

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 23rd February 2004 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mike Harron Mary Doyle Davy Maxwell
Stephen Craig Mike McClure

IN ATTENDANCE

Matt Peach (Development Officer)

APOLOGIES

Davy Boyle Oisín Hallissey

MINUTES- matters arising

Correct minutes to read the Stanley had retired 'due to health reasons' instead of 'to have an eye operation'.

ADMINISTRATOR'S POST

Short listing has taken place and the candidates will be interviewed on 2nd March. Hopefully the new administrator will be in place by end of March in the new office in Belfast. Mike (Harron) proposed dropping the Wednesday evening office hours and Stephen agreed as it was not well used by members. The general feeling was that we should not be committed to keeping the Wednesday evening and that the other hours could also be varied.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Stephen has had a meeting with Michael Glover of the Special Olympics Movement. They are trying to promote canoeing as it was a demonstration event at the last world games in 2003. It will be the same in 2005. Approval was given for the Special Olympics Movement to advertise in the newsletter for interested coaches.

GRANTS

Stephen has put in an application for skilling to run the Coaching Scheme. We have been allocated £10,000 by the Sports Council which includes funding to develop a new website and to pay travelling expenses to attend UK Sport One Stop Planning meetings.

An application for support to attend a 5 star open canoe training in Scotland was approved and £50 allocated.

UK ONE STOP PLANNING

Davy (Maxwell) and Mike (Harron) attended a meeting in the House of Sport on 16th February. UK Sport One Stop Planning means one development plan for federalised sports e.g. BCU. As this meeting was dealing with World Class Performance sports it only included canoe slalom and sprint. We don't have a slalom squad but we do have a racing squad. There will be other meetings involving SCA, WCA, Canoe England and CANI and representatives from the 4 national sports councils.

CHARGES

Presently the charge for the CANI seaboats is £30 per day and £50 for a weekend. This includes 6 boats, trailer and gear. It was decided to introduce a weekly rate of £100. The whitewater boats are still £30 per day and £50 for a weekend. Once the administrator is in place the boats will have to be signed out and in by the borrower.

Advertising rates for the Newsletter were set at:-

full page - £50

half page- £30

members ads- free

Advertising rates for the Year Book were set at:-

inside front cover- £75 B & W

back cover- £100 coloured

half page- £40

full page- £75

1/4 page- £30

STAR TEST CERTIFICATES

BCU has published a new federal certificate. As long as we are only charged for a blank certificate we will use these new ones when the old ones have been used up.

CORRESPONDENCE

A proposal has been received to set up a CANI search and rescue team. It was decided that a lot of groundwork would need to be done on this proposal as well as contacting the various rescue teams already operating e.g. Mountain Rescue teams, Coastguard.

REPORT FROM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Matt gave a report on what he had been doing since the last Council meeting. He had

- secured £49,575 for the Lough Erne Canoe Trail
 - been in touch with Sports Disability N.I.
 - opened discussions with District Councils on the Foyle System
 - (with Stephen's help) put a paddler's survey on the CANI website
 - meetings with regard to the Lower Bann Canoe Trail.
- He intends going to the International Canoe Exhibition to advertise the new canoe trail on Lough Erne. This will be launched at the end of August and the BBC hope to cover the opening.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The post of vice-chairperson is still vacant. Mike McClure offered to take on the role of Access Officer on council. Keith Fitzsimmons and Rosemary Harron have agreed to remain as Child Protection Officers. Harold Fitzsimmons was approved as honorary auditor.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held on Monday 22nd March at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

OTHER MEETINGS

Mon 19th April

Mon 17th May

Mon 21st June