

Minutes of CANI Council Meeting 11 December 2006 held at Shaw's Bridge Sports Association

Attendance: Stephen Craig, David Maxwell, David Boyle, Mike McClure

Apologies: Rodger Hamilton, Oisín Hallissey, Jim Seymour

Minutes of last meeting: Approved

A disciplinary matter was discussed and the action to follow was agreed in line with CANI procedures.

Membership Survey Lorna has been working on this. The final survey will not go out with the membership form but will be sent in February or March. This will be a shorter form than previous years.

Flyer: Oisín and John have been working on this and a final version should be circulated shortly.

Calendar of Events: Some clubs have supplied events. All clubs will be asked to supply event dates to the office for both recreation and competition in the letter to accompany their membership form.

Office: The office has a new chair. The heating in Lagan Watersports has failed due to flooding at last weekends high tide and high river level. The engineer has looked at it and is waiting parts. David has been supplied with a fan heater to keep the office warm.

Health & Safety: No items

Equity: No items

Pete Boyle joined the meeting:

Awards for All: Pete said Ulster Polo Canoe Club had received a grant and CANI would be able to apply for one also. The grant limit is £10,000 and can be applied for annually. Polo are trying to get one high profile competition run in Northern Ireland to help generate interest in Canoe Polo. They also want to develop a permanent polo pitch. The aim is to develop a strong junior group of paddlers.

He suggested that CANI use Awards for All to purchase a set of high performance boats for each of its competition disciplines. Stephen said council would consider this and he would put an item in the Newsletter to see if there was interest in this. There was no point in buying boats if there was no one wanting to use them or no where to store them.

Knockbracken: Latest news is that running costs are looking high but it is still being pursued as a venue for paddling. The water service are not replying quickly to requests for necessary information. Castlereagh Borough Council are exploring the possibility of becoming involved in the development.

Top Club: This is a BCU scheme. UCPC have set up their club governance and are trying to link to schools and youth clubs. It was suggested that youth service, scouts and BB would be good contact groups.

Pete left at this time.

Correspondence:

At the Mourne Race, a league event there was an accident when wind blew an open boat into a parked car. Details have been passed to Perkins Slade.

A request for funding has been received from Richard Hobson for his son Chris who is planning to attend Surf Kayak Championships in USA in 2007. There was discussion on this and Stephen is to write to Richard suggesting he applies to USRT and Athlete Support Fund.

A request for assistance has been received from a new club being set up for people with special needs. They are looking for instructors to help with pool sessions.

AOB:

Mike said Newcastle were trying to reinvent the area as the 'Adventure Sports Capital for Ireland'