

SLEA PADDLERS

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Slea Paddlers held on the 10th July 2007 at Rowan Way, Sleaford.

Action

1. Present

Tony Baker, Lorraine Baker, William Mawer, Dane Butler, Kevin Matthews, Patricia Matthews. Alison Callanby, Steve Callanby, Phillip Matthews.

2. Apologies

Emma Whitton.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record, by Kevin Matthews and seconded by Lorraine Baker.

4. Matters Arising

i. CRB Checks. Tony Baker confirmed that he would sort CRB checks for Steven and William

Tony

ii. Plas y Brenin. It was reported that a good week was enjoyed by all who attended.

iii. Duck.. Tony Baker reported this will be completed by the next meeting.

Tony

iv. Equipment. It was reported all the boats and kits had been purchased and delivered.

v. Garage. Thanks to all who helped sort out the garage.

vi. Carlton Scroop Scout Group. William reported he had heard nothing further from the Carlton Scroop Scout Group.



vii. Water. This has now been taken over by events but it was agreed that we would write to the farmer to see if he is prepared for us to use his water in the future.

Patricia

viii. Folder. This has now been produced. Lorraine looks after this and takes it every Wednesday, 99% of people attending have completed a consent form.

ix. James Rose has been attending Club evenings.

5. Treasurers Report

Dane Butler reported that on the 10th July 2007, we had the following:

In the bank - £357.93

Cash – approximately £330

Discussions then took place and it was agreed that £400 of the account should be ring fenced for future expenses such as BCU registration. Proposed Kevin Matthews, seconded Alison Callanby.

Dane

6. Membership Fees

It was noted that membership fees have not yet been collected as in the past Sleas Paddlers could not guarantee to members that they would be able to paddle for 12 months. We are now in a position to offer paddling throughout the winter months. Discussion then took place as to when membership fees should start as we are now an established club. It was agreed that on 5th September 2007 the request for membership fees should go out to all members, with a view to it being paid on 1st October 2007. Proposed by Alison Callanby, seconded by Dane Butler.

Alison

Discussion then took place again as to who should pay membership. It was proposed that the Committee should decide on a case by case basis,

who should pay for membership. Proposed by Tony Baker, seconded Lorraine Baker. One abstention.

7. Kit Control

Phillip Matthews had done an inventory and there seems to be some kit missing. The items missing are mainly cags, buoyancy aid and a set of paddles. It was agreed that we need to get all the kit back and a stock check carried out. Once we have the boats out of the garage then it should be possible to put some rails up and if every set of kit being a kag, helmet, buoyancy aid and spray deck was hung on individual hangers it would be easy to see immediately what was missing.

It needs to be emphasised to members that all kit is to be returned each evening. This has to be looked at again when we have the space. All

8. Equipment

It was agreed that we need smaller buoyancy aids, some cags and some decks. Tony and Lorraine offered to look at the buoyancy aids at Decathlon to ensure they are up to BCU standards. It was agreed that the Club would buy cags, buoyancy aids and decks up to the value of £400. Tony

9. Website

All present agreed that the website is looking very good. Dane confirmed that he hopes to update this every week, once the trip to Switzerland is over. Dane

10. Local Network Fund

This runs out at the end of November. It seems that the fund is now over subscribed. However, the organisers have suggested to Tony that we try and make a bid for September. For that they need an end of year Treasurers Report, Tony is hoping to submit this by the end of next week and asked Dane to prepare the report. Tony & Dane

It was agreed that we would bid for £7,000 although it was noted that we would probably only get, at the very most, half of this. If we get nothing from the network fund then the information provided will be used as the basis of a lottery bid.

Discussion then took place as to what any monies received should be used for. It was agreed trailers were necessary. It was agreed therefore that the bid should include:

2 Trailers at approximately £4,000

Boats up to the value of £1,000

Training up to the value of £1,000

Proposed by Tony, seconded by Dane.

