

## THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Mon 9th January 2006 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

### PRESENT

Davy Maxwell, Stephen Craig, Mary Doyle, Davy Boyle, Mike McClure, Oisín Hallissey, Matt Peach

### APOLOGIES

Paul Harrington

### MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

SCNI are doing preliminary work on CANI's constitution in order to make us into a limited company. They will then pass this on to a solicitor for expert advice. It is not likely to be ready for the AGM. Stephen listed proposed criteria for clubs to run competitions. Matt Peach has been given official notice of the end of his contract.

### CANI OFFICE

The database has been rewritten and it is all menu-driven. However it is not compatible with UKCC.

### GRANT

Our grant application has to be submitted by 20th January. There has been an underspend on last year's grant. Discussion took place on how to provide courses for clubs.

### CASHFLOW

Stephen showed a breakdown of CANI's financial position. Hopefully we should make a profit of £1000 this financial year. Only 90 members pay by direct debit so far.

### 3 YEAR ACTION PLAN

The action plan for 2006/2009 has to include what we wish to do though some funds can be diverted. We may need to employ someone to bring in the UKCC scheme and we may get funding for this.

### ADVERTISING CHARGES

For advertising in the yearbook £120 full page colour  
£100 full page b&w  
£60 half page b&w

For advertising in the newsletter  
approved centres advertising courses £10  
non-approved centres and retailers £30  
flyers £120 if provided  
footer in the newsletter £20

These rates will be included in the yearbook. Advertisers will get a free copy of the yearbook. Any adverts need to be in the CANI office by the 2nd Monday of the month.

### EQUITY POLICY

Davy Boyle and Mary attended a meeting in December with Jeremy Harries from VAGA Associates and Norma Bowman from SCNI about producing our portfolio for the Equity Policy. Mary is in the process of doing this. Davy Boyle proposed and Stephen seconded the proposal that we accept the BCU Equity Policy subject to adding in NI legislation. This was passed unanimously. Anne Devlin will be asked to draw up grievance procedures.

### YEARBOOK

This is presently being collated by Davy Maxwell and Davy Boyle.

### AGM

This will be held on Mon 27th Feb at 7.30pm in the Arches Centre, Randalstown. There should hopefully be a presentation by Jonny Bingham on the Surfing World Championships.

#### DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

Ballymoney Council wish to run canoeing events at Drumaheglis – this will be offered to BCU approved centres. Sport West Partnerships are keen to encourage governing bodies to run events west of the Bann. The National Trust are organising Have-A-Go Days at Castleward on Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June and Crom Estate on Sun 25th June. Lisburn Council wish to start a canoe club. Matt will be meeting next week with groups concerned in running the Lower Bann Canoe Race. He has visited Donaghadee Yacht Club. They are applying for funding for a visiting sailor's changing facility which would be open to CANI members. Mary will send them a letter of support. He reported that the groups who are funding the Strangford Lough Canoe Trail are anxious to know whether canoeing clubs and outdoor centres will use the trail. He will be giving a presentation on the canoe trails to the BCU board before the AGM in March.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We have had a volunteer to be a Youth Development Officer. Stephen attended a One Stop Planning meeting in London on 17th December.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th February 2006 at 7.30pm in Cooke Rugby Club, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

#### ACTION POINTS

Mary to send a letter of support to Donaghadee Yacht Club.

Mary to collate Equity portfolio.

Stephen to ask Anne Devlin to draw up Grievance Procedures.