



Minutes of Odysseys' Annual General Meeting

Woodlarks Campsite, Farnham

Sunday 14th August 2011

A11.01 **Attending:** Ali F, Al P, Catherine D, Dave B, Eve E, Gwa C, Jo R, John H, Julie G, Karmenie A, Kaley T, Kevin C, Kirsty S, Liz E, Louise F, Maria K, Megan D, Mick D, Murry W, Rachel D, Rebecca H, Rob M

Chair: Gwa C

Apologies: Nikki H

Minutes: Catherine D

A11.02 **Welcome**

Gwa welcomed everyone, and thanked everyone for the great atmosphere at camp this year.

He thanked Jo R and her friend Ruth, who raised £225 with a sponsored bike ride, and Tim H, who raised £430 with a sponsored marathon run. He encouraged everyone to do the same.

A11.03 **Constitution**

Gwa explained that Odysseys has a “constitution” which makes sure the committee runs things properly.

Gwa and John recommended an update to the constitution which is easier to understand and more inclusive of disability.

Gwa asked the meeting whether brand new people at Odysseys camp should become members straight away. If we continue to have our AGM at the start of the week, this means new people would not be members yet. We decided that this was a good idea.

We decided to adopt the new constitution without changes, and that Gwa will arrange for it to be on our website for everyone to see.

A11.04 **Committee**

John H and Catherine D said they were not seeking re-election to the Committee. Gwa thanked them for their hard work over the years.

We received nominations for the following people to be committee members for the next year:

Chair: Gwa C

Secretary: Louise F

Treasurer: Kevin C

Other members: Ali F, Eve E, Murray W, Nikki H, Rob M, Ross C

A11.05 **Fundraising**

Gwa explained that if we want to keep camp fees low while our costs rise, we must fundraise more to make sure we can still afford to run camp. He asked for fundraising ideas, and we suggested:

Sponsored expedition, an open day with stalls, encouraging online donations (like Paypal or Justgiving), and registering Odysseysians as a charity to take advantage of Gift Aid.

Gwa promised that the committee would take these ideas away and see if we could use some of them to raise extra funds. In the meantime, he encouraged everyone to take part in fundraising activities and spread the word about Odysseysians Camp.

A11.06 **Finance**

Kevin presented his review of accounts for last year's camp. Costs were up sharply, from £92 in 2009 to £160 per full-time equivalent in 2010.

Rob M commented that we have a small amount of money spare (not quite enough to run one year's camp in an emergency). Kevin said this was earning almost no interest, so we asked the committee to put some of our money where it can earn more interest.

Ali F commented that we expected the costs from the new building to rise even further.

Dave B requested that we break down the cost by the number of campers and helpers. **Action: Kevin**

We agreed to accept Kevin's financial report.

A11.07 **Camp Leader's Report**

Rob M thanked the committee for their support and asked that the committee make sure we act on suggestions from our members' feedback forms.

A11.08 **Any Other business**

None.

Gwa closed the meeting.