

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 17th May 2004 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mike Harron Mary Doyle Davy Maxwell Stephen Craig Davy Boyle

APOLOGIES

None

MINUTES- matters arising

Stephen, Davy Boyle, Mike Harron and Matt Peach attended the International Canoe Exhibition in Birmingham on behalf of CANI. The brochures advertising the new Lough Erne Canoe Trail were distributed.

ADMINISTRATION

The new administrator, David Bell, is in place. Mary or Mike will try to visit the office at least once a month. Mary will do the minutes and agenda for the council meetings. The agenda will be put on the website before each meeting. Minutes to be sent out as soon as possible after each meeting.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Discussion took place on the financial situation of the development officer and ancillary costs. Stephen is concerned as the figures are not as he anticipated. The work plan of the development officer was examined.

CANI WEBSITE

Davy has been reviewing the website and feels it needs attention. Sports Council have allocated money for this and tenders have been received for this work. It was felt that the website should be clear and easily accessed.

E-MAIL POLICY

CANI does not have a specific policy on e-mail but Davy Maxwell offered to draw one up for consultation. If any council member is sending an e-mail on behalf of CANI it should be copied to the CANI office.

2004 SURVEY

Mike Harron will do a report on the latest survey and it will be published in the newsletter. The 2004 survey is on the database and the 2003 survey results will also be input onto the database.

SUMMER COURSES

Four applications for coaching jobs have been received. Selection criteria will be applied and references taken up. Mary will deal with this.

BCU ONE STOP PLAN

Richard Lee from the BCU is coordinating the BCU One Stop Plan and he wishes to meet CANI council in June. The One Stop Plan means developing a strategic plan for the sport for the whole of the UK. Mike Harron will contact him and make arrangements for him to meet council.

SURF SQUAD

It was agreed that the Surf Committee run events (surf days and surf coaching) on behalf of CANI. The squad took part in the European Open championships in Northern Spain and congratulations were offered to Dessie McGlinchy for coming first in the Longer International Class and third in the High Performance Class.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mary was authorised to buy airbags for the CANI whitewater boats.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held on Monday 21st June at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.