

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SLEAFORD PADDLERS HELD ON
25 MARCH 2008 AT ROWAN WAY SLEAFORD

1. **Present**

Tony Baker
Lorraine Baker
Sophie Baker
Ben Thorpe
Dane Butler
Patricia Matthews
Alison Callaby
Steve Callaby
Steve Cook
Barry Mair

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Kevin Matthews.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved (subject to the amendment of paragraph 11(5) changing the word 'pledge' to 'approach') as a true record by Tony Baker and seconded by Alison Callaby.

4. **Matters Arising**

- i) **CRB checks.**
Tony Baker confirmed that CRB checks for Stephen and William have not yet been done and he will get this sorted.
- ii) **Duck.**
It was reported that this has been completed. Liam May has the duck for his latest swim. Tony reported that he is in the process of getting a bigger duck which he will arrange to be mounted and a discussion will have to take place at a later date as to what this will be awarded for.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Dane Butler reported that as at the 25th March 2008 we had the following:

In the Bank £725.93.

Petty cash £77.40

Dane reported that it has been very quiet over the winter months as we had not charged for river trips. The pool sessions were, however bringing in the money. It was reported that we are going to have to pay the annual fee to BCU, discussion took place as to how many boats we need a licence for.

6. **Memberships fees.**

Alison Callaby reported that she has 39 names of Paddlers on her list. She has received 18 forms. This is because one form has been completed per family. There are a number of outstanding forms.

Alison, however, had some queries as to who is to pay for membership. It was confirmed that whilst Ben Houlden will not pay as he is a scout Miriam will have to pay membership fees. Emma is a scout leader and therefore should not have to pay membership fees. Paul May has not been included on his family's form and he will have to pay a membership fee. It was agreed at the next session if membership forms have not been handed in then Paddlers will be told they cannot paddle.

8. **Local Network Funds**

The grant we have will expire at the end of March. Tony confirmed that he is going to fill in the forms over the weekend and that is to be completed by Dane, as Treasurer. It will be submitted by the deadline.

It is possible to make an application for Lottery Grant of £5,000. The club will need to consider whether we are going to go for a Lottery Grant. There is nothing particularly needed for equipment. We have, out of Local Network funds, spent £1,000 on coaching. We need to consider what coaches we will need for the club, for example Steve Callaby & Barry. It is also important that the coaches do attend further open boat courses as the club has a very narrow single kayak base at the moment.

9. **BCU**

Tony Baker reported he would contact the BCU to complain that nobody had contacted us to offer support and that we were still not yet within the members directory. Patricia reported that she had received a reminder in relation to BCU fees and she would hand this to Tony.

10. **Equipment**

It is reported that we now have a K2 and a K1 and these are going to be brought to the regular sessions. We do still need to consider whether we need to pool length for the trailer and the wheel clamp. These are not essential at the moment because we are keeping the trailer at the Scout Hut. However, if the trailer is moved to Tattershall Lakes they will be essential.

11. **Website**

Steve Cook was in attendance and he confirmed he was happy to take over the website. Tony Baker proposed, seconded by Lorraine we release funds up to a maximum of £30 for Steve Cook to enable him to get the website up and running.

Concern was noted in the meeting as to the position in relation to photographs. It was agreed that we should put on the consent form to be signed by parents that photographs and videos will be taken.

As far as the contents of the website is concerned it was agreed that the website should include a calendar, reports after trips and photographs and contact details.

12. **UKCC**

Lorraine reported that Ian from Holme Pierrepont Canoe Club was hoping to set a date shortly so she can do her new level 2 assessment. Barry Mair reported that he has applied for an accreditation of prior learning to be approved by the BCU and is waiting to hear from them. Once he gets this confirmation he is going to apply for his level 1 coaching.

It was clarified that committee had already agreed that Tony could buy 20 Power Paddle packs.

Tony now reported he had completed his level 3 training.

13. **Child Protection**

Emma is the Child Protection Officer. Tony confirmed he will approach Emma to see if she still wants to do that role particularly with her new commitments. If Emma is not in a position to continue her role it was agreed we would approach Bev (proposed Tony Baker, seconded Alison Callaby)

14. **Diary**
Pool Sessions

Dane reported that he would be able to run the pool session on the 29 March. Neither the Bakers or the Matthews would be available to assist on that night. It was agreed that we would cancel the pool session on the 12 April. Tony and Lorraine confirmed they would be in position to run the pool session on the 19 April. Dane reported he would not be in a position to run that as he had Scout camp that weekend. Patricia and Kevin are away on holiday.

Alison agreed to approach Cranwell pool to obtain some dates for the period from October until Christmas, it was agreed we would take whatever is available.

Cogglesford Mill to Haverholme with Sleaford Navigation and Boston Canoe Club – meet at Scout Hut by 9am	30 March 2008
Ripon	26 April
Farndon to Newark	4 May
Star Camp weekend (currently Kirkshead Bridge)	14 & 15 June
Beach Day	12 July
Fun Session (to take place at Kirkshead Bridge)	
& Club Barbeque	13 September
Ripon	20 & 21 September

Summer Paddling

It was agreed that we would start Summer Paddling on 9 April and the first few sessions will take place at the Slea. All Paddlers must meet at the Scout Hut ready to leave at 6pm. Once the evenings get lighter and the water level drops we will then meet at Tattershall Lakes.

15. Any Other Business

Dane reported that Boggitt would like to come along to our regular summer evening sessions.

It was agreed by all present that children need to be encouraged to complete their logbooks. Barry agreed to complete a child friendly version. This is particularly important for those children approaching their 2 Star as they will need to provide evidence of trips.

It was agreed that the coaches should have pool sessions themselves to ensure their skills are maintained without the distraction of teaching.

Patricia asked if we could provide a session for Sleaford Catholic Youth. PM then supplied a number of dates. It was agreed to charge £5 a head.

Sophie asked about advertising at St Georges. It was suggested, however, that we do not have the capacity to bring in a large influx of new members too quickly and any advertising should be done through word of mouth.

Sophie asked about the cadet leadership. It was confirmed that she can do her level 1 coaching at aged 16 and this may be a better way to progress.

16. Date of Next Meeting

22 April 2008 at 7.30pm