THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 19th January 2004 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENTMike HarronMary DoyleDavy MaxwellDavid BoyleStephen CraigStanley Littlewood

APOLOGIES Robin Gregg Ray Rowe

MINUTES- matters arising The application for grants from the SCNI has been submitted.

STATEMENT BY STANLEY LITTLEWOOD

Due to the necessity to have an eye operation Stanley announced that he would not be standing for election as President at the AGM. It was with great regret that he did this as he had been involved with CANI since its beginning. Mike thanked him for his service to CANI over the years.

ADMINISTRATOR'S POST

An advertisement was discussed and approved. It will be in the CANI newsletter and the Belfast Telegraph by the end of January. Short listing will take place after the 14th February and interviewing by the last week in February.

SURF SQUAD

A proposal has been received by the Surf Squad to be recognised as a sub-committee of CANI. This was accepted on an interim basis.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

It was decided that Matt's reports should be sent to the CANI office and that Mike McClure would give a summary of Matt's work to council. It was also felt that the CANI logo should be added to CAAN's letter heading for Matt to use as development officer. Stephen will get these printed.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics (N.I.) office have added kayaking to their list of sports. Over 2000 athletes participate in national and local sporting events organised by the Special Olympics committee. Stephen has agreed to meet with a representative from the organisation to discuss the feasibility of kayaking.

CORRESPONDENCE

A questionnaire has been received from Waterways Ireland re Lough Neagh Navigation Authority. Mary will complete it.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Stephen was authorised to pay the fee for the website.

Davy (Boyle) was authorised to buy 8 sets of airbags for the CANI whitewater boats.

A new telephone number has been set up for the CANI office. It is independent of location and can be used whether the office is in Londonderry or Belfast. (0870 240 5065).

There will be a report from the new CANI Development Officer at the AGM.

DATE OF THE AGM

The CANI AGM will be held on Mon 9th Feb 2004 at 8.30pm in the House of Sport, Belfast. It will be preceded by the Coaching Panel AGM at 7.30pm.