

THE CANOE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held in the Arches Community Centre, Randalstown on Monday 22 January 2007 at 7.30pm.

APOLOGIES

Caroline Driscoll, Lindsay McFee, Tracy Redmond, Viki Blair, Paul Morgan, Ray Rowe, Stephen Millar, Oisín Hallissey, Stephen Brown, Andrea Johnston, Claire Rooney, Ashley Hunter, Davy McCann

MINUTES - MATTERS ARISING

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Mike McClure and seconded by Jim Seymour.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - see separate report.

TREASURER'S REPORT - see separate report.

This showed a healthy profit for 2006. Our trading profit was £4091 partly due to a big increase in course fees. The turnover was £56,000 in 2006.

Council have proposed that there be no increase in membership fees for 2007.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT - see report in February's newsletter. Matt announced that he will be leaving his post in March. Mike McClure proposed a vote of thanks to Matt for raising the profile of canoeing with the general public and government agencies.

RCO'S REPORT

Rodger was unable to give a breakdown of the star tests and coaching awards for 2006 as the office has not been manned since the New Year however he did feel that there had been an increase in level 3 coach trainings and assessments. The biggest development in coaching in 2006 has been the UK Coaching Scheme. Only 3 people have applied to be trained as coach educators - this should be done by February. Level 1 will be live in March and level 2 in September. New star awards will start in September.

He asked for nominations for LCOs and the following names were put forward

ARMAGH Davy McCann      DOWN Pete Cunningham      BELFAST John Hubbocks  
ANTRIM Ashley Hunter      FERMANAGH Elaine Alexander

It was proposed that the LCOs areas be redefined and instead of being based on 6 counties they could be based on 4 areas.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Malcolm Kerry  
proposed by Jim Seymour, seconded by Rodger Hamilton

VICE PRESIDENT Jim Seymour  
proposed by Mike McClure, seconded by Rosa Hunter

CHAIRPERSON No-one accepted nomination for this post

VICE CHAIRPERSON Pete Boyle  
proposed by Matt Peach, seconded by Dymphna Carville

TREASURER Lorna Vance

proposed by Mike McClure, seconded by Davy Boyle

SECRETARY Mary Doyle

Proposed by Davy Boyle, seconded by Rosa Hunter

RCO Rodger Hamilton - on the recommendation of the Coaching Panel until December 2007. The meeting empowered the Council to appoint an RCO during the year as nominated by the Coaching Panel.

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Davy Boyle

proposed by Malcolm Kerry, seconded by Rodger Hamilton

Davy Maxwell

proposed by Jim Seymour, seconded by Lorna Vance

Stephen Miller

Proposed by Mike McClure, seconded by Lorna Vance

The following were proposed as chairpersons of sub-committees

EVENTS Matt Peach proposed by Mike McClure , seconded by Davy Boyle

SURF Erica Chisholm proposed by Jim Seymour, seconded by Elaine Alexander

GREEVES TROPHY - this was presented to Dympna Carville for her success in polo.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - this was presented to Matt Peach for his work on the Lower Bann Challenge Race.

#### CANI LEAGUE RESULTS FOR 2006

CLUB 1 Dogleap (362) 2 Belfast CC (270) 3 7 Towers (175)

#### INDIVIDUAL

OVER 18 MALE 1 Ray Rowe 2 Paul McLaughlin 3 Denis Gallagher

OVER 18 FEMALE 1 Elaine Alexander 2 Orla Hughes  
3 Christine Hill/Mary Buckley/Dympna Carville

UNDER 18 MALE 1 Paul Elliot 2 Paul Henry 3 Andrew McClelland

UNDER 18 FEMALE 1 Tracy Redmond 2 Caroline McCrystal 3 Lyndsay McPhee

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Griffin asked if CANI would have any problem linking with ICU in introducing canoeing into one of the events of Special Olympics Ulster. The meeting felt that there would be no difficulties with this at all. This led to a discussion on promoting closer links with ICU and even appointing a liaison officer. Davy Maxwell proposed that the chairpersons of the 2 organisations should meet and discuss closer links.

Pete Boyle announced that there is £50 million available from the Olympic Committee to spend on training facilities and that canoeing could benefit from some of this money.

The meeting concluded with Davy Boyle proposing a vote of thanks to Stephen Craig and Anne Devlin for all their hard work for CANI.