

North Highland Owl Meeting

28/04/2022

ZOOM

Present: Julie B, Gregor, Kerry, Larissa, Ian, Petria, Julie Gordon

Apologies: Eilidh Malcolm

Minutes were approved by Kerry, seconded by Gregor in good faith

Discussion of roles of committee members

It was agreed that the role of:

- Chairperson is to run the meeting, keeping the discussion on track and up to time.
- Deputy Chair is to run the meetings in the absence of the Chair.
- Treasurer is to making all money transactions, keeping track of invoices and receipts and submit yearly account to OWL Scotland.
- Secretary is to take minutes and send to administrator and committee members.

Discussion of role of Administrator

The discussion of the role of administrator jumped to one clear message--that Gregor should put his invoices to NHOWL for all his hours of work.

Gregor asked if he should set the agenda, which we all agreed he should.

Larissa suggested that the agenda be sent out to all members of NHOWL before the meeting. She felt that we would be including them by asking if they would like to add anything to it, which might generate greater active interest.

Ian identified the problem that NHOWL is not well known in Caithness, that he's lost his Rangers connections in the Dunnet Wood area and there's a need to develop awareness of what we can deliver in order to grow a body of active members in the far North.

Julie G asked Gregor to put our minutes on the OWL Scotland website.

Discussion of general meeting vs target meetings/sharings

It was decided to hold two types of meetings, general meetings and closed meetings:

- General Meeting--open to all NHOWL members followed by a skill share
- Closed meeting—for the committee to organise a workshop or event

Creeping Toad Workshops

Though uncertain about the accuracy of the CPD numbers, Gregor reported that the attendance for the two Creeping Toad events were as follows:

Ferry Wood:

28 children in the morning

31 children in the afternoon

10 for CPD training after school

Dunnet Wood:

17 children in the afternoon

10 for CPD training after school

Ian will call Garrance to ask if the home-schooled children would like to go along to the morning session with Gordon. [Action point: Ian](#)

Gordon is staying with Julie and David on the 8th. He'll get his supper and breakfast and Gordon a packed lunch. He will also be taking NHOWL's pump flask filled with hot water, it's tea and coffee box and seating mats. [Action Point: Julie G](#)

Fairburn Rekkie

Kerry invited anyone to join Juliet and herself as they walk around Fairburn on Saturday, 14th May at 11:00, looking at/deciding upon best spaces in which people can deliver their workshops on the networking days.

Highland Council's CPD Site

The discussion continued about how to discover how many people are attending our CPD courses and how to get our workshops onto the sites. Answers:

Kerry and Petria are able to check their CPD site at work; there is a tally kept of numbers for each workshop.

Larissa sent each member of the committee a link to an email, which gives directions on how to get your workshop onto the Highland CPD site.

Kit further North

Ian and Larissa are going to put together a list of the kit they would use further North. The idea of setting up a second store of equipment further North will be discussed at the next meeting. [Action Point: Ian and Larissa](#)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 31 May, Ledmore and Migdale Wood at 7pm followed by a skill share led by Kerry

Ideas to be taken forward to the next meeting: Kit store in Sutherland; Quorum