SLEA PADDLERS

Minutes of the Meeting of Slea Paddlers Steering Group held on the 27th August 2006 at Harvest Way. Present were Tony Baker, Lorraine Baker, Dane Butler, Chris Butler, Kevin Matthews and Patricia Matthews.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Were approved as a true record by all present.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that would not be covered under the agenda items elsewhere.

4. Name

Tony Butler proposed the name Slea Paddlers. This was seconded by Dane Butler and carried unanimously.

Constitution

It was agreed that Patricia Matthews would prepare the constitution by the next meeting.

6. Treasurers Report

Dane Butler proposed that an account should be opened with HSBC. It will be a Club Association account with two signatories. It was agreed that the signatories to the account would be Lorraine, Dane and Kevin. It was agreed that cheques up to £100 could be signed without full committee authority.

Proposed by Dane Butler, seconded by Tony Baker.

Dane Butler reported that the Club had £210 cash. He had not received any money from the Guide Canoe Day, Kevin Matthews agreed to chase this up.

7. Registering Club

Tony Baker agreed to prepare the paperwork.

8. Scouts Kevin Matthews reported that the Scout Group had agreed to the setting up of the Club and to the boats continuing to be stored at the Scout premises.

9. Advert

Dane Butler reported that there had been no response to the article that had gone in the local paper, looking for water.

10. Youth Rep

It was agreed that William Maw should be approached to see if he would be prepared to stand as Youth Rep.

11. Club Meetings

Discussion then took place as to when the Club would meet for the next paddling session. It was agreed that the Club would meet at The Witham on the following Monday and the next 2 Wednesdays at Newark. It was not felt that evening sessions could continue much longer into September.

It was agreed that Dane Butler would approach Cranwell pool to set up some pool sessions. Discussions took place as to whether these could take place midweek.

Kevin reported that there were river trips proposed for October 15th and November 19th. These are to be open to all Club members dependent upon the kit. Pool sessions and all future paddling sessions were to be dependent upon the Scouting programme, which still had to be determined.

12. CRB

Tony Baker agreed to speak to the BCU to sort out the CRB checks. It was agreed unanimously that all of the Committee plus Emma, Andy, Richard and Nigel should all undergo CRB checks.

13. Website

It was agreed that Martyn Butler would be given the go ahead to design the website and to consider the possibility of incorporating logos that have been designed by the young members.

14. Boats

Dane Butler confirmed that we had received a grant of £2,400 to spend on equipment. Discussion then took place as to what boats could be purchased and the boats considered were the Arc Spark, the Master 2 and the Tec. It was agreed that all boats where possible should be demoed on Saturday at Home Pierpoint Canoe Club. It was also agreed that if it was necessary to pay monies to Desperate Measures to demo a boat, then this payment was authorised.

There was a general consensus that a selection of boats should be purchased. The money left over is to be used for paddles and other equipment such as smaller buoyancy aids and smaller helmets.

Discussion then took place as to boat security and it was agreed that this was going to have to considered carefully.

Further discussion then took place on the changes to the coaching qualifications.

14. Any other business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 9.40pm

15. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 27th September 2006 at 7:30pm at 27 Harvest Way, Sleaford.

Signed:	Dated: