

OXFORD UNIVERSITY WALKING CLUB

MINUTES FOR THE TERMLY GENERAL MEETING OF HT 11

Location	St. Aldates G&D's
Date	Wednesday 9 th March 2011
Time	Start: 20.00 Finish: 21.15
People Present	Rob Siddaway, Jaya John John, Joseph Delo, Juan Guan, Carina Brehony, Lucy Kelsall, Elizabeth Butler, Imogen Wade, Alan Iwi, Gabor Toth

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Christopher Thomas
Kanishka Bhattacharya
Katharina Franz

2. READING OF THE PREVIOUS TGM MINUTES (MT10)

a) Important points highlighted and printed minutes handed around.

3. OBJECTIONS TO THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

b) No objections.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) Constitution updated- sent to website and Sports Fed (will send to RS as T&S).

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Apologies for my prolonged silence on club affairs. Thanks to my knee I may have to prolong this silence for just a bit longer.

I am still happy to help out with the President report next term, however I do not intend to stand for any committee positions in TT11.

SECRETARY

Minibus drivers

2 new drivers this term: Lukas Wallrich and Ching Li.

6 new drivers on the waiting list for assessments in TT11.

Linda Davis, Rob Siddaway, Bernhard Elsner and Alexander Zwadzki need to renew their license, or will need to by TT 11.

Alan Iwi will need to retake minibus assessment early in TT 11.

Minibus incidents

2 incidences of damage to minibuses this term. Both reported to Sports Fed.

Committee meetings

Minutes of CM will not be put on internal pages of website.

Attempts will be made to send minutes of the TGMs (but not CMs) to the Bodleian at the end of TT each year. (ToR updated accordingly)

TREASURER

a) Income and expenditure during HT11 (see attached accounts). The club account has made a profit of £193.03 by the end of HT11.

Balance on Statement: £4908

b) Comparison of club account balance through years:

End of HT11: £1999

End of MT10: £1826 (actual club balance)

End of HT09: balance on statement: £3305

MT08: £1843

TT08: £1481

HT08: £2617

MT07: £2155 or £2617

TT07: £1107

HT07: £3610 (£1326)

Best estimate is that the Club has £2000, but we have yet to spend any money of leader training this year.

TRIP AND SAFETY COORDINATOR

This term we had three weekend trips and a minibus day trip. The Yorkshire Dales weekend trip was turned into a BIG trip due to lots of people signing up. The trips on average made a slight profit, although this will be cancelled out at some point due to 2 minibus damage claims.

We ran a first aid course which was attended by 12 people and was a good weekend. We should try to run another one in early to mid Michaelmas as there were lots of other folk interested who missed out on a spot.

We finally received the money for the gear and instruction grants from the BMC after they had been mistakenly posted to an old address, and need to fill out the forms saying what we spent the money on. Our leader-situation is slightly better than this point last term:

- 12 level 4 leaders on the books vs 11 (although fairly few lead at all often still)
- Still 2 level 3 leaders
- 5 level 2 leaders rather than 4
- 14 level 1 leaders rather than 8

There are a number of people interested in ML (level 4) training over the summer, and a few interested in level 3 training. This would most likely end up being a WGL training course rather than a club course, as there probably aren't enough people keen for it to make it worthwhile.

Looking ahead to next term, there are three weekend trips and one minibus day trip planned.

OTHERS

ALUMNI SECRETARY

At the beginning of term one alumnus updated his details and another request has been received to delete an email address of a former member of another OU club who accidentally signed up to our mailing list.

An email was sent out to invite all alumni to the Annual Dinner at Magdalen on Sunday 27th February. All five replies were negative due to prior commitments or travel difficulties on a Sunday night. Three alumni mentioned the anniversary in 2013 and are keen to be invited for the event celebrating the clubs 60's birthday.

The club was signed up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> with the alumni@ouwc.org email address. There are 7 supporters (all from the committee) and no money has been raised so far. It has been advertised in one walking announcement email to the members but so far we haven't made the scheme a part of all or most mailings to the members; hence not many might have noticed this opportunity to support the club at no extra cost for themselves. May I suggest pursuing this next term?

