THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 9th May 2005 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Davy Maxwell Paul Harrington Stephen Craig Mary Doyle Mike McClure Matt Peach

APOLOGIES

Davy Boyle Oisin Hallissey

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

Five Come and Try It sessions have been held so far and 132 people have taken part. Stephen has made a reply to the AHL report. CANI has now taken out Employers Liability Insurance in its own name.

CHILD PROTECTION

Keith Fitzsimmons had given the council an outline of the developments in Child Protection on 25th April. A new policy is in the process of being developed.

SCNI GRANT APPLICATION

Davy outlined the presentation which he and Stephen had given to the Sports Council on 6th May. This was divided into 3 sections (1) the position now; (2) goals for 05/06 and (3) targets as we advance to 2009. There will be no decision on our grant application until after 7th June.

END OF YEAR REPORT

This has to be submitted to the SCNI by Fri 13th May. This has to include reports on skilling, employment and competition.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Discussion took place on aspects of the CANI Development Plan which are due for completion soon. The meeting also discussed the future role of the development officer. It was agreed that the insecurity of funding made planning difficult. It was felt that the development officer could look at funding as part of his work schedule. Council members are asked to look at the BCU One Stop Development Plan and the CANI Development Plan and come to the next meeting with targets for 2005/2006.

YEARBOOK

This was with the printers on 15th March. Unfortunately the printer got caught up in printing election literature and the yearbook got delayed. Stephen is looking for someone to take over the yearbook.

SURVEY

The BCU have drawn up two surveys - one for clubs and one for participants - to get baseline data. We have been asked to send these bout to our clubs. The results of our own surveys should be in the next newsletter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council is now beginning to recommend that our constitution be reviewed and that our status as a limited company be reviewed as well.

Paul will contact Robin Gregg about canoeing being a demonstration event in the forthcoming Youth Games on 14th May.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th June 2005 at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.