

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Mon 12th December 2005 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Davy Maxwell Paul Harrington Stephen Craig Mary Doyle Davy Boyle

APOLOGIES

Mike McClure Oisin Hallissey Rodger Hamilton

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

Disability Awareness Training has been postponed until Tues 13th Dec. Mary will attend. The meeting with Jeremy Harries of VAGA Associates about the Equality Standards portfolio has been changed to Mon 19th Dec at 4pm. Davy Boyle and Mary will meet with him and Norma Bowman from SCNI. Correction to last month's minutes. Davy Boyle is on the Lower Bann Partnership not the Lough Neagh Partnership. Paul has returned the Anti-Doping policy to UK Sport.

INFORMATION CONTROL

Stephen told the meeting of an incident where information about a CANI coach was released by the CANI office. Discussion took place on the circumstances under which we release information about coaches. Requests by e-mail are too anonymous. Davy Maxwell will draw up a draft policy. Stephen showed us a form which will be circulated to clubs giving the information which can be released to the public.

MEMBERS SURVEY

The survey form will be sent out to all members. Free membership will be given to the forms of the first two people drawn at the AGM or a £20 voucher.

PROGRESS OF SCNI GRANT

A meeting will be taking place in London on 15th Dec with regard to One-Stop Planning and how it is affecting us. Stephen is still working on the forms for next year which are due on 20th Jan. We should receive a letter of offer by 10th April

CASH FLOW

Our books close at the end of December. The committee looked at the current state of finances and Stephen answered any queries.

MODERNISATION

Stephen, Davy Maxwell and Anne Devlin attended a meeting on Incorporation which was organised by the Sports Council. Stephen will forward a copy of CANI's constitution to SCNI who will check it and see if we have to make any amendments. Both Stephen and Davy are in favour of CANI becoming a limited company. After a query by Paul it was decided that our minutes are an agreed record of what happens at each meeting.

REWARDS FOR CLUBS

Stephen is proposing that we offer free membership to clubs who run a competition providing they fulfil certain criteria. It was agreed to run with this for one year on a trial basis.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Congratulations to Nick Kelly (CCKA) on regaining the British Canoe Slalom Veterans Championship.

We have had an application from a member to be our Children's Officer. Mary will seek advice from Keith Fitzsimmons on how we should proceed with this.

There was discussion on the possibility of sending out the CANI Newsletter electronically. Paul will check this out.

David Bell has requested a review of his work and it was agreed that this would be done early in the new year - probably February.

Discussion took place on the Development Officer's contract which officially ends in March 2006. This may have been extended by CAAN. Stephen will check with Mike McClure if we need to give him official notice of the end of his contract.

We will include a disclaimer with all CANI official e-mails.

The House of Sport will be closed for refurbishment from 1st Jan until 30th April 2006 so it was decided to have the CANI AGM in the Arches Centre, Randalstown on Mon 27th Feb at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served and we will show the video of the World Surf Kayak Championships.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9th January 2006 at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

ACTION POINTS

Mary to attend Disability Awareness Training on 13th Dec. Davy Boyle and Mary to attend Equality Standard meeting on 19th Dec. Davy Maxwell to draw up a policy on releasing information about members.

Stephen to forward a copy of our constitution to SCNI.

Mary to contact Keith Fitzsimmons about the post of Children's Officer.

Paul to check on the possibility of sending out the newsletter electronically.

Mary to contact David Bell about his review.

Stephen to contact Mike McClure about Matt's contract.

Davy Boyle to book the Arches for the AGM.