

## Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday 4 March 2015

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Place:** Argus Centre, Selkirk

Item	Responsible person
<p><b>1 Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Present:</b> David Hunter, Ron Sutherland, Ruth Longmuir, Christine Anderson, Julie Smith, Rosie Stewart, Ross Purves, Geraldine Bouglas</li> <li>• <b>Apologies:</b> Jim McPherson, Pam Hunter, Nancy Anderson, Jono Ellis, Bronwen Irving, Roger Hemming</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2 Minute of the previous meeting (January 2015)</b> Approved by Ron and seconded by Julie.</p>	
<p><b>3 Matters arising from previous minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review of the constitution</b> Rosie has emailed Jim. <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>A revised constitution to be drafted using the OSCR template</i></li> <li>• <b>Membership.</b> Ron still to contact Rachel. We have 27 members currently which is not very many.</li> <li>• <b>Closing of the Cuba account.</b> Ruth has now been to the Hawick branch and thinks she is making progress.</li> <li>• <b>Date of Tower Trophy.</b> It is not possible to change this date even although it is the same weekend as Hawick Common Riding (7 June).</li> <li>• <b>Website.</b> Jono and Graham Anderson are working together on updating it. The website will still be in Word Press and can be updated by anyone with a login. Jono has also been working on Facebook and has developed a new page for BEG that anyone can "like". The BEG veterans group still exists.</li> <li>• <b>PVG.</b> Julie has agreed to be the named contact person and David thanked her for the progress she has made. The Self Declaration Forms went to the training day for Austria but it is not clear whether they were completed.</li> <li>• <b>Events.</b> There are activities allocated to months and people appointed to organise the events. The new events group has not met yet but will before the next meeting. Julie and Ross to work on a programme.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting dates.</b> Julie will investigate whether Rowlands could be used for AGM. Cross Keys was approved as a venue for the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Jim, Rosie (and Allan)</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Julie, Ross</p> <p>Julie</p>
<p><b>4 Chair's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No business.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5 Treasurer's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosie circulated the treasurer's report.</li> <li>• <b>2011 accounts.</b> Rosie has reconstructed the accounts and they have been cleared by the accountant, Kenneth.</li> <li>• David and Rosie have completed the forms to be added as signatories to the account. The Malawi account has been emptied and it's changed name to Expedition Account. It is now over to the bank to process the forms. Rosie and Jim are signatories on the Expedition Account currently. There may be some overlap between two</li> </ul>	

	<p>expeditions but that is ok, so long as separate records are kept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosie was congratulated on getting the accounts sorted out.</li> </ul> <p><b>Membership.</b> Ron will send the membership form out again to remind people to renew their membership. Ron to include bank details with the form. There was discussion about how easy it would be to get people to still send the paper membership form. It was agreed that there needs to be an easier way to pay membership to encourage people to do it. Rosie will investigate PayPal as an option for paying, David will check with Jono and Graham about how to put it into the website.</p>	<p>Ron</p> <p>Rosie, David</p>
6	<p><b>Secretary's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No business.</li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The subgroup has not yet met. <u>Action:</u> <i>By next meeting to have a programme of events and put dates onto website/Facebook</i></li> <li><b>Tower Trophy.</b> Geraldine reported that planning is going well, a recy has taken place, activities decided, three or four teams already interested. Six people in a team, £60 joining fee, minimum £40 sponsorship. Limited to 12 teams. Volunteers will be needed. <u>Action:</u> <i>Anyone with a team should email Geraldine</i></li> </ul>	<p>Julie, Ross</p> <p>All</p>
8	<p><b>Expeditions</b></p> <p><b>Austria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Selection has taken place.</b> Four leaders were selected on the Saturday and nine venturers on the Sunday. One venturer was not able to be selected due to being under 16. This was missed at the application stage. It was decided that the Chief Leader and Training Team should see the leader application forms and that the whole leader team should see the venturer applications. Ron and Pat were unable to attend the original selection and were selected at the first training day.</li> <li>Some clarity is needed on whether people can be selected without attending selection as this has caused some problems in the process of selection for Austria. Rules should be same for European and International Expeditions. Currently there are rules for venturers but not for leaders.</li> <li>The first full <b>Training Weekend</b> will be 20-22 March. Volunteers are needed and an email has been sent out. It will be at Broadmeadows, walking to Yair Bridge and setting up full base camp, then returning on the Sunday with full kit.</li> </ul> <p><b>Brazil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>David and Nancy were interviewed by Geraldine and Ruth and were appointed Chief Leaders.</li> <li>The application forms are now on the website.</li> <li>17-19 April – <b>leader selection</b> at West Morriston, camping outside both nights. Application forms are to be in by 3 April. There will be information evenings on 17 March in Selkirk and 19 March in Peebles. David will send posters tonight or tomorrow and asked people to print them and put them up across the Borders. David is looking for names of people who are available to help for the whole weekend, no coming and going.</li> <li>31 May – <b>venturer selection</b> (this will also be a full leader weekend).</li> </ul>	

