

Oxford University Walking Club

MINUTES OF THE TERMLY GENERAL MEETING OF HILARY TERM 2009

Held in G&D's Café, St. Aldates, on 11th March 2009 (8th week).

Meeting declared open at 19:48 – there were 10 OUWC members in attendance. Jakub arrived at 20:11 just after the election of the Senior Member, making it 11.

1. Apologies for Absence

Nicolas Delerue, Christopher Thomas (he would definitely have been here if Ryanair had introduced cheap flights from the US....)

Present: Jaya John, Jamie Banks, Laura Bernstone, Helen Jenks, Dave Keiller, Matthew Thomas, Kanishka, Bhattacharya, Imogen Wade, Rachel Wood, Cristina Fernandez, Jakub Scaber.

2. Reading of previous minutes

Dave read them.

3. Objections to the previous minutes

Christopher says it's an interesting question whether there can be objections to the minutes of the previous TGM, or matters arising, because the MT08 TGM wasn't quorate and so it technically didn't happen....!

There was a minor error in the President's report: where it says 'local walks wereplanned' it should say 'local walks were planned'.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Trip & Safety report – the club documents that were mentioned as needing updating, were indeed updated and send to the relevant people by David Keiller.

The stores inventory was completed successfully by Jaya John.

5. Officers' Reports

President – Dave Keiller

It has been a good term, we had two weekend trips so far and there's one still to come this weekend to the Galloway Hills. Two minibus day trips happened (one was unfortunately cancelled due to the snow). The re-registration with the Proctors was completed successfully by Laura. The Annual Dinner was last weekend on 7th March, 11 people attended and it went well. We generally had one local walk per weekend this term, with usually 5-10 people turning up per walk.

We have been asked by the Proctors to amend our constitution to fit in with their rule changes, so there's a motion at this TGM to do that.

Dave thanks the committee for their work this term.

Secretary – Laura Bernstone

This term we have changed the way we book our minibuses, rather than direct with Hotson's we now email Jamie Brooks at the Sports Fed. This system has worked well so far and it seems to be more straightforward and reliable. We have had 3 new club drivers, and the club drivers list that we hold should now be fully updated and consistent with the list held by the Sports Fed.

Treasurer – Jamie Banks

Most trips have broken even this term. There are still payments to go in and out for the Galloway Hills weekend trip this coming weekend. A full accounts summary is attached to the end of the minutes.

Trip and Safety Coordinator – Jaya John John

There have been two weekend trips so far this term, to the Lakes and Snowdonia, and the Galloway Hills trip is still to come. There were two successful minibus day trips, and one to the Forest of Dean which had to be cancelled due to the snow which led to unsafe driving conditions.

Jaya John has focused on increasing the number of leaders and training this term, as we have been running low on active leaders (in MT09 we had 4 level 4 leaders, in HT09 we only had 3). He has tried to encourage level 1 leaders to lead on level 1 terrain trips such as the New Forest, as well as encouraging any potentially interested people who have been on trips. He held a training information evening to inform about the different routes to becoming a club leader, and about the available courses. He also ran a navigation and route planning evening, 3 people came to this. Two people this term have been recognised as level 2 leaders through committee approval.

There is a first aid course at the end of term, 6 OUWC members are signed up and one person will do a first aid course at a later date, he's booked on a separate course. Subsidies have been increased for ML and WGL, on a trial basis. But we hope to keep these increased subsidies up and possibly expand it in the future. Committee have agreed to add a small extra cost to trips, in order to create money for leader subsidies.

Several people are planning to take the ML course in Easter (2) or Summer (4) as well as 2 other possible people at a later date – Jaya John presented the best options after researching the different available courses. We therefore expect several new leaders to come through soon, so overall it's quite encouraging!

Membership Secretary – Helen Jenks

We had 138 members at the last TGM in MT08, and we have 167 now, so there were 29 new members this term.

Alumni Secretary – Nicolas Delerue

No report sent.

Archivist - Cristina Fernandez

Sixteen walks were planned this term but some had to be cancelled due to a lack of leaders, so for next term we're planning one per weekend to avoid these cancellations. This will mean it's easier for us to advertise the walks as definitely going ahead.

Quartermaster – Matt Thomas

Matt bought some new waterproofs which have come in useful as we've had trips running on the same weekend where lots of waterproofs were needed. Dave is buying several new map cases soon to replace those that are worn out. Matt also bought maps to replace those that are out of date or missing. The technical inspection with Neil Champion went fine, all of our equipment passed, and he sent his report today.

Social Rep – vacant

Webmaster – Christopher Thomas

Christopher has basically just been keeping the website up to date and has also done a bit of tidying up – we all agree that it now looks a lot better and is easier to navigate. Laura and Christopher had an interesting time dealing with OUCS, attempting to register him for OUCS access through a green form, but they eventually succeeded (although this won't be possible from MT09 due to a change in policy!).

Please upload photos to the website or send Christopher links to photos of club events. Also, please send any comments and note anything that is wrong, out of date or any links that are broken.

6. Specific important business

- i) Motion to amend the OUWC Trip Leader Safety Document concerning the requirement for First Aid for leaders, to recognise an additional provider of First Aid courses.
Proposed: Jaya John John, Seconded: Laura Bernstone, Dave Keiller

The motion was passed unanimously.

