

Carlisle Canoe Club

Committee meeting minutes 29th July 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), Stephen Kavanagh, Ray Petrie,

Apologies:

Mark Rutherford, Marc Johnson

Minutes of last meeting:

Seen and agreed.

Matters arising:

- Leaflets to promote the club have been made and some flyers distributed at the Sheepmount sports day where the club had a kayak ergo machine. There was a good turnout and good response from people attending.
- There are still a few outstanding membership fees. Can anyone who still needs to pay their membership get this to Susan a.s.a.p. who will be contacting people individually who have not paid.
- Ian had reported there have not been enough G3 spray decks for the beginners on a Saturday. Ian checked the stock to and they had been returned. Club members are reminded to sign any equipment out in the log book.
- Open boat replacement: Faith and Dave mentioned Anthony has a 15ft open boat in stock. After discussion it was felt a 16ft boat would better meet the club's needs, based on prior experiences, as it would be more suitable for tandem and trips. The money to pay for the new open boat is on credit at Border Kayaks. Jim mentioned storage as an issue and discussed whether storing the boat at Border Kayaks shop would be the best option, yet it was felt that the boat should be kept at the club to make it more accessible to members. John Mc will think about some ideas for storage. Anthony also has a Venture Symphony in stock which is a bigger boat and Tony will try and arrange for the club to demo the boat.

Treasurers report:

Accounts/finance:

Current Account: £ 3363.38

Business Account: £ 3209.61

Petty Cash: £ 44.28

- Reported that grant money reimbursement from Matthew Davidson is still outstanding. This will continue to be chased up.

- Mark R has done an audit certificate for the 2012-13 year and can provide a copy to anyone who needs it.
- Pool dates for this year's first rolling session were discussed. Date TBC as Susan will contact the Trinity pool and enquire about a suitable start date.
- Susan announced she will be stepping down as club treasurer next year and asked for people to consider taking on the role. Susan offered to spend time with the new treasurer to teach them the basics.

Recent trips:

Ullswater family day

Pinkston White Water Course

Sea paddling trips

The Alps

SESA training course on Windermere

Safety cover events: Ullswater, Coniston, Windermere...

River levels have been low which affects trips ☹️

A.O.B.:

- Walter Mc
 - Walter asked for clarification surrounding the club's position on charging beginner's fees for people who come to Tuesday and Thursday sessions to rather than Saturday's. The reasons for charging fees were discussed and it was decided in the interests of fairness, beginners working towards their 1* should be asked to pay £20 whether they come on a weekend or weekday. This will be revisited in September.
 - Walter mentioned that he has been approached about the possibility of other paddlers from the area coming to join the club sessions for slalom and to get some experience on moving water. It was agreed that paddlers can come and join the slalom sessions as this is a good way to build up support for the slalom event. If paddlers want to join sessions at other times they should be asked to pay club membership fees.
- John Mc
 - John has enquired about a first aid course for club members and has received various offers. John checked the coaching list to see when the next batch of people needed to renew and found the majority don't need renewal for a while. John will look into organising a shorter first aid course to help members on the SESA course to meet requirements. Anyone interested in attending a first aid course should contact John as the more numbers we have, the less it will cost.
 - John asked any club members who are interested in helping out with safety cover at the upcoming Epic Events swim in Coniston to contact him. There is a pirate theme and camping is available the night before.

- Ray P
 - Ray raised the issue of club equipment not being booked out when people are borrowing it. All club members are reminded to use the equipment log book to book any equipment out and not to keep kit at home for too long. Jim suggested a designated person could be responsible for this, with club members checking with them that it is ok to borrow any equipment. John Mc agreed to do this.

- Ian C
 - Ian mentioned that lately there has been some equipment needing repairs and this has not always been reported in a timely manner. It was agreed that a list should be put up in the club where members can log any repairs that need doing to club kit.

- Jim W
 - Jim asked if the beginners log books that Faith mentioned were in use. Faith has made a prototype log book she will show to other coaches. The club welcome pack that Faith produced was also mentioned. The welcome pack is available on the website and will be sent to all new starters.
 - Jim asked if the new UKCC syllabus for 2* awards was being followed, including the added white water module the club had decided on. Dave reported this is happening.
 - The coaching programme for evening sessions was discussed and the possibility of asking members who want to be coached to express an interest beforehand was suggested. This already happens to a certain extent with people verbally expressing an interest. Having an online sign-up, as has happened previously with the Skydrive, was suggested and will be considered.

Rota

Dave will finalise the coaching rota and circulate. Please contact Dave if you are able to help.

Next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 26th August at 8.15pm, in the Sands Café or upstairs if it is closed.