

Oxford University Walking Club

MINUTES OF THE TERMLY GENERAL MEETING OF TRINITY TERM 2008

Held in the Fraenkel Room, Corpus Christi College on Wednesday 5th March (8th week).

Meeting declared open at 19:36.

11 OUWC members in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

David Keiller is having exams

Evelyn Davies is still in Aylesbury

Chloe and Sara are at some dinner at Mansfield.

Present: Nicolas, Melissa, Christopher, Jaya John, Jamie, Quentin, Laura, Sveta, Helen, Andrew

2. Reading of previous minutes

Helen Jenks duly obliged

3. Objections to the previous minutes

Cambridge Hillwalking Club and Cambridge Rambling Club are two separate societies

Socials have been well “tended”. This is probably due to Chelsea’s American spelling.

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes

The legal speed limit for minibuses has been confirmed to be changed to 62 mph by Bob Barnes.

Crème egg that Nicolas lost last term remains lost.

The damaged minibus issue: We have still not heard from Hotson’s about it.

We got 2 payments of 40 GBP from the Sports Fed last term by mistake for the equipment inspection so we refunded 40 GBP to the Sports Fed.

The Annual Dinner actually made a 16.50 GBP profit.

5. Officers’ Reports

President – Helen Jenks

We had 3 weekend trips, one to Scotland going ahead this weekend. The Cambrian mountains trip was cancelled (again). 8 or so local walks went ahead.

Thanks committee for hard work.

Secretary – Melissa Ch’ng

The club has one new driver this term, Jaya John John!

Treasurer – Christopher Thomas

The club has a total of 1500 GBP in the bank and this is estimated to remain the same at the end of the academic year. This balance is slightly higher than last year because of the raised membership fees. Trips have tended to break even. Only small 20 GBP lost or profits were made per trip which is good.

The major unexpected loss this year was the Mountain First Aid course. We lost 300 GBP more than expected. We applied to Sports Fed to cover half of this loss and were successful.

As will come up later, we need to decide whether to affiliate the BMC. If we do affiliate, membership fees will increase by 5 GBP per year.

Trip and Safety Coordinator – David Keiller

This term has seen 2 Minibus day trips and 4 weekend trips with a further day trip and a weekend trip unfortunately being cancelled.

This term seems to have shown a dip in the popularity of trips with none being oversubscribed. This is probably due to the fact that many undergraduates have exams in Trinity Term, and doesn't seem to be a long term trend.

The Trip Planning meeting for next term was held in Corpus Christi College in 6th week and was attended by four people likely to be able to lead trips next term. This seems to be a long-term trend whereby the pool of leaders is decreasing because the rate at which leaders graduate and leave exceeds the rate at which new members become leaders. Hopefully the changes implemented at the last TGM will slow this and we may eventually reach a situation where leaders are not required, although I don't anticipate that happening for at least another 12 months.

On a more positive note, six members attended a first aid course this term. One was already a level 4 leader who has now renewed his first aid certification and can continue leading for OUWC. The other five were new leaders, two of whom have expressed an interest in doing Mountain Leader training courses to become level 4 leaders in future.

Looking ahead to next term, we have weekend trips planned to the Lake District, Brecon Beacons, and Snowdonia and a day trip to the Dorset Coast. Of these all have the required number of leaders and only the Lake District Trip needs a driver. There is also a weekend trip to the Lake District planned for late August, during the long vacation.

Membership Secretary – Laura Bernstone

22 new members this term
Total membership: 244
No. of male members: 129
No. of female members: 115
16 external
99 course members

Alumni – Chelsea Purvis

Archivist – Evelyn Davies

Quartermaster – Sara Cleto

Social reps – Xue (Chloe) Jiang

Webmaster – Nicolas Delerue

No big changes in the website.

6. Specific Important Business

- (i) Motion to affiliate with the BMC in time for the start of the next academic year (MT08)
Proposed: Helen Jenks Seconded: Melissa Ch'ng, Chelsea Purvis

- (ii) Motion to mandate the Trip and Safety Coordinator to investigate affiliation to the BMC, and ensure that the club is affiliate by September 2009.

Proposed: David Keiller

Seconded: Chelsea Purvis, Melissa Ch'ng

Motion: 1

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstentions: 3

Motion 1 was carried

Motion: 2

For: 3

Against: 5

Abstentions: 2

Spoiled: 1

Motion 2 was rejected.

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: 11

RON: 0

Kevin Hilliard is unanimously elected Senior Member.

President

Nominated by Melissa Ch'ng, Seconded by Laura Bernstone

Michelle Barton: 8

RON: 1

Abstention: 1

Spoiled Ballot: 1

Michelle Barton is elected President

Secretary

Laura thinks minibuses are great. We shall see.

Laura Bernstone: 10

RON: 0

Spoiled: 1

Laura Bernstone is elected Secretary

Treasurer

Quentin Croft: 10

RON: 0

Abstention: 1

Quentin Croft is elected Treasurer

Trip and Safety Coordinator

David Keiller: 11
RON: 0

David Keiller is unanimously elected Trip and Safety Coordinator.

Alumni Secretary

No one ran for alumni

Archivist

Jamie Banks: 10
RON: 0
Abstention: 1

Jamie Banks is elected Archivist.

Membership Secretary

Jaya John John: 3
RON: 8

Nominations are reopened

Helen Jenks: 11
RON: 0

Helen Jenks is unanimously elected Membership Secretary

Quartermaster

Jaya John John: 11
RON: 0

Jaya John is unanimously elected Quartermaster

Social Representative

Svetlana: 11
RON: 0

Svetlana is unanimously elected Social Representative

Webmaster

Christopher Thomas: 10
RON: 1

Christopher Thomas is elected Webmaster

8. Any Other Business

Christopher proposes a vote of thanks for Helen and members of committee who are leaving. Except to Jonathan who did no work.

9. Transfer of Power

Meeting closed: 20:50

Appendices:

- (i) Treasurer's Report

Membership Report: Hilary Term 2008

	End MT07	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8
Total Membership	219	218	226	227	227
Female Members		118	104	105	105
Male Members		100	122	122	122
Course Members		103	103	103	103
Year Members		98	106	107	107
External		17 (<8%)	17 (<8%)	17 (<8%)	17 (<8%)

At the end of TT07 there were 242 members, suggesting that the new membership system has not significantly changed the number of members. This may change once course memberships begin to expire.

Two members have already paid for £6 membership; these have not been included in the figures above.