

Oxford University Walking Club

MINUTES OF THE TERMLY GENERAL MEETING OF MICHAELMAS TERM 2008

Held in the Physics Department, on Tuesday 2nd December (8th week).
Meeting declared open at 20:17 - 7 OUWC members in attendance.

Note we subsequently realised 3 days later that this TGM meeting was not quorate due to only have 7 OUWC members present rather than the required 8.

1. Apologies for Absence

Nicolas Delarue, Sveta Grytsenko, Christopher Thomas, Quentin Croft, Barney Stratford.

Present: Jaya John, Jamie Banks, Laura Bernstone, Helen Jenks, Dave Keiller, Michelle Barton, Matthew Thomas.

2. Reading of previous minutes

Michelle read them.

3. Objections to the previous minutes

Christopher notes that the previous minutes said 11 OUWC members in attendance, but only 10 were named. He also says that he could object to the minibus speed limit "matter arising", but he won't... In proposing a vote of thanks, he didn't say "Except to Jonathan who did no work". He thinks Jon commented that he hadn't done anything.

The minutes say the meeting was held in March, it wasn't!

Membership report is from HT08 not TT08. Laura says she did send an updated membership report to Melissa, but it wasn't added to the minutes.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

We have now affiliated to the BMC, and paid for our remaining course members and new members from this term.

We try to remember what the damaged minibus issue was from last term's 'Matter's Arising' - Jaya John says it was a scratch on the side of the bus, Hotson's haven't brought it up with the club so within the 30 day period since the bus was returned, so it must be ok.

5. Officers' Reports

President – Michelle Barton

We had 3 weekend trips and a minibus day trip (this had to be changed from BIG trip to a normal trip at the last minute due to lack of a driver). Local walks were planned every weekend, and there were couple that were cancelled and some where nobody turned up.

We changed how we dealt with interested people at fresher's fair slightly; instead of taking names and delivering leaflets to them all, Christopher created a Fresher's email list and Michelle sent out a limited

number of emails to it, to avoid overloading inboxes. As a new club member, Matt said that it was at the right level.

Michelle said being president was fun and thanks the committee for making her term as president good fun!

Secretary – Laura Bernstone

Minibus bookings have been generally ok this term, except that Hotsons have decided that they can't reserve a particular bus or size of bus when bookings are made. This makes things difficult for the club because we plan, cost and charge for our trips in advance based on the number of participants we can take, and it's impossible to turn someone away at the last minute when they have paid and turned up at the meeting point. Laura and Jaya John met with Jamie Brooks who administers the minibus scheme at the Sports Fed, and agreed that in future it's best to book minibuses through him, so that he can coordinate with Hotsons to ensure that we get a bus with enough seats/luggage space for 13 people. If Hotsons don't have any available buses he can also liaise with Target on our behalf. Laura has changed the Secretary ToR to reflect the new booking procedure.

There has been some people interested in taking the minibus assessment this term, and one is booked for Thursday 4th December, and three others planning to take it next term. Driver availability this term has been fine except for the BIG trip.

Thanks to the committee for all their work this term!

Treasurer – Quentin Croft

Not present - he will send accounts.

Trip and Safety Coordinator – David Keiller

One person has taken ML since the last TGM; Jaya John is now a level 4 leader. A number of leaders have graduated and left over the summer, so we are down a bit on leaders but seem to be ok for next term. Three weekend and three minibus day trips planned for next term, all have sufficient leaders and all have at least 1 driver.

The rest of the club documents will be updated and sent to the relevant people.

Membership Secretary – Helen Jenks

138 members, 73 from last year, 65 new this term. Membership report will follow.

Alumni Secretary – Nicolas Delerue

He hopes to finish the alumni newsletter next term.

Archivist - Jamie Banks

Jamie has bought two new maps this term - EX170 and OL45. Twelve local walks were planned to go ahead so far this term, 2 were cancelled due to nobody showing up, and 1 was cancelled due to lack of a leader. On Nicolas' walk only Sveta showed up!

Quartermaster – Jaya John

The Inventory will continue after term. He has got a good routine now for before and after trips – he is enjoying it and likes being on committee.

Social Rep – Svitlana Grytsenko

The Ceilidh was fun. She is in the process of planning the annual dinner and has contacted Conference Oxford. It will be Saturday of 6th week.

Webmaster – Christopher Thomas

Nothing particularly exciting has happened with the website this term, he has basically just been keeping it up to date. Our website hosting with Heart Internet was renewed during the Summer Vacation. The website forum has been removed because of lack of use. Please send any comments about this or anything else regarding the website.

Richard Dodsworth told Michelle that he thinks the website is very good and he is impressed that it's kept so up to date.

7. Elections to Committee

Senior Member

When asked if he would like to continue as the club's Senior Member, Kevin said, "As always, I will be delighted and honoured to serve!"

Kevin Hilliard: 7

RON: 0

Kevin Hilliard is unanimously elected Senior Member.

President

David Keiller stands from the floor.

Dave: 7

RON: 0

David Keiller is unanimously elected President

Secretary

Laura thinks she's starting to get the hang of all the secretary duties and is very glad not to have to deal with Hotsons directly anymore!

Laura: 7

RON: 0

Laura Bernstone is unanimously elected Secretary

Treasurer

Jamie can count, and is able to write cheques. He says he will also be accessible.

Jamie: 7

RON: 0

Jamie Banks is unanimously elected Treasurer

Trip and Safety Coordinator

Jaya John stands from the floor.

Jaya John: 7
RON: 0

Jaya John John is unanimously elected Trip and Safety Coordinator.

Alumni Secretary

Nicolas: 7
Ron: 0

Nicolas Delerue is unanimously elected Alumni Secretary

Archivist

Nobody stood.

Membership Secretary

Helen stood from the floor.

Helen Jenks: 7
RON: 0

Helen Jenks is unanimously elected Membership Secretary

Quartermaster

Matthew Thomas stood from the floor.

Matthew: 7
RON: 0

Matthew Thomas is unanimously elected Quartermaster

Social Representative

Nobody stood.

Webmaster

Christopher Thomas: 7
RON: 0

Christopher Thomas is elected Webmaster

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Transfer of Power

Meeting closed: 20:46