice Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expedition Planning Document. A few changes were made and then the document was adopted - proposed by David, seconded by Ron. • Best Practice Guidelines. Ruth distributed copies of all that she could find that the organisation already has. It seems that there should be more policies and everyone agreed to check what they have and send them to Ruth. David will speak to Youth Borders about what BEG should/needs to have in place. Everyone to look over the documents and bring comments to the next meeting. 	All David All
10	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YET. Everyone under 25 who went on an expedition in the last 2 years can get free individual membership for a year and a 10% discount at a number of shops. BEG is again a paid member of YET as an organisation. • RSGS. We can't get group membership but Ron is joining as an individual. They also give out small grants and the Churchill Award. 	
11	<p>Dates and Venues of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meetings will be held at 7.30pm <p>Thursday 19th May, Peebles Community Centre Monday 27th June, Argus Centre, Selkirk Wednesday, 24th August, West Morriston Thursday 6th October, Peebles Community Centre</p> <p>2016 AGM Tuesday 15th November (venue TBC – the Mission Hall in Galashiels was suggested)</p>	

Future agenda items: