

## THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on 13th June 2005 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

### PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES None

### MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

The taster sessions have been completed. The end of year report has been submitted to the Sports Council. In an effort to get the yearbook out earlier Stephen suggested sending out the names of the Council and Coaching Panel members at a later date so allowing the yearbook to be sent out before the AGM. Also he felt that the CANI year does not need to be changed. He is still looking for a volunteer to take over the yearbook. Kayaking will not be included in the NI Youth Games this year - possibly next.

### SPRINGBOARD DAY

A day to discuss the implementation of the AHL report has been organised for Sunday 26th June from 11.00 til 4.30pm in the Stableyard at Barnett's Demesne. Stephen Craig, Oisin Hallissey, Paul Harrington and Davy Boyle will attend.

### SCNI GRANT

The Sports Council have made an offer of £1430 to the Racing Squad and £6500 to the Surf Squad. The Polo Squad did not submit an application for the first part of this year. The squads will soon be applying for the next quarter. Stephen gave a breakdown of the offer from SCNI to CANI and he will make out a budget for the year. SCNI have also issued new terms and conditions in accepting this year's grant.

### WEBSITE

The new CANI website is nearly complete and should be live soon. David Bell and Stephen will be trained to make minor adjustments to it.

### DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW DAY

This normally takes place in September. Our plan falls in line with the BCU plan. BCU wish CANI to have a part-time paid person to deal with the UK Coaching Certificate scheme. Mike Devlin wishes to come over to NI to speak to CANI Council and Coaching Panel about the implementation of UKCC. A representative from the BCU will be asked to attend our development day. Mike suggested a Friday afternoon/evening. Suggested dates 23 or 30th Sept or 7th October. Suggested venue is the Arches in Randalstown. Stephen will contact Paul Owen.

### PROCESSING OF CANI PAPERWORK

Oisin is concerned that there is a lack of communication between BCU and CANI. BCU returns incomplete paperwork to CANI when a simple phone call or e-mail could answer a query. Stephen said he would contact BCU about this. David will send out a postcard or e-mail to participants on a coaching course within 3 weeks of the course taking place saying that the paperwork has been sent to the BCU and that they should receive their certificate within 5 weeks. Coaching Panel need a set of disciplinary rules for coach providers.

### MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

This is presently 28p per mile. There is no need to raise it at this time. However it was generally felt that it should be linked to the Inland Revenue Approved Mileage Rate. It was decided that the CANI mileage allowance should be 75% of the Inland Revenue Approved Mileage Rate i.e. increase to 30p per mile.

### DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

Matt announced that DCAL might part fund the new Canoeing Guide for Northern Ireland. Also 148 people took part in the Come and Try It sessions. He has been approached about the development of an artificial whitewater site at Ballybay and Council agreed to be involved in the initial meetings. The launch of the Lough Erne Trail was very successful with coverage by both UTV, BBC and Radio Ulster.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council approved Stephen's expenses claim. Mike wants to bring Lara Tipper over to NI to talk about Long Term Paddler Development. He will discuss a possible date with Rodger Hamilton, Mike Devlin and Lara Tipper. There will be a fund raising BBQ on Sat 25th June in aid of the Surf Squad.

### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th July 2005 at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.