

Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 20 August 2015

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Peebles High School

Item	Responsible person
<p>1 Welcome and Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present: David Hunter, Ruth Longmuir, Ross Purves, Jim McPherson, Geraldine Bouglas, Pam Hunter, Ron Sutherland, Rosie Stewart • Apologies: Christine Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Julie Smith, Bronwen Irving. 	
<p>2 Minute of the previous meeting (April 2015) Approved by Rosie and seconded by David.</p>	
<p>3 Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the constitution The plan had been to discuss proposed changes at this meeting however the subcommittee hasn't reached this stage yet. Ruth to look up current constitution to check how changes can be made ie whether at the AGM or an ordinary meeting. Jim and Rosie to bring ideas to the October meeting. • Bronwen has left the committee for personal reasons. Ruth will send a letter to Bronwen thanking her for her time on the committee. • Accommodation group. Hasn't met recently. It seems that Cappercleuch is now no longer an option because no one contacted them. David will speak to Nancy about reviving the group. 	<p>Ruth Jim, Rosie</p> <p>Ruth</p> <p>David</p>
<p>4 Chair's business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David thanked Ross and Julie for organising the day at the beach last Sunday. It was a great day enjoyed by all who attended. • David noted that in the future it would be unwise to plan a committee meeting for July. 	
<p>5 Treasurer's business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosie circulated the accounts and explained them. • The Austria expedition has pretty much broken even but will leave any excess money to Brazil. 	
<p>6 Secretary's business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No business. 	
<p>7 Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have about 47 members. It is now possible to pay membership by bank transfer and the information is on the website. 	
<p>8 Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geraldine is still happy to head this up. She has received information from Jono and from doing the ERG for Austria. • She is currently working on the Austria report but once it is done she will look at protocols. 	
<p>9 Events</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next summer, when there is no expedition, Geraldine suggested island hopping in the Western Isles. The idea would be to publicise locations and dates over a two week period and then people could join in whichever part they wanted. It would be for BEG members but people could become a member in order to go. Geraldine agreed to be the contact person. • Abbotsford, mid-week walk in June – good walk but only 3 attended. • Scafell Pike. Discussion about route. Ron to email Ross a suggested route. Accommodation location depends on the route - either Cockermouth or Keswick. David suggested chalets in Cockermouth which are good value. • Ring of the Loch. Official opening of this new route at St Mary's Loch this Sunday at 12.30pm. Jim to email David something to put on the website. 	Ron
10	<p>Expeditions</p> <p>Austria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It went really well. Jim gave a summary of the expedition. • Jim thanked Geraldine for her work coordinating the report. • David asked about the success of running it as training for young leaders. It had varying success depending on the individual. It was felt that two of the three certainly developed. • They could have done with another TW to get to know each other better as this was still happening at the start of the expedition. Could have been a stronger group if they had established themselves as a team beforehand. The leaders and the venturers remained fairly separate. • Thanks was extended to the training team for all the great work they did. • Feedback forms. Rosie will send them to venturers, leaders and training team. The purpose is to provide feedback to the committee to help inform and shape future expeditions. It's not about evaluating the individuals, it's about informing procedures. David and Rosie to lead this process. <p>Brazil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David asked for clarification that it is ok to select a couple as leaders. It does not appear to be written anywhere that they shouldn't be selected and there are many examples in the past where they have been. • Brazil was postponed because Nancy and David were not willing to take leaders they were not 100% happy with. They are really pleased with the leaders they did select. The committee unanimously supports this decision. • There is a planning meeting on 11 September so more information about selection will be circulated after that. • League of Astonishing Strings concert. It was previously agreed that the money be split between BEG and Brazil. The committee decided to change this and give it all to Brazil as they need the money more than BEG, proposed by Jim, seconded by Ron. It is not yet known how much has been made but likely to be about £500. For future events, David suggested splitting the ticket sales between BEG and Border Events, rather than having them fully with Border Events. 	David/Rosie
9	<p>Expedition Planning Document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be put at top of agenda of next meeting. 	
10	Any Other Competent Business	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website meeting – to be rearranged. • Marshalling at triathlon event on Sunday 20 September at St Mary's Loch, Jim to see if any BEG members are interested in doing this to raise funds. • Jim suggested that an event shelter (made by Coleman) might make a good replacement for the marque. It is a big dome, comes in a variety of sizes and costs about £160 for a basic one, then you can buy additional sections. • Newsletter. To include reports on the Abbotsford walk (Ron), Beach Day (Julie/Ross) and Austria (Jim). 	<p>Jim</p> <p>Ron, Julie/Ross, Jim</p>
11	<p>Dates and Venues of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All meetings are at 7.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monday 5 October – Argus Centre, Selkirk ○ Tuesday 17 November (AGM) – venue to be confirmed 	

Future agenda items: Expedition Planning Document