

Carlisle Canoe Club

Committee meeting minutes 24th June 2014

Present:

Tony Colla (Chairman), Dave Lawton (Coach/Leader Development & Co-ordination), Zoe Southern (Secretary), Ian Carmichael, Susan Rutherford (Treasurer), Walter McPhee, Faith Cook (Volunteer Co-ordinator), John McAllister, Ben McAllister (Youth Representative), Lizzie McGaffin (Welfare Officer).

Apologies:

Mark Rutherford, Ray Petrie.

Minutes of last meeting:

Seen and agreed.

Matters arising:

- As agreed at the last meeting, one of the open boats has now been sold for £575, added to the £280 credit at Border Kayaks, this makes £855 to be put towards a new boat. The committee discussed which make/model of boat would be most suitable to purchase and it was agreed to ask Antony at Border Kayaks to demo the new open boat he has in stock on the Tarn. Ian added he is happy for people to use his open boat when he doesn't need it.
- Leaflets to promote the club are still to be made.

Treasurers report:

Accounts/finance:

Current Account:	£ 3140.38
Business Account:	£ 3209.61
Petty Cash:	£ 35.28

- A reminder that membership fees were due 1/4/14 and there are a few outstanding. Can anyone who still needs to pay their membership get this to Susan a.s.a.p. who will now start contacting people individually who have not paid.
- Susan also clarified that new members have to pay the yearly membership fee (Adult £23.00, Student /Unemployed £15.00, Junior (under 18 years £15.00; Family £35.00) as well as the £20 beginners course fee. This is still not rectified and Susan is not always aware of who needs to pay as she does not have access to the list of new starters for each month. It was agreed that Susan would be added to the coaches facebook page so she can access the list of new starts each month and is aware of who needs to pay.

- Reported that grant money reimbursement from Matthew Davidson is still outstanding, yet he has been in contact. Dave offered to chase this up.
- Susan asked about reimbursing coaches who pay for parking at Talkin Tarn for the beginners sessions. She will be provided with the rotas so she knows who has been coaching and will reimburse them for the parking charge.
- A reminder to give any sponsored roll money to Susan so it can be distributed to charities. So far she has received £120.

Recent trips:

Sea paddling trips:
Outer Hebrides,
Isle of Skye.

The Alps

River levels have been low which affects trips ☹️

A.O.B.:

- Dave L
 - Dave spoke about the possibility of arranging a trip to the Tees Barrage, Washburn or Tryweryn River, possibly staying overnight for the Tryweryn. This is a good opportunity for people to try a challenging river run and practice their skills in a safer environment. Anyone who is interested should speak to Dave who will come up with some suitable dates.
- John Mc
 - Asked about beginners being able to come on a Tuesday evening, as people are interested in trying out paddling but are unable to come on Saturdays. It was agreed that Tuesday evenings would be ok and John offered to coach.
 - John would like to organise a first aid course for club members. Tony will check the coaching list and see when the next batch of people need to renew and then something can be arranged. This should be for club members who are coaches on a regular basis.
 - John also mentioned that the Epic Events Ullswater swim has a royal theme and encouraged anyone taking part to dress up. Faith suggested a separate Facebook page for swim safety events as they are not technically club events.

- Faith C
 - Faith is hoping to organise some easy river trips for kayak and canoe. Also flat water trips for canoe. If you are interested contact Faith.
 - Faith thanked Ian for the use of his open boat which she used for her moderate water endorsement. All the committee congratulated Faith for passing! Well done!

- Ian C
 - Ian reported there have not been enough G3 spray decks for the beginners on a Saturday. Ian will check the stock to see whether they have been put on the wrong pegs in the club house.
 - Ian also mentioned that the new beginners curriculum seems to be working really well, with new starters coming on well.
 - Ian put forward the idea of organising races on the Eden, perhaps from the M6 bridge to the Sands Centre, as has been done in the past, with all different crafts able to take part. Tony suggested a one-off event would be ok, as permission would need to be sought from the fishermen etc. Dave put forward the idea of a small triathlon. Ian will go ahead and look into organising a race.

- Zoe S
 - Zoe asked about cutting back the grass and plants on the path leading down to the river at the Sands as this is quite overgrown. John will bring his scythe on Thurs and Zoe volunteered to clear the path.

- Tony C
 - Tony has been approached by the city council who are running sporting events at the Sheepmount to mark the start of the 2014 Commonwealth games. Tony has arranged to borrow two kayak ergo machines for the club to take to the event on the 20th July. This can be made into a 'Go Canoeing' event. There is a Facebook events page where you can register your availability to help out on the day.
 - The family fun day is going ahead this Sunday 29th June. Meet at club at 8:30, leaving at 9 or go straight Glen Coyne. Will get back mid-afternoon. Don't forget to bring your own BBQ. You will need a boat, buoyancy aid, paddle, cag, towel, change of clothes in case you get wet. Drink and food. If you can't carry your own boat, either come to an arrangement with another member or let us know and we will try and organise the trailer if someone can tow. Add yourself to the Facebook event if you plan to go or speak to Zoe or Tony.

Rota

Dave will finalise the coaching rota and circulate. More coaches are needed for Saturday beginners sessions so contact Dave if you are able to help.

Next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 29th July at 8.15pm, in the Sands Café or upstairs if it is closed.