

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF SLEAFORD PADDLERS HELD ON**  
**22 APRIL 2008 AT ROWAN WAY, SLEAFORD**

1. **Present**

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

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Kevin Matthews and Sophie Baker

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true record by Lorraine Baker and seconded by Steve Cook.

4. **Matters Arising**

i) **CRB Checks (25<sup>th</sup> March)**  
This is still to be sorted.

ii) **Duck**  
It was reported that Dane now has a duck. Discussion did take place as to when the duck should be awarded and it was agreed that the club would award the duck once a week to see how it goes.

iii) **Membership Fees**  
Form has now been changed to include consent to photographs being used. A declaration is to be sent out to those who have already completed forms asking them to confirm they have no objection to photographs being taken.

iv) **Grants**  
Tony reported that we did not submit the application to the local network funds. He had been told that we would have no chance of being successful. An application for a lottery grant is still to be made.

v) **BCU**  
Tony reported that he had sent a letter to the BCU complaining that no one has contacted us to offer support, and that the BCU fees have now been paid.

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- vi) Website  
Dane and Steve are to talk about the existing website.
  - vii) UKCC  
Barry reported that he has applied for a conversion for his Level 2.
  - viii) Child protection  
Tony has not spoken to Emma.
  - ix) Pool sessions  
Alison has obtained the new dates from October until Christmas. Tony reported that they had spent £9 on buying chocolate and wine for Hazel the lifeguard to thank her for all her help at Cranwell.
  - x) Coaching sessions  
Some discussion took place as to problems that had arisen in relation to a child who had been causing problems, as he had clearly not wanted to paddle. However, difficulties had arisen as the child's carer had left the area. It was proposed by Dane and seconded by Alison that it would be the coach's decision as to who should be allowed to paddle. If an adult or child paddler causes problems, then it is up to the coach to tell that paddler to get off the water. In the case of a child, however, the coach must ensure there is a responsible adult available to look after the child until the parent or carer returns.
  - xi) Equipment  
The meeting were reminded that it had been agreed at an extraordinary meeting of the club at Haverholme to buy open boat equipment and trailer equipment. It was suggested that before this is done, however, we should pay the BCU fees and Paddle Power fees. Then we can see how much money is left. The trailer must take priority. It was agreed that we should have a buffer of £200 and then when funds build up, we will spend money on the open boat. This was proposed by Tony Baker and seconded by Dane.
  - xii) Membership Cards  
Alison proposed that we purchase laminated pouches for the membership cards. This was seconded by Lorraine.
  - xiii) Other Groups  
Dane reported that the Metheringham Scouts had asked to borrow Sleas Paddler's boats to do a trip from Bardney to Boston. They are borrowing five tees and the open boat.
  - xiv) Logbook  
Barry presented the child-friendly version of the logbook. It was proposed by Tony and seconded by Alison that we should now produce and use Barry's logbook and thanks was given for the work he had done.
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5. **Treasurer's Report**

Dane Butler reported that, as of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, we had the following in the bank:

£580

£229 Petty Cash

6. **Pool Sessions**

It was agreed that the first pool session on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October would be an adult-only session for the coaches and their children, which the club would pay for. This was proposed by Tony and seconded by Dave.

7. **Future Events**

9<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm: Meal at Barge & Bottle

15<sup>th</sup> June: Wave surf competition (venue to be agreed)

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June: Star Weekend

28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June: Cub Weekend.

8. **Coaching Sessions**

Discussion took place as to how we should be structuring Coaching Sessions. Tony proposed that we work to the 1-, 2-, and 3-star system until Paddle Power is underway. This would mean separating the paddlers into groups. This was seconded by PM.

9. **Holme Pierre Point Canoe Club**

Tony reported that Dawn, Chair of Holme Pierre Point Canoe Club, has agreed that Holme Pierre Point Canoe Club would be a sister club to Slea Paddlers, as they were applying for top-notch status. It was suggested that we should approach Holme Pierre Point Canoe Club to see if they would hold an Open Boat Coaching Day for Sleaford.

10. **Any Other Business**

Discussion took place as to how we can publicise the club and as to whether we should advertise by putting an article in the paper. PM said that she would obtain a copy of Sleaford Links, as it is free to advertise local clubs in that magazine which is produced bi-monthly.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged.

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