

SLEA PADDLERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE 3RD SLEAFORD SCOUT HEADQUARTERS AT 7.30 pm ON FRIDAY 24TH NOV 06

1. Present

Tony Baker, Lorraine Baker, Matthew Baker, Dane Butler, Chris Butler, Amy Butler, John Hird, Steve Callaby, Alison Callaby, Adam Callaby, Amy Callaby, Andy Burn, Callum Burn, Nick Regan, Richard Patrick, Mark Patrick, Kevin Matthews, Patricia Matthews, Phillip Matthews and Kieran Matthews.

2. Apologies

Mrs Regan, Emma Whitton and William Mawer.

3. Chairman's Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Tony Baker welcomed everybody and thanked all for attending the inaugural Annual General Meeting of Sleas Paddlers. He explained the background to Sleas Paddlers and the intentions as to what the club would do, who can join, what the club has done so far and what is needed for the club to thrive. The aim of Sleas Paddlers is to promote the sport and recreation of canoeing, particularly targeting the 3rd Sleaford Scout Group, but to open up the club to anybody, of any age, anyone can join.

So far, the club has 5 level 2 coaches. This means that we can instruct up to 40 people. The club has opened a bank account, the club has formed a website, there have been 2 successful weekends.

4. Funding

Dane Butler, through National Lottery Funding, has purchased 3 tees and 3 dagger redlines. The 3rd St Denys Sleaford Scout Group have managed to secure funding for a canoe trailer.

The local network fund has given Sleas Paddlers the sum of £7,000. The committee has agreed, to use the £7,000 for the following:

10 new boats
helmets
buoyancy aids
cags
a set of paddles
throwlines
books

The next step for the club, now we have the funding, is to register with the BCU and then to secure funding to develop the coaches. The committee had investigated a piece of water in Sleaford, and approached the owners, who were not prepared to assist, as they were shortly to be developing on the site.

It is imperative that the club attracts new members and the committee is considering putting an advert in the paper.

5. Election of Chairman.

Tony Baker
proposed by Kevin Matthews,
seconded by Lorraine Baker
carried unanimously.

6. Election of Secretary

Patricia Matthews
proposed by Tony Baker
seconded by Chris Butler
carried unanimously.

7. Election of Treasurer

Dane Butler
proposed by Tony Baker

seconded by Richard Patrick

carried unanimously

8. Election of other members of the executive committee

i. The coaching development officer

Kevin Matthews

proposed by Patricia Matthews

seconded by Richard Patrick.

carried unanimously

ii. Membership Secretary

Lorraine Baker

nominated by Tony Baker

seconded by Amy Butler

carried unanimously

iii. Youth Leader

William Mawr

proposed by Tony Baker

seconded by Nick Regan

carried unanimously

9. Treasurers Report

Dane Butler had provided a statement of accounts, to cover the period from the 1st November 2005 to the 1st November 2006, showing a balance of £315.57. Dane had arranged for the accounts to be audited by an independent assessor.

Richard Patrick asked about the money that had been received from the Lottery Funds, Dane Butler explained that this Lottery Funding was actually Scout money and had gone through the 3rd Sleaford St Denys Scout Group accounts. It was then explained that under the constitution, if the club folds, then all the canoe kit will be given to 3rd Sleaford St Denys Scout Group as well any monies left in the accounts.

Kevin Matthews proposed to accept the accounts, seconded by Matthew Baker and this was carried unanimously.

10. Any other Business

i. B.C.U Child Protection

John Hird informed the meeting that the British Canoe Union are having a training session on child protection on the 9th February 2007 and it was agreed that the committee would try and obtain further details about this training session.

ii. Public Liability Insurance

Richard Pattrick asked about public liability insurance, Tony Baker explained the Waterways licence and the British Canoe Union insurance scheme. In particular, the members will be paying £1 or £1.50 per head as part of their membership fees, which will be specifically to cover BCU insurance.

iii. Fees

Nick Regan then asked about the fees, which were explained as follows:

- a. Scout members – Free
- b. Family membership - £28.00
- c. Adult - £12.00
- d. Junior - £8.00
- e. Non members will receive 2 taster sessions of £4 each, but if they bring their own kit, this will only be £2.00. Thereafter having had 2 taster sessions, they will be expected to join.
- f. Pool sessions will be £3 each an hour.

Lorraine Baker then explained the reason that Sleas Paddlers do have to charge fees. The fees are to pay for the insurance, to pay for the boats and for wear and tear and for renewal of equipment.

iv. Constitution

All present had a copy of the Constitution and were invited to go through the Constitution. The boat store was clarified as being the garage at the Scout Headquarters, or the trailer when the canoe club is away from Scout Headquarters.

v. BCU Registration

It was asked that members should be informed once Sleas Paddlers obtained British Canoe Union registration.

vi. Scout Committee

Kevin Matthews confirmed he had approached the Scout committee to inform them that we intended to set up Sleas Paddlers and to ask them permission for use of the store. He reported that Sleas Paddlers had the full backing of the Scout committee.

vii. Thanks

Richard Patrick expressed his thanks to all who had made Sleas Paddlers possible.

viii. Committee Meetings

Kevin Matthews invited all those present to attend committee meetings at any time.

11. Presentation of Awards

Kevin Matthews then presented the first award of Sleas Paddlers as follows:

1. One Star – Adam Callaby
2. One Star – Steven Callaby
3. Two Star – Emma Whitton

Sleas Paddlers swim award, this was awarded to Emma for her spectacular swims at Ripon.

12. Date of the next AGM

23rd November 2007

Slea Paddlers AGM – Chairman's Address

Why did we form the Club?

Fastest growing sport in UK.
Sessions at Tattershall attracted more paddlers than Scouts.
Non-scouts can't paddle under Scout capitation.
No other facilities in Sleaford or surrounding area.

What will Club do?

'Promote the sport and recreation of canoeing'
Primarily aimed at encouraging young people into the sport (school friends etc).

Who can join?

Anyone, although Scouts are automatic, free, members.

What have we done so far?

Formed a Steering Committee – re-election and formalisation tonight.
Produced constitution: objectives, rules, fees etc
Trained coaches: 5 level 2 coaches = 40 people on the water at any time.
Opened Bank Account
Launched a Web site
Had 2 river trips and WE at Ripon
£7K funding from LNF

What do we need to do now?

Register with BCU (funding)
Find some water
Develop coaches further
Advertise the club and attract new members
Get paddling