

## THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 22nd March 2004 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Mike Harron Mary Doyle Davy Maxwell Stephen Craig Mike McClure Roger Hamilton Davy Boyle

APOLOGIES Malcolm Kerry Oisín Hallissey

MINUTES- matters arising Matt Peach, Davy Boyle and Stephen Craig will be manning the CANI stand at the International Canoeing Exhibition in Birmingham from 2nd - 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S POST

We have appointed David Bell as our administrator who took up his post on 18th March in the new office. He is being trained by Stephen at present. He wishes to work 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday. The phone hours will therefore have to be changed. A new phone line will be fitted soon.

### GRANTS

We have only spent £1500 out of a grant of £4500 from SCNI for coaching last year. Next year we have been allocated £10,000 and Sports Council will be evaluating and monitoring expenditure 3 times during the year as well as an end of year report. They will be concentrating on expenditure against targetting.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There will be a NCC meeting in May and Roger agreed to attend.

Stephen was authorised to open an account with DMS in Belfast to provide the office with stationery.

Mary informed council that access to the Annacloy River (near Ballynahinch) has been restricted as the landowner is now keeping bulls in the field on the downstream side of Mason's Bridge. His insurance company have told him not to let anyone access through this field while there are bulls in it. Mike McClure will make inquiries about getting access back on the upstream side of the bridge. This was lost several years ago because cars were parked across the access road to that farmer's home.

The yearbook is now ready to go to the printer and should be available to members after Easter.

Discussion took place on the pre-registration procedure for coaching courses (i.e. C1 forms). The process has to be carried through and will be enforced.

The Lough Erne Canoe Trail brochure has now gone to print and will be available at the Canoe Exhibition in Birmingham. Display panels for the trail are now being put together - CANI will see these before they are finalised. Funding is looking good for trails in the Foyle and Lower Bann systems. Canoe trails will be maintained by the district councils.

### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held on Monday 19th April at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

OTHER MEETINGS Mon 17th May and Mon 21st June