

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION of NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Mon 6th February 2006 at Cooke Rugby Club, Belfast at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Davy Maxwell Stephen Craig Mary Doyle Mike McClure Rodger Hamilton

APOLOGIES

Oisin Hallissey Davy Boyle

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

The secretary will ask Keith Fitzsimmons if CANI needs a Children's Officer as a separate post. There is also a vacancy for a second Child Protection Officer. A 2 day course will be held on 7th and 14th March in Belfast. The Children's Officer can be co-opted on to Council as a non-voting member. Mike suggested that we elect a Youth Development Officer at the AGM. SCNI are behind in their work on Incorporation. There is a possibility of working through the BCU and Davy Maxwell will check this out. He will also draft a letter of engagement to draw up company document. He will put a notice in the newsletter. Grievance procedures are still being drawn up. Grant application has been submitted. The Development Plan will be put on the website.

BCU AWARDS

These are being reviewed by the BCU. The present awards are lifetime awards and no other awards will be issued. National Associations can only give annual awards. The BCU are trying to put in a pathway to national honours (eg knighthood. MBE etc) Stephen will circulate council with information.

GRANT

The grant application was discussed. We are looking for a grant for a new development officer who can introduce UKCC and be a club development officer. Stephen reported a loss of £2900 in last year's cashflow. However we are still underspent on last year's grant but a lot of courses will be advertised in Feb and March.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

The new rates were clarified. Each page advert is £10, Adverts will only be taken for one month at a time - no block booking.

OFFICE

David was off sick from 30th Jan until 2nd February and Stephen covered that week. E-mails can be handled remotely and phone messages can be accessed easily. We can't change outgoing message easily unless we get another machine. The purchase of another machine was approved.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A request has been received from a new open canoe manufacturer to link to CANI's website but this was refused as it is not our policy. He will be encouraged to advertise in the newsletter or yearbook.

Paul Smith has requested to have the CANI seaboats as a prize in a fund raising enterprise - this was approved. Mike stated that the trailer for the seaboats was in a poor condition and should be scrapped – this was agreed. He will use the trailer which originally held the junior fleet.

Rodger requested funds to train 4 new whitewater safety and rescue trainers/assessors. As this involves moving some of our grant money to a different application Stephen will need to check with SCNI.