

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 18th April 2005 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Davy Maxwell Paul Harrington Stephen Craig Mary Doyle Davy Boyle Matt Peach Oisin Hallissey

APOLOGIES

Mike McClure Malcolm Kerry Rodger Hamilton

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

The taster sessions have started. The survey results will be in next month's newsletter.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Matt reported that the information panels on the Lough Erne Canoe Trail are to be installed during May and June. So far 1250 trail guides have been sold. The official launch will be on Thurs 26th May 2005 at 12.30pm in the Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen. He has made a presentation to over 100 delegates on the proposed Lower Bann canoe trail. Waterways Ireland are going to erect a jetty at Agivey Bridge on the Lower Bann. The National Trust have put materials on Salt Island for the repair of the bothy. This should hopefully be done during the summer months. Work on developing the Foyle System canoe trail has been suspended as more discussions are needed. The Blackwater Canoe Trail (from Benburb down) may replace it. Another egress point on the Upper Bann below Tullylish is being inspected; Matt is waiting on Banbridge District Council to get back to him. The National Trust have agreed in theory to a campsite at the Argory - awaiting approval by HQ.

COME AND TRY IT SESSIONS

Two events have been run so far - Antrim on 28th March (21 participants) and Newry on 10th April (19 participants). BAC have 2 level 2 coaches and 2 level 2 trainees working in Derry. Matt will check the arrangements with Stephen Dickson.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

The grant application form was circulated and discussed. The Sports Council have changed the guidelines yet again and this year we will have to do a presentation on Fri 6th May.

AHL AUDIT

The preliminary report from AHL Ltd - streamlined audit of CANI - was examined. The main findings are procedures to be documented feedback from office to council to coaching panel induction packs / training / job descriptions job scheduling / yearly planner financial reporting monitoring of activity / harmonisation

WEB POLICY ON LINKS

Should non-approved centres be given links on the CANI website? It was decided that only approved centres should be on the website. There will be a link to the CAAN canoeing website which will list other centres and non-affiliated clubs.

INSURANCE

BCU Employers Liability Insurance does not cover CANI, SCA or WCA. Stephen has been given a quote of £150 to set this up which he will proceed with.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Leave arrangements for the administrator were discussed.

An aspirant level 5 update weekend will be held in Tollymore Mountain Centre on 22/24 April. Funding for this is dependent on the grant application from SCNI. An information leaflet on updating coaching qualifications is being distributed to all coaching members. All courses must be run by updated coaches.

Stephen's travel expenses were approved. The pool course is run from Tues 19th April at the Grove.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th May 2005 at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

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