

## THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 14th March 2005 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

### PRESENT

Davy Maxwell Paul Harrington Stephen Craig Mary Doyle Davy Boyle

### APOLOGIES

Mike McClure Malcolm Kerry Oisin Hallissey Rodger Hamilton

### MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

The participation scheme has been okayed to start in March and finish in April. The first taster sessions will be held on Mon 28th March. Stephen agreed to put together an evaluation form for the participants. Discussion took place on risk assessments of events. These are recommended but not a legal requirement yet. The Surf Squad have now reduced their grant application to £10,000. Correction to last month's minutes. Juniors only get 50% funding from SCNI.

### AUDITOR

Stephen nominated Mr Harold Fitzsimons as CANI's auditor. Davy Boyle seconded this and it was passed unanimously.

### CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER

At present we have only one Child Protection Officer, Keith Fitzsimons. He will give council nominations for the second post. He would also like a special meeting of council to discuss new child protection issues.

### BCU REPRESENTATION

With the resignation of Mike Harron CANI has no representation on the board of BCU. Davy Maxwell proposed Stephen Craig and Davy Boyle seconded this. It was agreed unanimously that Stephen Craig would be CANI's member on the board of the BCU. Mary will inform Paul Owen of this.

### SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the 2003/2004 survey were discussed. Stephen will put a resume of the past 2 years' surveys in the newsletter.

### SUMMER COURSES

Last year the summer courses for beginners did not take place due to lack of participants. Discussion took place on whether the governing body should actually be running courses for beginners. It was agreed to ask the Coaching Panel to take over the running of these courses so that they could be integrated into the development of the sport. Next year clubs will be encouraged to get involved once child protection measures have been introduced.

### BCU CHARGES

Stephen was unhappy that BCU had increased the charge for C1 forms from £15 to £17.50 without informing CANI. The admin charge from the BCU is now £2 (from £1). We have also been invoiced for 3 years' VAT which we had not been billed for previously. He will talk to BCU about these matters.

### MODERNISATION

Stephen has been meeting with AHL Ltd re the modernisation initiated by SCNI. Council were given a copy of the report to study and asked to give feedback to Stephen. The concept of making CANI a limited company has to be discussed more fully.

### GRANT PROGRESS

A reply to our grant application is due in April.

### WEBSITE

Council looked at the demo website. The new one should be online soon. Comments to Stephen.

#### CANOE TRAIL - NEC

Matt Peach will be attending the International Canoe Exhibition in Birmingham on 19/20 March to advertise the new Lough Erne Canoe Trail. Davy Boyle will be in Nottingham and has agreed to travel to Birmingham and man the stand with Matt. It was agreed to cover his travel expenses (up to £100). The launch of the canoe trail is due in May/June.

#### DIRECT DEBIT SYSTEM CHARGES

There has been a change in the BACs system. It was agreed to accept the new conditions for BACS/BACSTEL - IP. There will be no more paper reports. They will be by e-mail only.

#### EVENTS INSURANCE

There is a need for a pack for clubs who wish to organise an event. Club members are only covered by BCU insurance if they themselves are resident in the UK.

#### SCNI LIAISON OFFICER

Stephen McGeehan has left the Sports Council. Jill Poots is now acting as our liaison officer until he is replaced. We will write and thank him for all his assistance.

#### OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM

Broadband has now been installed in the office and is working well. This should cut our phone bills which are currently £200 a quarter. Davy Boyle undertook to check out a range of new phone billing systems and give feedback to council.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A letter was received from Belfast Activity Centre concerning reduced fees for instructors who work for charities. Mary will inquire from BCU if they have a policy on this.

Information has been received concerning slipway access to Lough Neagh at Loughshore Park. Any member who wants further details can contact the office for a copy.

Lagan Watersports has requested that CANI pay a contribution towards the heating and lighting of the CANI office. It was reluctantly agreed to pay a contribution.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th April at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

Another meeting to deal with Child Protection issues will be held on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

Further meetings Mon 9th May and Mon 13th June at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club at 7.30pm.