Following Juan Guan's remark about a transfer to the club's account with the reference: 'donation', it was established that alumni and ex-president Dr William Manville has set up a standing order in 2007 to support the club with an annual donation of £50 plus Gift Aid for a period of ten years. So far, the donations have been transferred every two years following in December. It has now been established a system with the DO to

1. inform both the Treasurer and the Alumni Secretary by email of all donations and
2. transfer the money when it is received, i.e. on an annual basis in December.

A card has been written at the Annual Dinner to thank Bill for his kind support.

Regarding sponsoring events, William Pouget of the Vaults and Garden Cafe has expressed interest to get involved with the club. Options for this have been discussed at the last Committee Meeting of the term and it has been established that he is happy to sponsor the free tea once a term if it is held in the cafe on weekdays between 5pm and 6pm.

ARCHIVIST

a) Walked the whole of the Oxfordshire Way over the course of 6 Saturdays (last one this Saturday March 12).

We should consider doing a similar thing again!

Good numbers of people on the walks on the whole and the feedback I have heard has been positive

Many thanks to Alan Iwi for coming up with the idea and doing the bulk of the organising not to mention leading each walk. Also thanks to Nakul Krishna (has led local walks for several years) who led 2 of the walks. It meant I didn't have to do much at all as Archivist!

b) We still have lots of maps. As far as I am aware, no-one wanted to borrow any this term and we haven't bought any new ones.

c) There has been a suggestion for half day local walks near Oxford, starting at around noon to cater for those who struggle to get up in the mornings. I plan to include one (maybe two) in next term's schedule.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

We currently have 99 members. This is slightly lower than at the TGM this time last year, when there were 115 members.

12 of these are external members, which keeps us well inside the university's limits.

There is now only one course membership still active.

QUARTERMASTER

a) Stores was cleaned, which included washing out of food boxes. There were some perishable items left in the boxes since before Christmas (two tubs of butter). These were disposed of as they shouldn't be left in Stores. TOs and TLs should try and distribute such items or else dispose.

b) Found the missing SAM004 Splint after cleaning up.

c) 50m rope turned up though missing from last Inventory and not available for technical inspection last year. Not sure where it was till now!?

d) Technical kit inspection was carried out. I have already distributed the report to the committee. The main points arising from the inspection were:

Helmets x 4 - v good condition (new)

Screwgate karabiners x 4 - v good condition

Screwgates x 2 - older but still serviceable

Slings x 120cm x 4 - good condition

Sling x 10 metres - older but still serviceable

1 x Crampons - reasonable condition

5 sets of old crampons - strongly recommended disposing of (will be disposed off or given away)

Ice-screws x 15. 10 years old? Good condition. Showed no sign of use, except no. 14 which had quite drastic damage to the teeth. It was retired

Axes x 4. Age not known. Well used but useable.

Ropes 2 x 30 metres x 9mm - good condition, wash

Rope 1 x 50m x 9mm - good condition, wash

He also mentioned that when people are using the ropes to coil them up after use. One had a few knots in it when examined.

SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE

a) Apologies for being ill for part of this term.

b) Report on events:

Pub after Free Tea (Wed. Jan. 19) – About six people came to the Turf Tavern and had a lovely time. – Success

Cinema Trip to see Black Swan (Wed. Feb. 2) – No one came. Social sec. takes responsibility for choosing a psychological thriller about ballet for an evening of “fun” and the event’s subsequent – Failure

Pub Night at Head of the River (Wed. Feb. 16) – Big turnout, fun time, nice pub with a quiet atmosphere and lots of seating – Success

Film Evening in College (Fri. Feb. 18) – Cancelled due to social secretary’s date miscalculations - Failure

OUWC Annual Black Tie Dinner (Sun. Feb. 27) – Social sec. redeems herself by collecting the money of those members whom she successfully encouraged to attend (26 attendees in all) with the help of propaganda agents spread throughout this term’s weekend trips and local walks. Joe scheduled the places in Magdalen Hall. Lots of fun. Good food. Lovely atmosphere. Classy outfits. – Success

Pub Night at Jericho Tavern (Wed. March 2) – Small turnout. Casual eating and conversation. Success

Social events to come:

Pub after TGM (Wed. Mar. 10)

Curry Night (Fri. Mar. 12)

Cost to club - £0

Profits made to club - £0

c) Social Secretary’s Plans for 2011 Trinity Term:

Punting party, of course

Less activities since turnout was usually low and social sec. looks forward to a very, very busy and challenging trinity term – will step down if another member would like to see changes or believes that he or she better fits the position

JD says that we “should not over-estimate the social capacity of the Club”.

