

Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting

Date: Monday 30 September 2013

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Argus Centre, Selkirk

Minutes

Item	Responsible person
<p>1 Welcome and Introductions Present: Jim McPherson; David Hunter; Ron Sutherland; Geraldine Bouglas; Christine Anderson; Nancy Anderson; Pam Hunter; Ruth Longmuir Apologies: Brennan Bouglas; Catriona Davidson; Rachel Elliot; Also present: Lorraine Sinclair</p>	
<p>2 Minutes from previous meeting (Aug 2013) Approved by Ron Sutherland, seconded by Pam Hunter</p>	
<p>3 Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <p>Review of the constitution - Jim and Alan McGhee have met and discussed the option of adapting the OSCA model constitution for charities. This is much more comprehensive than the current doc and would need a bit of work. Action carried forward: A revised constitution to be drafted using the OSCA template</p> <p>Suitcase/rucksack cover/savers – Nancy has got a leaflet about these. Action carried forward: Discuss the possible purchase of these with the Malawi Team</p> <p>BEG website information needs updating – Ruth and Patricia have had a training session with Jono in Edinburgh and are now able to update the website.</p> <p>Membership card alternatives e.g. wristbands. Action carried forward: Look into cost of wristbands for next meeting</p> <p>Hi-vis vests with the BEG logo. Action carried forward: Batch to be ordered</p> <p>The BEG canoeing day was postponed. Action carried forward: Identify suitable alternative date</p> <p>Toposcope. Action carried forward: Engraver to be asked if the template can be retained in case the original is damaged or needs repair</p> <p>Gift Aid. Action carried forward: Rosie (as Malawi treasurer) to be asked about taking this forward</p> <p>BEG 2014 calendars. Action: Suitable photos from any BEG Expedition to be sent to Ron</p>	<p>Jim (and Alan)</p> <p>Nancy</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Jim</p> <p>Ron via Roger</p> <p>Lorraine</p> <p>All</p>
<p>4 Office Bearers' Updates</p> <p>Chair – Jim shared some information received from Youth Scotland. This included dates of upcoming PVG training and Child Protection training Action: Forward email to all members for information Action: Lorraine to attend the PVG training</p> <p>Jim discussed funding that might be available from the Small Grants Scheme (up to £2000) and asked for any ideas /suggestions. It was agreed that the YET Leader Training might be beneficial to some of the Malawi team. Action: Application to be made</p>	<p>Jim Lorraine</p> <p>Jim</p>

	<p>Treasurer – BEG main account balance is a healthy £4874.81. Action: Accounts to be sent to Kenneth Ovens for auditing prior to the AGM</p> <p>Secretary – nothing to update.</p>	Ron
5	<p>Events Kirsty MacAskill Trophy – The committee was disappointed to hear that only one application for entry was received for this event. It has therefore been cancelled. There was a lengthy discussion about the possible reasons for the poor uptake and it was agreed that a group would be formed to look at refreshing/marketing opportunities for this event in the future Action: Invite to be sent to BEG members and veterans</p> <p>Archery as a possible BEG members event. Action carried forward: Contact Sir Michael (BEG Patron / Philipaugh landowner) re the possibility of accessing</p> <p>Skiing as a possible BEG members event. Action carried forward: This option to be explored further</p> <p>Proposed BEG walks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sat 7 Dec Cheviot > Auchope Cairn • 2 Jan 2014 Ruberslaw (As one of the required annual inspections) • tbc Feb Skiing or walking up north • 1 or 2 March Hawick > Jedburgh • tbc BEG walk in the Pitlochry area <p>Action: Add proposed walks to the membership cards</p>	<p>David / Ruth</p> <p>Jim</p> <p>Ruth</p> <p>Rachel</p>
6	<p>Expeditions Chile 2010 – no update</p> <p>Cuba 2012 update – Cuba treasurer (Tom Ogilvie) has been in touch with Ruth and Christine; no accounts have been produced as yet. Action carried forward: Discussion to be had with Bank of Scotland re closing the Cuba account</p> <p>Malawi 2014 update – Nancy has stepped down from the Malawi training team due to other demands on her time. Nancy was thanked by Jim on behalf of the Malawi Team and the committee for all her help and support to date. Action: A new training team leader to be identified from the remaining members</p> <p>Malawi leader team currently working on plans for Training Weekend 2. The Hall at Town Yetholm has been booked for the Fri and the Hall at Ancrum for the Sunday. Action: Permission to be obtained from landowner at Caverton Mill to have a bonfire on the Sat night</p>	<p>Ron</p> <p>Training team</p> <p>Jim / Stu</p>
7	<p>Any Other Competent Business Newsletter Action carried forward: Roger to be asked for some narrative about the BEG 20th anniversary celebrations - to then be sent to Martin</p> <p>Malawi 2014 Group Fundraisers: Race Night in Volunteer Hall, Galashiels on 12 October Talk by Peter Wright on Scotland's Watershed in Midlem Village Hall on 18 October</p> <p>BEG can have a table at the Selkirk Rotary Bazaar on 7 Dec in return for raffle prized to the value of £10</p>	Ron
	<p>Date of Next Meeting - AGM on Mon 18 Nov 2013; 7:30 at the Argus Centre, Selkirk</p>	

Future agenda items: Discuss/agree what should be added to the website about 'risk'