11. Star Tests and the UKCC

- i. Tony has a new pack for Paddle Power.
- ii. Dawn from Holme Pierrepont canoe club has mentioned holding an open boat course up to 2 star level. It will be helpful if those members who are also members of Holme Pierrepont canoe club could attend this open boat course.
- iii. Lorraine is to do a changeover course with Holme Pierrepont canoe club.
- iv. Kevin and Tony can deliver 2 star test up until 1st September 2007.
- v. Tony suggested that the club consider attending Plas y Brenin for a 3 star and 4 star open boat course.
- vi. Dane confirmed he would check with Boggitt (Richard Arden) and ask if he is prepared to come down on a Wednesday night to assess William, Dane and Lorraine for their level 2 coach.
- vii. Kevin confirmed he had contacted a local coaching officer to see if he will run a 2 star open boat course.

Lorraine

12. Wednesday Night Tattershall Lakes.

Tony reported that he has successfully obtained the use of Tattershall Lakes. It has been agreed that the club can use the main lake. They can use the toilets and we are to encourage the members to use the bar and the cafe. No own food or drink is to be brought into the area and Tony asked if we could try and police this amongst members.

All

We can use the compound to store the boats. Tattershall Lakes have also agreed to clear the fishermen from the lake on Saturdays as soon as want to start running events on a Saturday.

Tony reported that Tattershall Lakes have built a new jetty. We are to ask the children not to chase the swans and geese and not to damage the bank.

All

We need somebody in each of the changing rooms to police the use of those changing rooms and we have agreed that we will clean the showers and changing rooms if a mop is left for us after each use. Tattershall Lakes had said that was not necessary as they appoint their cleaners but Tony had informed them that we would ensure that we do not leave a mess.

All

Lorraine is to attend at 6pm every week, to take over the keys from the changing room.

Lorraine

13. Cancellation

Discussion then took place as to when we should make a decision to cancel, how we should inform the members as the last 2 weeks had been cancelled as a result of thunder storms.

It was agreed that all would attend Tattershall Lakes on a Wednesday night, no matter what the weather was and only make the decision to cancel at the Lake. If possible we could then retreat to the cafe and do theory work with members.



14. Weekend Sessions

Tattershall Lakes have offered us the use of the main lake on Saturday mornings. It was agreed that we would start weekend sessions in September. These are to be run in conjunction with the pool sessions and will be every other Saturday.

15. Summer Holidays.

It was agreed that the club would continue to offer Wednesday evening sessions throughout the summer school holidays, other than the week of Wednesday 15th August 2007 when many of the scout members will be on scout camp in Switzerland. Wednesday evening sessions will continue in September on a week to week basis, depending on the amount of daylight available.

16. Club Event.

It was agreed to have a fun day and a barbecue on Saturday 8th September 2007, Tony is to contact Tattershall to see if they agree to Sleas Paddlers having a barbecue. We will get members to use the bar and cafe for drinks. Normal fees should apply on that day but the money will go towards the barbecue food. Sleas Paddlers will provide the food.

Tony

17. Any other business

i. Phillip Matthews asked for clarification as to what age he can start doing coaching qualifications. This information is not yet available from the BCU in view of the system changeover.

ii. Phillip Matthews also asked whether Bob had been contacted to tell him that we had moved to Tattershall Lakes. It was agreed by the Committee that Bob was probably not interested in coming along on a Wednesday night as he had not been down to the Witham.

iii. Alison suggested that a newsletter be provided to inform members what is going on in the club. She agreed that she would

Alison

be responsible for doing the newsletter when necessary and she will obtain a copy of the club logo from Dane.

iv Trailer. Steven very kindly agreed to modify the trailer. He will consider how much materials are going to cost and will provide the Committee with this information.

Steven

v. Tattershall Lake Residents. Tony Baker reported that he had agreed that if there are children camping at Tattershall Lakes, who approach Slea Paddlers for a go, then provided a boat is available and their parents are present and sign the consent form, then they should be allowed on the water.

19. Date of Next Meeting

None fixed
