College of Science and Engineering

WEIR FUND FOR FIELD STUDIES AND BARNSON BEQUEST

Minutes of a meeting held at 10.00 am on 14th March, 2007
in the Hodgson Room, Weir Building

Present: Dr C Legg (Convener)
Dr H Sinclair
Dr C E Jeffree
Mr M Gillanders

In Attendance: L Burns (Secretary)

Apologies: N Hulton

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March 2006**

   These were approved as a correct record.

2. **Matters arising from Minutes**

   a) **2006 Reports.** Reports had been received from all the individuals supported by the Weir Fund for Field Studies and the Barnson Bequest last session. These will be published on the Web in due course.

   b) **Committee Membership.** Committee discussed the balance of expertise of the membership. The College Office agreed to take this issue forward.

3. **Financial Statement**

   The income this year was £13,000 making a total of £12,000 for disbursement. Committee agreed to return any unspent income to Capital.

4. **2007 Applications**

   Committee received 2 Individual and 4 group applications this year. All groups had University of Edinburgh Expedition status. It was noted that this was a smaller response than that of 2006.

   Funds were awarded as follows:

   - **Weir Fund** 1 individual project and 10 students involved in groups
   - **Barnson** 3 students involved in groups
   - **Mackay Greenland** 1 individual project

   Further details are indicated on the attached Appendix.
5. **Any other business**

a) The issue of advertising the Weir Fund to students was discussed. It was considered that as well as the normal promotion of the Fund, word of mouth was an effective way to gain interest. Although students who had attended expeditions were asked to speak to 1st year students, it was thought that this may be something that could be expanded on to include other students.

b) The Convenor pointed out that as this was his third year, he wished to stand down from this position. Several names were suggested as possible replacements. It was agreed that the College Office would contact the Head of the School of Geosciences to gain his assistance in recruiting a new convenor.

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