WEBMASTER

- a) web pages kept up to date with trip info per terms of reference
- b) miscellaneous tidy-ups done in most sections of website
- c) most email addresses made so that spam-proofing is more transparent
- d) links page sorted out - dead links removed
- e) minimal attention to photos - have added some as requested but found it fiddly and feel that an overhaul the system for adding photos is required - for next term maybe
- f) expanded member benefits section
- g) miscellaneous additions (private trips page, "just for fun" quiz, dates of terms calendar)

6. SPECIFIC IMPORTANT BUSINESS

See 2011 HT TGM Agenda for motion details.

a) Motion presented: changing the constitution to create the post of Training Officer, to make IT Officer a full committee post, and to allow members to hold more than one non-Officer post

Proposed: Alan Iwi

Seconded: Joe Delo, Katharina Franz

Christopher Thomas suggested that the committee may become too unwieldy. RS notes that this is unlikely because of lack of interest in committee.

Christopher Thomas also noted that the limit on the committee is 13 members. All agree that we are happy to up the number to 15. Motion will be edited to reflect this change when the motion is presented for ratification at the next TGM.

Nine attending members passed the motion unanimously. It will be presented for ratification at the TT11 TGM (with the discussed changes).

(b) Motion presented: changing the constitution to clarify the limits of general meetings voting on amended motions and "any other business"

Proposed: Alan Iwi

Seconded: Joe Delo, Katharina Franz

No objections or discussion.

Nine attending members passed the motion unanimously. It will be presented for ratification at the TT11 TGM.

c) Motion for ratification: changing the constitution/COP to allow immediate adoption of new policies from the Proctors, and to add a clarification to the rules for other amendments.

Proposed: Joseph Delo

Seconded: Alan Iwi, Imogen Wade

This motion was passed with 9/9 in agreement at the last TGM (MT10).

The motion was passed unanimously by nine attending members. The Constitution will be updated accordingly.

(d) Motion for ratification: changes to quoracy rules

Proposed: Alan Iwi

Seconded: Joe Delo, Imogen Wade.

This motion was passed with 8/9 in agreement at the last TGM (MT10).

The motion was passed unanimously by nine attending members. The Constitution will be updated accordingly.

7. ELECTIONS TO COMMITTEE

SENIOR MEMBER: nominations taken from the floor. Kevin Hilliard elected unanimously by nine attending members.

PRESIDENT: no nominations.

SECRETARY: no nominations.

TREASURER: nominations taken from the floor. Juan Guan elected unanimously by nine attending members.

TRIP AND SAFETY COORDINATOR: nominations taken from the floor. Rob Siddaway elected unanimously by nine attending members.

OTHERS

ALUMNI SECRETARY: Katharina Franz elected unanimously by nine attending members.

ARCHIVIST: nominations taken from the floor. Imogen Wade elected unanimously by nine attending members.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: nominations taken from the floor. Jaya John John elected unanimously by nine attending members.

QUARTERMASTER: nominations taken from the floor. Carina Brehony elected unanimously by nine attending members.

SOCIAL REPRESENTATIVE: Elizabeth Butler elected unanimously by nine attending members.

WEBMASTER: nominations taken from the floor. Alan Iwi elected unanimously by nine attending members. (AI noted that he would not be standing for Webmaster in MT11, but would be willing to help out over the summer vacation).

8. AOB

a) AI suggested St. Aldate's G&Ds too noisy for a TGM.

b) RS suggested we look at 1 year committees to avoid termly struggle and disruption of forming a committee.

9. TRANSFER OF POWER