- ii) Motion to amend the OUWC Constitution to comply with the changes to the Proctors' and Assessors' Memorandum.

Proposed: Dave Keiller, Seconded: Laura Bernstone, Jaya John John

NB this motion will require ratifying at a subsequent TGM before the changes can be made.

These are minor changes to bring our constitution in line with the new Proctor's rules which have recently changed.

The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Elections to Committee

Senior Member

When asked if he would like to continue as the club's Senior Member, Kevin said,

Kevin Hilliard: 10

RON: 0

Kevin Hilliard is unanimously elected Senior Member.

President

Jamie Banks stood from the floor.

Jamie: 11

RON: 0

Jamie Banks is unanimously elected President

Secretary

Rachel Wood stood from the floor.

Rachel: 11

RON: 0

Rachel Wood is unanimously elected Secretary.

Treasurer

Dave Keiller stands from the floor.

Dave: 11

RON: 0

Dave Keiller is unanimously elected Treasurer.

Trip and Safety Coordinator

Nobody stood.

Alumni Secretary

Nobody stood.

Archivist

Imogen Wade stood from the floor

Imogen: 11

Ron: 0

Imogen Wade is unanimously elected Archivist.

Membership Secretary

Helen Jenks stood from the floor.

Helen: 11

RON: 0

Helen Jenks is unanimously elected Membership Secretary

Quartermaster

Matthew Thomas: 11

RON: 0

Matthew Thomas is unanimously elected Quartermaster

Social Representative

Kanishka Bhattacharya stood from the floor.

Kanishka: 11

RON: 0

Kanishka Bhattacharya is unanimously elected Social Representative.

Webmaster

Christopher Thomas: 11

RON: 0

Christopher Thomas is unanimously elected Webmaster

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Transfer of Power

Meeting closed: 20:25

HT09 TGM accounts

BALANCE AT MT08 TGM

£1,843.15

<u>Category</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Notes and comments</u>
Items outstanding	3 Forest of Dean cash refunds unclaimed (£21)			£0.00 £0.00	2 unclaimed, I1 requested to be kept in the accounts by Piotr Lukasik, for next term
	Category TOTAL			£0.00	
Membership	Memberships x24	£408.00		£408.00	
	BMC payments x28		£189.00	- £189.00	6.75 each
	Category TOTAL			£219.00	
Weekend Trips	Snowdonia	£507.00	£506.76	£0.24	Final balance
	Lake District	£457.50	£461.00	-£3.50	Final Balance
	Galloway Hills	£0.00	£275.00	- £275.00	Trip still to come
	Category TOTAL			- £278.26	
Minibus Day Trips	New Forest	£135.00	£111.12	£23.88	Final Balance
	Forest of Dean	£27.00	£0.00	£27.00	Trip cancelled- unclaimed cash refunds
	Sussex Coast	£126.00	£117.35	£8.65	Final balance
	Category TOTAL			£59.53	
Local Walk Subs				£0.00	
	Category TOTAL			£0.00	
Socials	Ceilidh MT08	£138.00	£20.50	£117.50	
	Annual dinner HT09 (x10)	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00	
	Category TOTAL			£117.50	

Equipment	waterproofs			£159.92	-	
	Category TOTAL			£159.92	-	
Advertising	Category TOTAL			£0.00	£0.00	
Administration & miscellaneous	free tea supplies			£15.24	-£15.24	
	leader subsidy (Jakub Scaber)			£40.00	-£40.00	
	leader subsidy (Helen Jenks)			£40.00	-£40.00	
	2 Lakes MT08 refunds grants			£88.00	-£88.00	
	Termcard printing			£190.00	£190.00	
	Category TOTAL			£0.00	-	
				£373.24	-	
Training Courses	First Aid course	£15.00		£150.00	£135.00	
				£0.00	£0.00	
				£0.00	£0.00	
				£0.00	£0.00	
	Category TOTAL			£135.00	-	
				£550.39	-	

BALANCE AT HT09 TGM

£1,292.76

11/03/2009

Jamie Banks, OU Walking Club Treasurer HT2009

OUWC Accounts: Weekend Trips, HT09

Snowdonia HT09	
Monies In	
Number of payments	17
number of refunds	4
Payments	13.00
Total In	507.00
Monies Out	
Accommodation deposit	50.00
Accommodation balance	95.65
Minibus hire	156.00
Minibus fuel	33.01
Minibus fuel	54.22
Food	77.01
Wood	3.69
Coal	7.28
Bus to Hotsons	4.00
taxi from Hotsons	11.90
Insurance	14.00
Total Out	506.76
Total	0.24

Lakes HT09	
Monies In	
Number of payments	13
Number of refunds	2
Net Payments	11.00
plus 1 payment from Andrew Tyrrell	17.50
Total In	457.50
Monies Out	
Accommodation deposit	20.00
Accommodation balance	110.00
Minibus hire	156.00
electricity costs	3.00
Minibus fuel	55.39
Minibus fuel	49.31
Food	67.30
Taxi from Hotsons	6.80
Insurance	14.00
Total Out	461.00
Total	-3.50

Galloway Hills HT09	
Monies In	
Number of payments	2
Number of refunds	2
Net Payments	0.00

Total In	0.00
Monies Out	
minibus hire	232.00
Accommodation deposit	15.00
Accommodation balance	141.00
Insurance	28.00
Total Out	275.00
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