

OXFORD UNIVERSITY WALKING CLUB

MINUTES FOR THE TERMLY GENERAL MEETING OF HT 2015

Location	St. Aldates G&D's
Date	11-3-15
Time	Start: 19:30 Finish: 20:30
People Present	Joshua O'Shaughnessy, William Clements, Thomas Hiemstra, Natasha Ng, Nicola Steinke, James Neuhaus, Jaya John John, Thomas Waksman, Christian Weinzetl

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Theo Kwek, Maysa Falah, Ping Shen, Simon Lewis

2. READING OF THE PREVIOUS TGM MINUTES (MT14)

3. OBJECTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

This has been a superb term for the club and it's been great to see more people getting involved in different ways. The first aid course, run by George Fell, was again a success (thank you to Jaya John for organising) and it has given us a number of new Level 1 leaders and provided first aid certificates to several Level 3 assistant leaders – this was our first term with this system in place and we hope it will help to distribute skills and leading responsibility among members. The club has also been joined by a further two ML-trained leaders which is a great help. I look forward to seeing how the changes to leadership progress.

It has been a busy term for trips: our joint trip to Ennerdale in the Lake District with Cambridge (organised by James) couldn't have had better weather or a more stunning location. Some epic walks and ascents, some of which required winter skills, were enjoyed and it would be good to see similar joint trips in the future. The super-sized Snowdonia trip (organised by Helen and Michael) was hugely popular, with the quality of the walking matched only by the epic dinner of fajitas! Walks were enjoyed across southern Snowdonia despite the wind and rain on Sunday curtailing some of them. The hostel was a rather luxurious contrast to the accommodation we've had on previous trips.

The three minibus day trips (organised by Thomas, Christian, William, Nicolas, Ping and Natasha) were enjoyed by a good number of club members. These involved the stunning coastal scenery of the Jurassic Coast, the ancient history of Stonehenge/Salisbury and the impressive Cheddar Gorge, which was perhaps damper than we would have liked!

Local walks have continued to be popular, covering a diverse range of locations, from the Chilterns to Wytham Woods. Thanks go to Theo for organising and to the multitude of walk leaders.

As ever, the club is hugely grateful to the minibus drivers (some of whom endured longer drives than usual due to driver shortages), leaders of all levels and the trip organisers who all put in a lot of time and effort for these trips to happen. It goes without saying that the committee this term have also been vital to the running of the club and everyone has always been willing to do the (often times consuming) tasks necessary for the club to progress. Thank you everyone for your help! It's been immensely rewarding to be president this term and I wish Christian the best of luck for Trinity. With Finals (and the end of my degree) looming near, I'll be standing down from the committee and most club activities for next term so I'd just like to thank the club for the many excellent experiences of hillwalking, scrambling, local walking and social events – and I wish the club all the best for the future.

SECRETARY

Quite a quiet term for the secretary. Unfortunately the stash order for this term registered so little interest it was not possible to place an order, and due to this we will consider not offering stash until next Michaelmas term when many new members join – hopefully interest may be higher at that point. Thanks to everyone on the committee for doing a great job.

TREASURER

	In	Out	Total	Notes
TRIPS				
Lake District HT15	£1,914,00	£1,720,04	£193,96	
Jurassic Coast HT15	£516,00	£493,41	£22,59	
Southern Snowdonia HT15	£3,195,00	£2,872,46	£322,54	
Cheddar Gorge HT15	£444,00	£415,99	£28,01	
Stonehenge HT15	£240,00	£114,40	£125,60	
SOCIALS				
Annual Dinner HT15	£380,00	£414,00	£-34,00	Service charge brought us to a negative total.
MEMBERSHIP				
Membership 14-15 HT15	£700,00	£462,50	£237,50	
Term Membership HT15	£221,00	£26,00	£195,00	
TRAINING				
First Aid HT15	£660,00	£706,24	£-46,24	
Mountain Leader Subsidies HT	£0,00	£65,00	£-65,00	
Other				
Minibus damage	£0,00	£0,00	£0,00	
Miscellaneous HT15	£1,00	£292,07	£-291,07	
Stash HT15	£29,00	£29,00	£0,00	
Vehicle Damage MT14	£0,00	£150,00	£-150,00	
Vehicle Insurance MT14	£0,00	£110,00	£-110,00	
Driving Assessments MT14	£0,00	£200,00	£-200,00	
Grants HT15				
	£0,00	£0,00	£0,00	
Total	£8,300,00	£8,071,11	£228,89	

