

## Carlisle Canoe Club

### Committee meeting minutes 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013

#### **Present:**

Tony Colla, Ben McAllister, Jim Wilson, Walter McPhee, Dave Lawton, Ray Petrie, John Roelich, Lizzie McGaffin, John McGaffin, Susan Rutherford, Mark Rutherford, Zoe Southern, John Storr

#### **Apologies:**

#### **Minutes of last meeting:**

Seen and agreed.

#### **Treasurers report:**

Accounts/finance:

Current Account:	£ 3208.81
Business Account:	£1370.48
Petty Cash:	£42.58

Income from the pool sessions this year has been good, with costs being covered each week and some weeks bringing a profit.

#### **Recent trips:**

Eden Langwathby-Lazonby  
Eden Lazonby-Armathwaite  
Derwent Water  
Ullswater-Armathwaite  
Kent  
Leven  
Sea Kayaking

#### **A.O.B.:**

- Tony C
  - Antony & Tony went through boat store. All boats are equipped with air bags and repaired where necessary. Antony has taken all old club boats and a couple of old members boats and is trying sell them off.
  - Tony sent an email round club members after last meeting, resulting in missing kit being returned.
  - Dates for the Wavehopper event: the Wavehopper event will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Ray P. will liase with the John Sherwin about this and a poster will be made to advertise.
  - After Dave L requesting hip pads at the last meeting Antony suggested drilling holes in boats and using bungee cord and foam blocks to provide a better fit for paddlers. Dave feels the hip pads

will provide better contact for paddlers and will speak to Antony to arrange this.

- There are some changes to the beginner's courses. With people dropping out of booked beginners courses this year, the club ended up losing money and subbing the Tarn. To rectify this, the price of beginner's sessions has increased to £20 (with a 20% discount for family groups). This is to be payable on booking and non-refundable.
- Clubmark quality accreditation: Clubmark have requested Tony C signs to agree that a spot inspection at the club may be carried out at any time to ensure standards are being met. The committee all agreed to this. Clubmark also suggested the following improvements:
  1. The committee should approve the coaching by all people who are not licensed BCU coaches.
  2. The committee should be asked to approve/ok any people leading club trips.
- Lizzie Mc
  - The new CRB system is proving effective and is luckily a lot less work for Lizzie. Please can all coaches keep Lizzie informed of their CRB status and provide Lizzie with copies of their certificates when updating/necessary for safeguarding purposes, as Lizzie is not automatically sent these.
  - All coaches need to do safeguarding training. Those who are in need of a safeguarding training update can contact Active Cumbria. John R mentioned there is a safeguarding training course soon so Lizzie will find out more information and identify candidates, or anyone interested can contact Lizzie.
- Dave L
  - Mentioned it was nice to see so many people on the recent river trips. This raised the issue of gamekeepers questioning the need for permission to access the river at Langwathby. Jim W assures this is not the case outside of fishing season and suggests any further queries can be directed to himself.
- Walter Mc
  - Mentioned the white boats at the rolling sessions were too big for some young paddlers. Jim W has a small boat that can be used.
  - Has prepared a letter to send to other clubs regarding next years slalom event. Committee members agreed on which clubs to send this to and John R will support Walter through Cumbria Canoeists.
- Jim W
  - Mentioned how nice it was to see so many paddlers out the previous weekend at club trips, he estimated about 50 paddlers took part over the course of the weekend.

- Ben Mc
  - Kayak safety cover required for events in 2014. John McAllister has emailed details to all mailing list members and will create event pages on Facebook and also put paper copies in the club for signing up. Contact John Mc for more information. SESA qualified paddlers will take priority in some events. Tony C mentioned that BCU are currently looking for UKCC level 2 coaches to become SESA Trainers. Anyone interested should contact Tony for info.
  
- Susan R
  - Raised the possibility of a club xmas social event. A date is still to be arranged but bowling or night in the pub was suggested. Lizzie Mc will contact AMF bowling to see what kind of deals they have and to check out dates.
  - Susan asked about any upcoming open boating trips. Tony C mentioned there is a trip on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January on the River Derwent, which would be fine for anyone wanted to open boat.
  
- Zoe S
  - There is a demand for easy river running trips as new paddlers have requested this. Any easy river running trips/opportunities would be appreciated.

## Rota

Jim W will make the coaching rota up to January and circulate.

## Xmas dates for Saturday morning sessions and Thursday rolling sessions

Saturday River Sessions:

The last session before Xmas will be **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Sat morning sessions will restart on the **4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014**.

Thursday Pool Sessions:

The last pool session before Xmas will be **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. Pool sessions will restart on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January**.

Next committee meeting will be Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm in the Sands Café