

## Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 20 January 2015

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Place:** Midlem Village Hall

Item	Responsible person
<p><b>1 Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Present:</b> David Hunter, Ron Sutherland, Ruth Longmuir, Christine Anderson, Bronwen Irving, Julie Smith, Rosie Stewart</li> <li>• <b>Apologies:</b> Jim McPherson, Ross Purves, Geraldine Bouglas, Pam Hunter, Nancy Anderson, Roger Hemming</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2 Minute of the previous meeting (September 2014)</b> Approved by Ron and seconded by Christine.</p> <p><b>Minute of the AGM (November 2014)</b> Approved by David and seconded by Rosie.</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 agreed to help with this task. <u>Action carried forward:</u> A revised constitution to be drafted using the OSCR template</li> <li>• <b>Membership.</b> Ron will pick up membership cards etc from Rachel and order more if necessary.</li> <li>• <b>Car port.</b> Jim has sourced a car port to replace the one that was damaged. Therefore, no insurance claim is needed.</li> <li>• <b>Tents.</b> Nancy and Pam were to buy new tents, not known whether this was done. It was suggested that the big four man tents with porches are the best. The three man tents are only comfortable for two and the two mans for one person. Ruth to email Nancy.</li> <li>• <b>Closing of the Chile account.</b> Ron has passed this over to Rosie who has it in hand.</li> <li>• Ruth reported that the bank's investigation into what happened to the balance of the <b>Cuba account</b> is still ongoing. She will update Rosie.</li> <li>• Nancy and Pam <b>tidied the stores</b> and it was noted that they were much improved. Thanks to them both for their work.</li> <li>• <b>Date of Tower Trophy.</b> This is to be held on Sunday 7 June which clashes with Hawick Common Riding. It was pointed out that this might limit the number of helpers and teams from Hawick and those who have manned the Moor gates the day before may not be willing to attend another BEG event the next day. Ruth to feedback to Nancy.</li> <li>• The idea was raised of revisiting <b>previous expedition destinations</b> and it was suggested that previous venturers might return as leaders. Something to think about this year.</li> <li>• <b>Website.</b> It was suggested that the website needs to be more attention grabbing as it may be the first thing people look at when they hear of BEG. David will meet with Jono. It was suggested that an advert could be posted on Facebook for an ex-venturer to help redesign the website. Graham Anderson was suggested as he works as a graphic designer, has been involved with BEG before and has experience designing websites. Christine to ask Graham to quote for redesigning the website.</li> </ul>	<p>Jim, Rosie (and Allan)</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Nancy/Pam</p> <p>Ruth</p> <p>Rosie</p> <p>Ruth</p> <p>David</p> <p>Christine</p>

4	<p><b>Committee Roles for 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PVG – It was suggested that this be the role of a training team member for each expedition. The whole process should be done at once, as early as possible after leaders are selected. Julie will speak to her contact at Youth Borders to see if we need a named committee member or whether a different person from each training team can do it.</li> </ul> <p>Newsletter – Pam  Membership – Ron  Social/Events – Julie to lead a small group  Systems (revamping forms and processes, developing feedback channels etc.) – Geraldine to lead a small group  Training Team for Austria – Christine and Ross  Accommodation – Bronwen to lead a small group  IT and website – Jono</p> <p>Secretary – Ruth  Treasurer – Rosie  Vice Chair – Geraldine  Chair – David</p>	Julie
5	<p><b>Chair's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No business.</li> </ul>	
6	<p><b>Treasurer's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosie issued a very comprehensive treasurer's report and explained it.</li> <li>• She is still in the process of being added to the account as a signatory.</li> <li>• Total in the account: £5938.</li> <li>• The surplus money from the Malawi expedition that was to be sent back to Malawi to buy a water pump will instead be sent to aid those affected by the recent flooding there. To be sent through the charity, LUV. Rosie will send an email to the BEG members list with details of how to donate.</li> <li>• Given the problems with closing accounts, it was decided that there should be an expedition account that only needs the signatories changed.</li> <li>• OSCR is still refusing to accept the accounts because there are none for 2011. Rosie is going to try to reconstruct them from the account statements.</li> </ul>	Rosie
7	<p><b>Secretary's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No business.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>BEG Stores</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No business. To be discussed by the accommodation group who will report back.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Winter Weekend is on 27/28 February, 2 places remain, cost not yet decided. To be advertised again on Facebook.</li> <li>• It was felt that Ross should remain on the events group, to carry ideas over to the new group. Would be good to get a venturer or two involved as well.</li> <li>• There are also some walks organised. David will send a list of upcoming events to Julie. Ruth to send Ross's contact details.</li> </ul>	Ruth  David Ruth

10	<p><b>Expeditions</b></p> <p><b>Austria</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim has asked whether we should review the ruling that if someone drops out of an expedition they cannot be replaced after the first training weekend. The committee felt strongly that this rule should stand. It is harder for people to integrate in the same way when they join an expedition late. It was decided that at selection, if in doubt, an extra couple of people should be selected to allow for possible drop outs. After discussion, the training team and chief leader make the decision (not the other leaders). The chief leader has the final say.</li> <li>• Eight leaders have applied and been invited to selection on the weekend of Saturday 7 February at Lindean. Six (maybe eight) venturers have applied. Selection is on the Sunday of that weekend. The training team are still to meet to finalise the itinerary.</li> </ul> <p><b>Brazil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David and Nancy to meet next week. Ruth and Geraldine to arrange chief leader interviews after that. David is going to visit the Brathay Trust in the Lake District.</li> </ul>	Geraldine/ Ruth
11	<p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam has a newsletter ready to go out and the committee agreed that it should go out now, nothing additional needs included.</li> </ul>	
12	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sub Groups.</b> There will be four meetings during the year of the four office bearers. All sub groups should take informal minutes and circulate them to the whole committee before the next committee meeting. This is the responsibility of the leader of each sub group to organise.</li> <li>• Ron has been asked to give a talk about BEG to the 5<sup>th</sup> years at Hawick High School on 19 March, 10.45-11.30am. It would be good if a couple of venturers and a younger leader went along too. It was suggested the pupils could gather questions in advance, perhaps using the website to find out about BEG. Ron will organise this.</li> </ul>	All sub group leaders
13	<p><b>Dates and Venues of Future Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As decided at the AGM, the meeting dates will vary by day to allow more people to attend. The Argus Centre is not available on Tuesdays. Julie to sound out Rowlands and how much it would cost to meet there.</li> <li>• All meetings are at 7.30pm and are held at the Argus Centre, Selkirk unless otherwise specified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wednesday 4 March</li> <li>○ Thursday 16 April</li> <li>○ Tuesday 26 May – Peebles, venue to be confirmed</li> <li>○ Wednesday 8 July</li> <li>○ Thursday 20 August</li> <li>○ Monday 5 October – Peebles, venue to be confirmed</li> <li>○ Tuesday 17 November (AGM) – venue to be confirmed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Julie

Future agenda items: