

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 4th October 2004 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mike Harron Mary Doyle Matt Peach Stephen Craig Davy Boyle

APOLOGIES

Malcolm Kerry Davy Maxwell Rodger Hamilton Oisín Hallissey

MINUTES - matters arising

None

ONE STOP PLANNING

At the BCU directors' meeting on 2nd October the One Stop Plan for WCA, SCA, CANI and Canoe England was put together. This plan has to go to UK Sport in November and therefore the 4 nations have to sign it off before the end of October. CANI council were happy to do so.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Matt put forward some ideas on how to progress CANI's development. These included providing key access information, creating an attractive package for all members, targetting new members, retaining and developing existing members, making canoeing more accessible for all and developing a youth and skills programme. Council were very keen on these ideas.

Matt has talked to the Loughs Agency and they will put a portage round the weir on the Owenkillew. Strabane Council have put in steps below the old bridge at Newtownstewart.

POLICIES

The financial policies were reviewed and passed. Mary will collate the equipment policies for the next meeting.

SURVEY

The new survey form will go to the printers by the beginning of November. Unfortunately last year's results have not been collated yet.

FINANCE

Grant owed for the first quarter of 2004/5 has now been paid by the Sports Council. We are still awaiting the remainder of last year's. £4000 is outstanding to CAAN for last year. We are also owed £1200 by various debtors but we are chasing these up.

OFFICE SYSTEMS

Database update letter was checked and amended.

COACHING BURSARY

A draft plan of the application form was discussed and approved. The bursary is only for courses run after 30 September 2004.

COACH DISCIPLINE

A letter has been sent out to the coach concerned in the current discipline case. He is losing his assessor status for 2 years but may reapply after 1 year. Rodger will send Mary a copy of this letter and then she will inform the course participants, where possible, that their assessment was not valid.

UK COACHING CERTIFICATE

Mike Devlin (BCU Head of Coaching) came over to Northern Ireland on 21 September and attended a meeting in Tollymore Mountain Centre. This meeting was to discuss the new UK Coaching Certificate developed through UK Sport. Core elements of the certificate will be

transferable between sports. Pilot systems may start in 2006. Work is only being done on levels 1, 2 and 3 - these are not the same as our present levels 1, 2 and 3. Oisín is willing to attend the meetings to discuss the changes on CANI's behalf.

DATE OF THE AGM

The AGM will be held in the House of Sport, Belfast on Mon 28th February 2005. The Council meeting preceding it will be held on Mon 21st February.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mike will not be seeking re-election at the AGM as he is moving to England in January. The Lagan Descent has been cancelled but the Shaws Bridge slalom will be held on Sun 7th November.

Mary attended the Media Interactive seminar on 23rd September and she found it very useful. The administrator's contract and terms/conditions of employment were discussed. Stephen will circulate these to council members for ratification. A subscription to the N.I.S.F. was approved.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held on Monday 15th November at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club.

Further meetings:-Mon 13th December