

CARLISLE CANOE CLUB

Committee Meeting Sunday 18 December 2016

Present:-

John McAllister (Chairman), Tony Colla (Treasurer), Rachel Prudham (Secretary), Ben McAllister (Youth Representative), Kenny Park (Volunteer Co-ordinator)

Trish Rothwell, Walter McPhee, Jim and Sam Winterton, Mike Howe, Scott Pollendine, Alistair Wright, Paul Gilpin, Sean Ansbro, Michael Briggs, Claire and Steven Crawford, Mike Saunders, Heather Wilson, Proudly, Maureen, Cerys and Mr Smyth, Adam Colla and Chloe, Pauline Colla, John Rothwell.

Apologies if I have missed anyone.

Minutes of Last Meeting

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

Matters Arising

John opened the meeting with a general acknowledgement that we had all enjoyed our Christmas paddle and the meal we had all just eaten (Fox & Pheasant, Armathwiate) and that it had been a good turnout with some interesting fancy dress efforts.

Coaches needed to be signed up for training sessions and it was acknowledged that this could be tightened up. John Storr was now the contact for the coaching timetable.

Coaching going forward – January would see the start of some two star training being organised.

If you are interested in becoming a coach you need to approach the committee.

Retention of new starters beyond their initial one star training was discussed. Tony had emailed people who hadn't come back to us and they had all been very positive about the quality of the training received but the capsize was making people nervous. Generally there was positive feedback. It was decided the club would purchase 3 sit on tops for nervous kayakers and look into the possibility of running some pool sessions for the one star new starters to navigate the capsize/getting to know your kayak in safer surroundings rather than the river.

RP had mentioned that she would like to have more organised camping trips in 2017 and John reiterated that was an excellent idea and it was hoped this would be implemented.

Treasurer's Report

We are currently spending more than we get in. The BCU affiliation was the last bill paid and we are £4.00 to £5.00 up on last year. We have spent £337.13 more than our income since October. We have a healthy £5,245.00 in the current account with a total balance held of £8,763.72.

Three sit on tops have been purchased for the club at around £800.00-£900.00. The swimming pool is just about breaking even, the session costs the Club £40.00 a week.

Tony felt that the Club had no financial problems.

John asked anyone if they had any comments to make. He spoke to everyone individually but due to the numbers I will summarise these comments as they were all similar:-

“Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all”

It had been a good year of excellent paddling and even better company and the committee were thanked by Pauline Colla for all their hard work and commitment. Maureen Smyth has promised she will get on the water now the club have some sit on tops (officially in writing Maureen so we will hold you to that!). Scott P thanked his rescuers – well done everyone.

Kenny Park mentioned the Christmas party in January – he would put it to the vote to see where we would go – either bowling or to Jump Mania. Jump Mania were being unreliable with getting back to him and it was discussed about hiring the venue exclusively but it is expensive coming in at £1,100.00.

Mike wanted to sort some trips out – perhaps the Caledonian Canal. John McAllister said that there were some good trips often posted on the Cumbria Canoeist website so to keep an eye on those.

John McAllister and Chris Hewitt had attended a fundraising event for children less able and they were perhaps looking to organise some pool sessions for them, in half term week in February.

The meeting was brought to a close – a very good party had by all.

And from the committee -Christmas wishes to all of the members, and lets look forward to another good year of getting out on the water and doing what we do best, having fun!