

Committee meeting minutes

Tuesday 23rd April 2013

Present :- Tony, John R, John S, Ray, Becks, Jim, Ant, Rachael, Ben Mcallister, John Mcallister, Faith, Walter, Ian Carmichael, Mike Pinske

Apologies: - Susan, Mike Hewitt, Becky

Accounts

Business Account £3207.61

Current Account £2627.54

Petty Cash £149.01

Total amount £5984.16

Messages from Susan

- Congratulations to all who completed their level 1 coaching, please can you all make the necessary arrangements to send off the application forms for grants from the City Council and Cumbria Canoeist and reimburse club with any amount obtained
- Thank you to everyone who has handed in their sponsor money to date for the roll session in the pool. If there is any outstanding money, please could arrangements be made for it to be paid ASAP?
- Could everyone who has not paid their membership make arrangements to do so ASAP? Thank you to everyone who has paid via standing order, it has worked well to date.

Trips

- Scotland trip
- Kirkcudbright Cumbria canoeists sea kayak weekend

Jim

- Asked for feedback from the coaches on how coaching sessions are going at the moment. Tony commented that feedback from the groups has been positive and they are making good progress. It was mentioned that keeping up with the scoring of how paddlers are progressing can be a little difficult but feedback has been positive and the venue for the beginners appears to be working well at present.
- Jim also asked for feedback on how Tuesday night and Thursday night training sessions are going. Feedback for open boat sessions on Thursday nights was that numbers of participants has been low which is having an effect on progression on paddlers. A suggestion was made that when beginners start moving onto the river for 2* training, they will be split into two groups alternating between open boats and kayaks in order to achieve the 2* award. It was also suggested that paddlers will paddle two to a boat due to low numbers of open boats, and open boat sessions may need to be run on Tuesday as well as Thursday nights to accommodate numbers of paddlers, depending on coaches numbers.
- Feedback for Tuesday nights was that the numbers for the foundation safety and rescue sessions has been low, possibly due to the unseasonably cold weather.
- Feedback for the 3* training was that it appears to be working well. Some paddlers are missing sessions and don't always follow on from session to session, but this has always been the case due to paddlers' other time/work commitments.
- Consensus as a whole was that things seem to be progressing reasonably well, but next month will prove more of a tester when beginners start to move onto the river for 2*training. Foundation safety and rescue training will remain on Tuesdays, 3* training will remain on Thursdays, WWSR to remain on Thursdays, open boat training to be ran on both Tuesday and Thursday nights. Sea kayak training will become more difficult to maintain with Jims absence later on in the year.

- The lock on the store door is now fixed. Suggestion made for a place to put padlock keys for coaches to access for sessions. More changing room keys to be issued to coaches to make access easier for sessions.
- Regarding bibs for competitions, Jim has spoken again to the company. Ray to put in a rebid for pricing.
- Spaces are still available for a sea paddling trip on 20th -23rd May to Jura. Anyone interested speak to Jim.

Walter

- Would like to run some 3* trips when river levels are good on weekends.
- Slalom competition has been scheduled for 21st/22nd September, with the usual format of setting up the gates on the Saturday and the actual competition being held on the Sunday.

Becks

Nothing to add

Ben McAllister

Nothing to add

John McAllister

- Email has been sent out asking for paddlers to provide safety cover for a Triathlon on the 13th July at Pooley Bridge, and an Epic swim event on Ullswater on the 14th July. 6 – 8 paddlers required on the 13th July for the triathlon.

Faith

- Has been busy making up booklets for coaches for ticking off skills on each session for *awards.

John Storr

Nothing to add

Ian Carmichael

Nothing to add

John Roelich

Nothing to add

Ray

- Asked for volunteers to help out at the wavehopper races on 28th April.

Ant

- The Muckletoon adventure festival will take place on 18th and 19th May. Ant will be putting on a demo for spectators and asked for any volunteers who will be free to assist.

Mike Pinske

Nothing to add

Rachael

Nothing to add

Tony

- Volunteers needed to help out with taster sessions for scouts and leaders on Talkin Tarn on the 20th may at 7pm.
- There will be a kayak polo mini tournament on Saturday 29th June 5pm – 8pm. As this coincides with the Alps trip, and that most of the members who have competed at the polo sessions will be going on the trip, It was decided that this would probably turned down.
- With regards to open boats, Ant has said that if the club purchases 2 more open boats, he will be willing to store them at the shop and transport them down for sessions.
- Tony and John Roelich have been busy making crib booklet to be given to coaches, listing the requirements to be met for open boating and kayaking for 1* to 3*.

Coaching Rote and programme for May published on website

Next meeting Tuesday 21st May at 20:30.