

## Borders Exploration Group Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday 28 April 2014

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Place:** Argus Centre, Selkirk

Item	Responsible person
<p><b>1 Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Present:</b> Jim McPherson, Ron Sutherland, Geraldine Bouglas, Ross Purves, Bronwen Irvine, Nancy Anderson, Pam Hunter, Rosie Stewart, Ruth Longmuir</li> <li>• <b>Apologies:</b> David Hunter, Rachel Elliot, Lorraine Sinclair</li> </ul>	
<p><b>2</b> • <b>Minutes from previous meeting (January 2014)</b> were approved.</p>	
<p><b>3 Matters arising from previous minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Review of the constitution</b> <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>A revised constitution to be drafted using the OSCR template</i></li> <li>• <b>Wrist bands.</b> No update as Rachel was not able to attend the meeting <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>Rachel will order some</i></li> <li>• <b>Membership cards and small BEG cards.</b> No update <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>Rachel to order more of each</i></li> <li>• <b>High-vis vests.</b> Jim was unable to buy the vests but there were enough for the TW <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>Ross to speak to his contact at Border Embroidery to get a price for half a dozen or a dozen vests</i></li> <li>• <b>Tree thinning/planting.</b> No progress. <u>Actions carried forward:</u> <i>Roger to provide dates for both events</i></li> <li>• <b>Meeting to lay down an expedition planning timetable</b> <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>Date still to be organised and circulated</i></li> </ul>	<p>Jim (and Allan)</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Ross</p> <p>Roger</p> <p>Nancy/Ruth</p>
<p><b>Malawi Doctors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are still no doctors on board for the Malawi expedition this summer. One of the leaders, Louise, is a nurse. Ron had said at the leader meeting yesterday that the committee and parents may not be happy for the expedition to go without a doctor. It was pointed out that the European expeditions don't have a doctor and neither do World Challenge ones. Raleigh International do take a doctor with them.</li> <li>• There was an interested couple (1 doctor, 1 nurse) who said no purely because they wanted to be involved from the start of the planning process. They have been asked to reconsider and will give their answer in 48 hours. One would pay full price and group funds would pay for the other. The expedition has plenty of group funds (£7,500).</li> <li>• There was much discussion about whether the expedition could go without a doctor. The need for a doctor was emphasised and it was recognised that the leader team had been consistently trying to source doctors. There was discussion about distances to local hospitals, the quality of care available in these hospitals, the responsibility this would place on Louise as the only medical professional, the use of a satellite phone to contact a doctor in the UK, how parents might respond, the option of finding a paramedic instead.</li> <li>• There is a parents evening organised for Friday 16 May and Nancy agreed to attend. If no doctor is in place by then as much information</li> </ul>	

	<p>as possible regarding alternative arrangements needs to be presented to parents and them given time to decide if they are happy for the expedition to proceed. An emergency BEG committee meeting was scheduled for Monday 19 May. Cancelling the trip is an option but an absolute last resort.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Action:</u> <i>Rosie to send advertising flier around everyone again</i></li> </ul>	Rosie
4	<p><b>Chair's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No business.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Treasurer's business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance of the BEG account is £5,218.</li> </ul>	
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> <p><b>Kirsty MacAskill</b>  <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>Jim to check with the insurance company as to whether it is limited to over 16 year olds</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronwen is looking for photos from previous Kirsty MacAskill events  <u>Action:</u> <i>Nancy to send hers to Bronwen</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Members Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a meeting of the planning group on Wednesday 7 May. Dates are to be set for the draft programme.</li> <li>• Two walks have taken place recently. It was noted that both of these were really good.</li> </ul>	<p>Jim</p> <p>Nancy</p>
8	<p><b>Expeditions</b></p> <p><b>Cuba 2012</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cuba account is still to be closed.  <u>Action carried forward:</u> <i>Ron to pursue this with the bank</i></li> <li>• Geraldine has spoken to her friend Lesley and passed her email address to Ron. Lesley is happy to help if she can. She suggested that when the bank account is set up those who are signatories should sign a letter there and then regarding closing it.</li> </ul> <p><b>Malawi 2014</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All venturers are up to date with fundraising except for one who only has £1000 and so has a lot to do in 6 weeks. She has 3 events planned. The leaders were advised to be clear with her that if she doesn't come up with the money, she can't go.</li> <li>• There is one more TW, to be at Philiphaugh on the weekend of Selkirk Common Riding.</li> <li>• Itinerary for the expedition is fairly well finalised, transport is organised. They will be in tents at the Community Phase. Mosquito nets are being donated. The leaders have agreed to meet at the stores on a Thursday evening at 6pm to sort out the tents etc.  <u>Action:</u> <i>Leaders to let Jim and Nancy know when this will be so that they can attend too</i>  <u>Action:</u> <i>Past lists of equipment that the advance party had to source to be sent to Rosie</i></li> </ul>	<p>Ron</p> <p>Malawi leaders</p> <p>Jim/Pam</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bronwen has bought a pop up <b>toilet tent</b>. <i>Action: It was agreed that she should buy 3 more and Ron will give her the money</i></li> <li>• <b>Selkirk clean up</b> <i>Action: Jim to check with Catherine/Stuart to see whether anyone has contacted Tom Welsh</i></li> <li>• Packing day on 22 June and maybe a BBQ after.</li> <li>• Stu and possibly Nick may do the life-saving qualification. Bruff can't commit the time.</li> </ul>	Bronwen  Jim
9	<p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam passed around a sheet for people to suggest past participants who are currently abroad and might write something for the newsletter.</li> <li>• <i>Action: Ron will write something about the latest walk to the Grey Mare's Tail</i></li> <li>• <i>Action: Catherine/Rosie to get a venturer to write a TW5 report</i></li> </ul>	Ron Catherine/Rosie
10	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Merida mountain biking event.</b> This had been mentioned as a possible stewarding opportunity for BEG but it was confirmed that the Rotary will be stewarding it this time.</li> <li>• <b>Hawick Moor Gates.</b> About half a dozen people are needed to man the gates on Saturday 7 June. It was suggested this be offered to any Malawi venturers and leaders that still need to raise money.</li> <li>• The committee congratulates <b>Lindsay Anderson</b> and her new husband, Kieran, on their marriage last weekend. A great time was had by those who joined them in their celebrations.</li> <li>• It was agreed to send a card of congratulations to <b>Rachel Elliott and Ally Lyall</b> who will be married this coming Saturday.</li> <li>• <b>West Murrison.</b> Nancy supported the decision made at the previous meeting to press on with looking for alternative stores. BEG now has good contacts at Riddell and Philiphaugh. There may be options at Philiphaugh, even if there was a bit of land that BEG could build on or put something like a shipping container on. Nancy suggested applying to the Wooden Spoon rugby fundraisers who often specifically give money for buildings and have an emphasis on young people.</li> </ul>	Malawi leaders
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 2 June 2014, 7.30pm at the Argus Centre, Selkirk Jim will not be present – David to be asked to chair</p> <p><b>Future Meeting Dates (all Mondays)</b> 18 August, 29 September, 17 November (AGM)</p>	Jim

Future agenda items: