

CANOE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Mon 18 June 2007

ATTENDANCE

Malcolm Kerry	Erica Chisholm	Ashley Hunter
Lorna Vance	Mary Doyle	

APOLOGIES

Jim Seymour	Mike McClure	Pete Boyle
Davy Boyle	Oisin Hallissey	Davy Maxwell
Stephen Miller		

MINUTES – MATTERS ARISING

Glenmore Activity Centre has sent a proposal to Lisburn City Council that they buy a container which we can use to store CANI equipment. The container will be kept in a compound where the CANI trailer can be parked. We are now awaiting agreement from the council. Swim Ulster have requested support from canoe clubs for maintaining the use of the Grove Swimming Pool when the new pool opens. They will send out a sample letter. Stephen Craig has agreed to archive the old CANI documentation held in the office.

OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

After a meeting in the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre it was decided to put in a bid to Sport NI for a Whitewater Centre in Craigavon. It will have a 2km flatwater lake and a whitewater course. Ashley emphasised that CANI would have to put their full support behind the bid. The centre will be manned by Craigavon Council and they will move their watersports centre to the new venue. Rowing propose making it their national facilities centre.

NEW WEBSITE

The proposed new website will cost about £2000 and include chat facilities. It will be sponsored. Ashley will contact Outdoor Centres and retailers who may wish to advertise on it. He will also get quotes from website providers. A website working party will be set up.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

The BCU have launched Paddlepower – a youth initiative – for which we need to purchase packs. Ashley will negotiate a price with BCU.

Paddlefest will be held on 14-16 March 2008 at a venue to be decided. It is between Bushmills and Ardnabannan. A working party will need to be set up.

We are awaiting a new database from BCU from which we can access the CANI info. The data on the CANI database needs to be verified before it is merged with the BCU's.

BCU reps (including Mike Devlin) are going to come to NI at the end of July to talk to members about UKCC. They will also meet with CANI Council.

Strangford Canoe Trail is moving on. The text for the interpretation panels has been drawn up. It will be circulated to Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Some of the bursaries have been allocated. Lorna will get David Bell to draft a letter and send out the cheques to the recipients. There is funding available from Landfill Tax for projects in Belfast. Ashley will look into it. He has met with Belfast City Council . They have £5000 for Support for Sport which Belfast based clubs can apply for. Clubs have been sent letters and a rep from BCC will meet with the clubs in September. Ashley will be meeting with Belfast Activity Centre about the use of their proposed new boathouse on the Lagan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Mon 6th August at 7pm in the office at Lagan Watersports, 11-13 Ravenhill Road, Belfast.