Account incomes and expenditures are quite balanced. Minibus related costs (Vehicle Damage MT14, Vehicle Insurance MT14, Driving Assessments MT14) from MT14 have been billed and paid in HT15. Minibus related costs for HT15 will be paid in TT15.

TRIP AND SAFETY COORDINATOR

OTHERS

ALUMNI SECRETARY

ARCHIVIST

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Total members:	124	
Undergraduates	22	17.7%
Visiting students	8	6.5%
Graduate students	65	52.4%
Staff	15	12.1%
External members	13	10.5%
Total:	123	99.2%
Female:	55	44.4%
Male:	69	55.6%
Total:	124	100.0%

QUARTERMASTER

SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE

WEBMASTER

All trip details were updated on the website. Online stash form was up in 0th week to make sure we gather more responses, but this term we still had minimal responses and so order was cancelled.

The committee descriptions were updated and we've opted to do something new this term. Each committee member wrote a short blurb about themselves which provided a more personal and interesting touch.

I have created a list of pages and documents that need to be updated on the website and the people responsible for doing that. I have been chasing people up to do that, and a couple of important links, information and documents in use on the website were updated.

Andrew had agreed that he would help with working on the new website as he had a prototype set up. However he has been busy with finishing up his thesis and hence we have not worked on the time to do this – maybe next term. But it was decided we would stick to the same provider even though there are cheaper or more programmable options available, as it is easiest to work on the existing system.

TRAINING OFFICER

We had 4 training activities during Hilary 2015:

1) We ran a 2-day outdoor first aid course 24-25 January. It was attended by 12 members, including 1 leader renewing his first aid and 11 members attending first aid training for the first time. The course made a modest surplus of £17, some of which will be used for posting certificates to members. We had very good feedback from members as usual about George Fell's training.

2) In parallel, we ran a first aid refresher one afternoon. 5 current leaders reviewed the basics of outdoor first aid together. The feedback was that this was a useful reminder so we will repeat this in future years.

3) Jaya John and Josh ran an evening session on map-reading and route planning, 5 February, attended by 3 members.

4) James ran a practical navigation training session outdoors at Shotover, 8 February, attended by 3 members.

Lastly, the club's assistant leaders (who attended the Mountain Skills course) began to lead on trips this term.

6. SPECIFIC IMPORTANT BUSINESS

The possibility of adding the role of welfare officer as a committee position was discussed. The feeling is that this is probably worth doing, as people may encounter situations that they find uncomfortable on trips. We can ask the Sports Fed what their advice would be on this, including whether multiple people could possibly share the role, and whether it is possible to have a "welfare" officer if they're not peer support trained.

7. ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEE

SENIOR MEMBER: Professor Alan Barr elected unanimously by 9 persons present

PRESIDENT: Christian Weinzetl elected unanimously by 8 persons present

SECRETARY: Thomas Waksman elected unanimously by 8 persons present

TREASURER: Nicola Steinke elected unanimously by 8 persons present

TRIP AND SAFETY COORDINATOR: James Neuhaus elected unanimously by 8 persons present

OTHERS

ALUMNI SECRETARY: Simon Lewis elected unanimously by 9 persons present

ARCHIVIST: William Clements elected unanimously by 8 persons present

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Ping Shen elected unanimously by 9 persons present

QUARTERMASTER: Thomas Hiemstra and Theo Kwek elected unanimously by 9 persons present

SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE: Maysa Falah elected unanimously by 9 persons present

WEBMASTER: Natasha Ng elected unanimously by 8 persons present

TRAINING OFFICER: Jaya John John elected unanimously by 8 persons present

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