

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 13th December 2004 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mike Harron Mary Doyle Davy Maxwell Mike McClure Matt Peach

APOLOGIES

Stephen Craig Oisín Hallissey Davy Boyle Rodger Hamilton

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

The BCU One Stop Plan has been submitted to UK Sport. The CANI Strategic Plan is almost complete. We have to apply for funding from the SCNI by 31st Jan 05.

NEW WEIR ON THE STRULE

Matt Peach reported on the new weir being constructed on the River Strule at Omagh. He feels that it is unsafe and has passed the plans on to BCU for a technical opinion. The secretary will write to the Rivers Agency and Omagh District Council expressing our grave concern as the Strule is under consideration as part of the Foyle Canoe Trail.

COACHING QUALIFICATION

A query has been received about employers being informed if a coach has his/her coaching award revoked. It was agreed that if child protection was involved then the PECS agency would inform employers not CANI.

LONG TERM PADDLER DEVELOPMENT

An invitation has been received from SCNI to attend a meeting in the House of Sport on 11th December concerning the development of a Player Pathway structure. Council did not feel that we were ready to commit ourselves at this time.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held in the House of Sport on Monday 28th February. Mike Harron will not be standing for re-election and will ask for nominations in the newsletter. CANI will also need a new representative on the BCU Board. Robin Ruddock has been nominated as CANI's representative on the Lower Bann Advisory Committee. Davy Maxwell will continue to be CANI's representative on the USRT. Rosemary Harron will not be available as a Child Protection Officer and therefore a new officer will need to be appointed.

TASTER SESSIONS

Money is available from SCNI for canoeing taster sessions for 200 people. Tenders for a contract to provide all or some of these sessions will be advertised in the newsletter. The sessions must be completed by 31st March 2005. It is open to one contractor or a joint bid will be accepted.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we learnt of the death of David Black, president of UUU Canoe Club. David died as a result of a motorcycle accident on 21st November.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held on Monday 24th January 2005 at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club.