

Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 24 August 2016
Time: 7:30pm
Place: Peebles Community Centre

Item	Responsible person
1 Welcome and Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: David Hunter, Ruth Longmuir, Rosie Stewart, Ross Purves, Pam Hunter, Geraldine Bouglas • Apologies: Ron Sutherland, Jim McPherson, Christine Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Jono Ellis, Eilidh Walker 	
2 Minute of the previous meeting (June 2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minute of the last meeting was approved. 	
3 Matters arising from previous minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron has now obtained an address for Gordon and the forms for closing the Chile account have been sent to him to sign. • Mailing lists. Jono has suggested using Mailchimp for new mailing lists and a Facebook group for the committee. Ruth will ask Jono to set up all the Mailchimp mailing lists including one for the committee as members were uncomfortable with using Facebook. • Tower Trophy. This has been taken on by the Brazil group and David is to meet with Andrew Grant, his daughter and some of the Brazil training team. • Child Protection Officer. Nancy has agreed to take this on and will progress the Brazil PVGs asap. 	<p>Ruth Jono</p> <p>Nancy</p>
4 Chair's business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No business. 	
5 Treasurer's business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosie intimated that there has been very little change since last meeting. BEG is currently making a loss of £224 and has a balance of £6,129. 	
6 Premises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountain Rescue premises at the Argus Centre. Rosie to contact Pete Matthews who had been in contact with Pam and arrange to go and see the building, perhaps with Jim. There was concern about the cost of running the place with an annual fuel bill of £1.2-1.4k. • David will ask Michael Strang Steel about premises on his land. Ross will investigate the cost of a suitable shipping container. 	<p>Rosie</p> <p>David Ross</p>
7 Expedition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The expedition leader team has decided to change the destination from Brazil to the Bolivian highlands due to health concerns about Zika virus. • Nancy has had to drop out as chief leader and Alasdair (doctor) and Doreen (nurse) have had to pull out as well, due to personal circumstances. • The venturers and parents were told about these changes at a meeting last Thursday. One venturer has dropped out but attributed this to needing to devote more time to studies. • The expedition now needs two doctors and possibly a couple of leaders too. David was advised against rushing into finding replacement leaders without carefully considering their fit in the team. Any new additions to the team will be selected at a training weekend. Alastair and Doreen are keen to provide a handover to their replacements. • The first training weekend is at Cappercleuch next week. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David was praised for keeping the whole thing together and pressing on. He attributed this to a really strong leader team. • Nancy has joined the training team which also includes Rosie and Louise (a friend of Nancy's whose daughter went to the Pyrenees). It was felt strongly that another BEG member should be on the training team. Ron has said he is happy to be involved and David will ask him if he will officially be on the Training Team. 	David
8	<p>Best Practice Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints Policy. All changes to be sent to Ruth in a week's time. Ruth to make changes and send to the committee for approval by email. • David has not yet actioned the document retention actions so these are carried forward to next time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>David will speak to Youth Borders for advice on retention periods and what the requirements are</i> 	Rosie David
9	<p>Any Other Competent Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Beach day went well. Five people attended and went for a walk and/or kayaked. It was noted that a flag would have been useful for identifying the group on the beach. Rosie to source one. • The Cobbler Walk. Three people are signed up to go and there is still available accommodation. • Ocean Film Festival. There are still tickets available from Ross. • Market stalls in Hawick. Roger Hemming has received a letter from Andrew Farquhar asking if BEG would be interested in a possible new venture in Hawick town centre. Ruth to reply and say that BEG is interested in taking a market stall on an irregular basis – this could be good for recruitment, fundraising and publicity. 	Rosie Ruth
10	<p>Dates and Venues of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meetings will be held at 7.30pm <p>Thursday 6 October, Peebles Community Centre</p> <p>2016 AGM Tuesday 15 November (venue TBC – probably the Mission Hall in Galashiels)</p>	

Future agenda items: