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The Canoe Association of Northern Ireland

Minutes of Council Meeting held in Shaw's Bridge Sports Association 10th April 2006

Present David Maxwell, David Boyle, Jim Seymour, Stephen Craig

In Attendance Peter Boyle (Polo Squad), John Lyster (Polo Squad),
Matt Peach (Development Officer)

Apologies Mike McClure, Rodger Hamilton, Oisín Hallissey

The polo squad and Matt had asked to make presentations to Council. These were too late to be put on the agenda, so it was decided to take them before the main agenda.

Polo Development Peter and John raised some questions about how CANI could help with the development of Canoe Polo in Northern Ireland. They stated a need for an outside pitch to allow for more practice time than was available in swimming pools. Some possible venues were discussed including possible use of disused. Council stated that the Newsletter, Yearbook and Web site were available to the squad for publicising events and recruiting new paddlers. It was also suggested that the 3 squads should get together to share ideas and assist each other with planning.

Development Officer Matt explained the changes to his post now that the funding system has changed. CAAN is now being funded directly by SCNI to implement the NI Canoe Strategy. His new title from CAAN is "Water Based Development Officer (with a Specialism in Canoeing)". He gave out copies of his job "duties and responsibilities". Matt also reported on the progress of the Bann Challenge. He asked if CANI could cover printing costs for the event, he had no estimate of costs, he was told to come back to Council when he had an idea of costs. Other topics were discussed and help was offered where possible. Matt then raised the Strangford trail: SCNI are looking for some information from CANI, codes of conduct, junior rules, fair play policy. Stephen to contact Matt and supply the required information. Matt asked about contacting EHS and putting an item in the Newsletter on Bird Flu and the correct action for paddlers to take if dead birds are found. This was approved by Council. Matt then mentioned that the National Trust were running open days and would like some come and try it sessions. Council recommended that he refer them to the approved centres. The PR item on the agenda for later is looking at flyers that could be distributed at events like this.

Stephen

Matt

We then moved on to the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. The minutes of the AGM were checked and agreed for publication, they will be accepted at the next AGM.

David M

Matters Arising It was noted that although we had passed thanks to Robin Ruddock and Bushmills Centre for a great Paddlefest we had not told them. David Maxwell to write to them expressing our thanks.

Stephen

Sub Committee Minutes Minutes have not been received from either Coaching or Surf. Stephen will contact both sub committees and ask for copies.

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Council Procedures Stephen said that not having a secretary meant that there was no contact point for outside bodies. This was brought to his attention when a club asked for the secretary contact details to put then on a grant application form. After a discussion Jim Seymour agreed to take the roll secretary for correspondence, but stated that he did not have the time to undertake the full duties of secretary. Council members were to see if they could find any other member who would consider taking on the roll of secretary, if not we would accept Jim's offer. At present we have only one Child Protection Officer, Mary Doyle has done the Children's Officer training and has stated she would be willing to take on the other post. Stephen to contact Keith Fitzsimmons regarding this.

ALL

PR Stephen distributed copies of a flyer designed by John Donnelly. All present were impressed with the design. Some suggestions were made but as this was likely to take some time and thought, members were asked to consider the flyer and either email their thoughts to Stephen / Council or to bring them to the next meeting. The cost of producing these will be £160 for 2000 copies printed on both sides in colour. The size of the flyer will be 1/3 A4. Some ideas which were mentioned were: Full name on front, address on back, family picture, sit on top picture.

Stephen
Matt

Newsletter A list of items received in the office had not been supplied to Stephen. Items that Council thought should be in the Newsletter: Polo item – Squad to supply, Tide Tables – Stephen to supply, Bird Flu – Matt to Supply.

Office The star test badges have been received, the certificates are due next week. A new answering machine has been purchased. This machine allows the message to be changed remotely.

David M

Yearbook David explained the current state of the yearbook. Stephen gave a quote for printing 800 copies of a 50 page yearbook of £900 from Speediprint. Jim said he had adverts confirmed from several (6 or 7) suppliers. David to distribute the yearbook to Council for proof reading and then to get it to the printer.

Finance Stephen said he was compiling the end of year report for SCNI. We are expecting to hear about next years grant about the 23 April.

Photo Competition The entries were looked at and judged by Council. First place went to a picture of Pete Cunningham on Duff Falls, Second went to a picture of Dessie surfing taken by Chloe, Third was a picture of Carolyn McCrystal taken by Trisha McDonald. Other pictures may be used in the book as required.

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Next meeting 8th May.