

CARLISLE CANOE CLUB

Wednesday 7 February @ 7:30 pm

Sands Centre, Carlisle

Attendance and Apologies:-

John McAllister (Chairman), Tony Colla (Treasurer), Rachel Prudham (Secretary), Walter McPhee (Junior Coaching co-ordinator), Ben McAllister (Club Fundraiser), Scott Pollendine, Kenny Park (Social Secretary) Gillian Thomas, .

Apologies: Chris Hewitt, John Storr, Jim and Sam Winterton

Minutes of Last AGM

The last meeting was the AGM and the minutes have been seen and agreed.

Matters Arising

Membership was discussed. To keep the club ongoing and healthy we need to encourage new members to the club. We talked about ways in which this could be achieved. Tony C suggested that a news article might help or magazine interest such as the Village Link. Gillian T had a friend in the Cumberland News and would ask if this was possible and who to approach.

John Mc talked about taster sessions for the Club which had proved successful in the past. This would encourage new starters and also brought in a small income for the Club which would help towards new equipment. John would produce an email that could be sent to businesses advertising taster sessions to see if there was any take up.

If anyone knows of any ways to advertise the Club please let us know. We are all responsible for taking our Club forward and encouraging new growth and we must all work together on this.

There had been a successful First Aid course completed and certificates given. All coaches need an up to date first aid certificate. The course was hosted at Border Kayaks and it was generally felt by all the attendees that the subject had been approached in a fun way and was very paddle related.

There was a Coaching matters being held on Saturday the 10 February at Killington Lake. You don't have to be a coach to attend and can have a look on Facebook. It was always a good day and you were well looked after.

Walter had done some 3* assessments and Adam C, Stephen C and Jamie H had all passed.

There had also been a trip down the Esk.

The Wavehopper was discussed, this would be put on Facebook after the dates were finally confirmed. The Slalom was going to be the 16 September hopefully.

Club Associate Membership – British Canoeing are offering discounts to attract new members and get information from club databases i.e names and addresses of our members. It was discussed adding a tick box on the membership form as to whether people were agreeable with releasing their personal information.

Treasurer's Report

We are currently losing money on the pool. We have gathered in £482.00 and spent £640.00, it is the first time it has been adrift. It might be that the price will have to go up next year if it continues.

We are £608.00 down at the moment but this will correct itself once membership comes in. We spent £270.00 on BCU affiliation and we are £250.00 down from the First Aid course but Tony was awaiting some more payments on that to recoup.

Any other business

Ben said he still had in his possession the globe that was donated, if anyone has any ideas please let him know.

We discussed how much to charge if we were to run taster sessions – it was thought £15.00 - £20.00 ahead depending on numbers.

Cumbria Canoeists now have their own website – have a look. They advertise any courses and trips, they are trying to do more river trips as in the past they have been more sea kayak orientated.

British Canoeing are running a roadshow on the 14 March 6:30-9:30 about access and the environment, they have called it “Clear Water Initiative”. They want to have a consultation process about the problems that paddlers are having and how they can be resolved by looking at access agreements etc.

Coaching – if you want to get into coaching please approach John McAllister. He has produced a coaching overview sheet from British Canoeing for the steps that can be followed to become a coach.

The rota for the coming year was discussed. Again membership was discussed and perhaps increasing the membership fee. It was debated and decided that we were a none profit club and generally things were running above water, the membership fee would stay the same for now.

Time and date for the next meeting - 3 April 2018 after the first summer paddling session, upstairs in the Sands at 8:15 pm.

Walter suggested we practice for the Wavehopper on the first few sessions back on the river.

R Prudham
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