

SLEA PADDLERS

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Slea Paddlers Group held on the 29th November 2006 at 10 Wordsworth Court, Sleaford.

1. Present

Lorraine Baker, Sophie Baker, Dane Butler, Emma Whitton, Tony Baker, Kevin Matthews, Patricia Matthews, William Mawer.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record, proposed by Tony Baker and seconded by Dane Butler.

4. Matters Arising

CRB, Tony Baker reported that all coaches will have to have CRB clearance. Tony was going to telephone the British Canoe Union to check if the existing certificate coaches have from other organisations, will be sufficient. Tony to report back at the next meeting.

Tony Baker reported that registering of the club is to be completed when Slea Paddlers receives the money from the local network fund.

Tony Baker reported that he has got a book on river trips.

Tony Baker reported that he has approached the owners of the water in Sleaford, who informed him that the water would not be available to Slea Paddlers, as they were going to develop it for holiday homes.

5. Fees

The meeting agreed fees as follows:

Scout members - free

Adults - £12

Junior - £8

Family membership - £28. It is agreed there be no limit on the size of the family.

Discussion then took place as to whether coaches and family members of coaches should pay. It was then proposed that all members, committee members or not, are to pay their own membership fees, plus the necessary BCU fees. This was proposed by Tony Baker, seconded by Kevin Matthews and carried unanimously.

Discussion then took place as to the pool sessions. The original agreement had been that pool sessions would be £3 an hour but it needed to be sorted out as to how much families would pay, do coaches pay, what is the maximum amount a family should pay. Discussion also took place as to how the pool sessions are to be organised.

It was agreed the first family member should pay £3 and then £2 for every family member thereafter. This was proposed by Emma Whitton, seconded by Kevin Matthews and carried unanimously.

It was agreed that we should have somebody on the door as members come in, collecting the money. Sophie Baker agreed to sit at the door and collect money.

As far as the running of the sessions are concerned, it was agreed that Dane, Lorraine, Tony, Patricia, Kevin and William should be regarded as the coaches.

Discussion then took place as to fees for river trips. Tony pointed out to the meeting that the local network grant is primarily granted to help disadvantaged children. This needs to be taken into account when considering the cost of river trips. However, for the club to be able to offer river trips, we need to have serviceable kit.

Discussions then took place as to the difference between reliant paddlers and non-reliant paddlers. A non-reliant paddler was described as someone who would not be paddling on that particular river, unless they had somebody with them, whether it means driving them to the river or acting as a river guide, or coach.

A reliant paddler was described as a paddler who owns his/her own kit, is to get there and back under own steam and does not require supervision. These descriptions were proposed by Dane and seconded by Lorraine Baker.

Tony Baker proposed that the river trip fees should be £4 for those who do not have their own kit and £2 for those paddlers who do have their own kit. It was agreed that coaches (including Patricia Matthews) do not have to pay for river trips. Proposed by Tony Baker, seconded by Lorraine Baker.

It was agreed that whoever pulls the trailer should receive £10, proposed by Dane Butler and seconded by Kevin Matthews and carried unanimously.

5. Local network fund

Tony Baker confirmed that we had received the sum of £5,238.06 from the local network fund and discussion then took place as to what the money should be spent on. The club would require in the future:

- 10 sets of boats
- 10 buoyancy aid
- 10 helmets and cags
- (ie 10 sets of kit)
- 1 BCU handbook
- 1 river guide
- 1 whitewater safety and rescue book
- 1 playboat boat (William Mawer to look into this)
- 6 splash cags
- 6 sets of air bags
- 6 small dry bags

It was also agreed that the club would pay for the number plates to be used on the trailer.

It was agreed that the club would purchase immediately:

- 4 split paddles
 - 4 group survival bags
 - 4 first aid kits suitable for groups
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4 ungated karribinas

4 whistles

4 slings

6. Coaching

It was agreed that the following monies would be refunded:

£50 Dane Butler for level 2 coaching.

£50 Tony Baker for level 2 coaching

£75 William Mawer first aid course and level 2 training

£75 Lorraine Baker first aid course and level 2 training

Kevin Matthews then put forward a proposal that the coaches should attend the BCU whitewater safety and rescue course.

He confirmed he had looked into it. Plas y Brenin are running a course on the 21st and 22nd July and the 11th and 12th August. The cost is £185 per person, to include a dry suit and accommodation.

Trewern will run a course for £105. They have no dates but they have no accommodation.

Plas Menai are running a course for £165 on 24th and 25th March, or 8th and 9th December.

It was agreed that Kevin Matthews would approach Plas Menai to book the course, for the March 24th to 25th. It was agreed that the following committee members would do the course.

Patricia Matthews

Emma Whitton

Kevin Matthews

Tony Baker

Lorraine Baker

Dane Butler

William Mawer

If Plas Menai was fully booked, then we are to approach Plas y Brenin.

Proposed by Dane Butler

seconded by Tony Baker.

It was also agreed that Kevin Matthew's level 3 training weekend is to be paid for.

Tony Butler then reported that as far as the local network fund is concerned, the references have now been received, the local network fund require Slea Paddlers to have an approved child protection policy. Tony Butler proposed that we accept the child protection policy as prepared. This was seconded by Emma Whitton. Emma agreed to be the child protection representative.

Kevin Matthews confirmed that he contacted the BCU and has also emailed them, requesting details of the child protection course as mentioned by John Hird at the AGM.

7. Local Funds

Emma Whitton reported that she had been approached by a group who have a fund raising event each year and want to give monies to a local group. It is the Old Boys Youth Group annual fundraising event. They have agreed to give the monies to Slea Paddlers. She confirmed that she had approached them to ask if they would be prepared to purchase an open boat for the club and they confirmed they would. It was felt the best course of action would be for them to tell us how much money they will give us, to put towards an open boat and we will then be able to purchase a general purpose open boat. It was proposed by Emma and seconded by Kevin and carried unanimously.

8. Risk Assessment

Lorraine pointed out that until Kevin gets his level 3, the club does need to be careful as to who can take children down white water. Discussion then took place as to how risk assessment should take place on a stretch of white water and the risks involved. It was agreed that the senior coach of that particular day, should have the final say.

Kevin then proposed that when assessing for star tests, there should always be 2 coaches present. This was seconded by Lorraine and carried unanimously.

9. Logo

Tony produced a logo, as produced by SAC Lynch, all present agreed the logo was very impressive. Tony Baker proposed that Sleas Paddlers should purchase some beer for SAC Lynch and this was seconded by Dane and carried unanimously.

Discussion then took place as to using the logo on t shirts and the possibility of using the lottery grant money to be used for advertising.

10. Any other business

It was agreed the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 24th January 2007 at Dane Butler's house 7.30pm.

It was agreed that the club would have a new years day paddle/river trip, which was to be open only to unreliable paddlers.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....