

AGM of the Outdoor Education Cross Party Group

10th November 2022 (via Zoom)

Present:

MSPs

Liz Smith MSP

Daniel Johnson MSP

Rachael Hamilton MSP

Non MSPs

Mike Etherington and Joy Blizzard Field Studies Council

Martin Davidson The Outward Bound Trust

Mike Harvey Parliamentary Researcher, Office of Liz Smith MSP

Jane Campbell Morrison Scottish Adventure Activities Forum (SAAF),

Stuart Younie Mountaineering Scotland

Nick March The Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres
(AHOEC)

Hazel Wiseman OYT Scotland

Lee Musson Rock UK

Peter Wilton Ardentinnny Centre

Rob Bushby Independent (non-affiliated to any organisation)

Neil Baird Scouts Scotland

Kevin Marsh Craikhope Outdoor Centre

Jamie Miller, Scottish Outdoor Education Centres

Apologies

Andrew Bradshaw (representing SAPOE)

The group recorded it's thanks for the secretariate function provided by Mark Castle and Joy Blizzard of the Field Studies Council, who are stepping down from the role.

Agenda Item 1– election of office bearers

Liz Smith MSP was proposed as Convener by Joy Blizzard, seconded by Hazel Wiseman and duly elected.

Daniel Johnson MSP was proposed by Liz Smith and seconded by Joy Blizzard and was duly elected.

Field Studies Council (Mike Etherington and Mark Baker) and Scouts Scotland (Claire McIntosh) were proposed for the secretariat function by Joy Blizzard and seconded by Nick March

Agenda Item 2 Annual Return for 2022

Field Studies Council are completing the Annual return, the membership list was checked and agreed. The Munro Society are currently being represented by Mountaineering Scotland

Agenda Item 3

Group members were reminded to keep suggesting speakers and topics for the group.

Provisional date for the next meeting is 12th January 2023 online, with SAPOE to discuss their recent survey and hear presentations suggested in the previous meetings eg teachers / headteachers. Mike Etherington to coordinate with SAPOE re finding additional speakers for presentations for that meeting. Nick March reported that a new Executive Officer for SAPOE was being appointed, and could be in post by early January.