

SLEA PADDLERS MINUTES 12.5.16

Present: Dane, Paul, Steve, Adam, Brian, Miriam, Jon

1. Apologies: Trish, Bev

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Amendment – Under Any Other Business, 4th paragraph should read **4 paddlers** from Coningsby and not 3 paddlers.

Accepted as a true record of the meeting - Proposed: Brian, Seconded: Paul, carried.

3. Matters Arising

- Dane requested that 'Equipment' be added as an Agenda Item at each meeting henceforth.
- Treasurer's Report – it was noted that £20 is still owed to Sleaford Scouts for ground rent at the Scout Hut (£220 already paid but amount owed was £240)
- The Scout Hut still needs to be booked for the AGM. **Dane**
- Scouts paddling session on Sunday 15.5.16 – 20 booked to attend, with possibly 3 more on the day.
- Go Canoe Day – documentation is all in place, disclaimer forms need to be printed off before the day – **Dane**
Meet at the Scout Hut at 8.30 to collect kit and set up on site
Questionnaire for feedback from participants, to include space for email address for follow-up contact
- Tees Trip – Adam and Barry have said they will be going as coaches. Paul to send out and invitation via OSM. Campsite details as last time. **Paul**
- Scotland trip – accommodation is booked and paid in full.

4. Youth Committee

No report available for this meeting.

5. Correspondence

No correspondence received since last meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report (Read by Steve in Bev's absence)

Proposed to accept: Dane, seconded: Paul, carried.

7. Membership

Brian reported a good turnout to river sessions, with 1 new member gained so far. There was some discussion about new starters who are not ready to commit to membership after one taster session but want to come to another session/sessions before deciding. It was proposed to charge the full session rate for up to 2 further sessions after the initial taster rate session before membership is required. Proposed: Brian, seconded: Jon, carried.

Membership at the moment stood at 40. Brian to send an email to past members who have not renewed for this year, giving 2 weeks to respond before removing from the list. **Brian**

8. Coaching

Paul reported that all coaches are currently up to date, with Steve's First Aid due later in the year. A coaches' meeting had been held on 30 March to consolidate the year's plan and ensure all coaches were still available for the sessions planned.

Dan March had completed the 1st week of level 1 training, with a further week to do. It was felt that a DBS should be carried out now ready for him to commence coaching, Paul to forward Dan's email address to Miriam to put this in action. Dan could then possibly complete a first aid course with Steve later in the year ready to commence his level 2 training in the spring of 2017. Paul commented that Dan was very keen on coaching and had been good at rescues during the midweek sessions at Newark. It was also mentioned that Nikki Aldridge was on the same level 1 course as Dan which may be useful to the Club in future. **Paul/Miriam**

Paul reported that he had advertised the Club at work, with a good response and several new prospective members plus 1 experienced paddler potentially coming along to river sessions.

The charity canoeists being coached by Paul were doing well and had completed 2 sessions so far.

5 paddlers had completed their 1 Star assessment so far.

9. Child Protection

Dane and Miriam had attended a Time to Listen course on 13 April. Dane distributed relevant leaflets from the course for coaches. Jon asked if the website includes a link to Childline. Dane to check with Barry, can it be added? **Dane**

DBS checks were all up to date, with Steve's currently in process.

10. OSM / Website

It was noted that the 'Contact the Club' element on the website needed changing to include Brian and Dane as well as Paul. Paul to contact Barry. **Paul**

11. Equipment

Jon reported that the new kit order would be available at Desperate Measures tomorrow (13.5.16) and Jon to collect over the weekend.

It was noted that at the last session there were not many medium size BA's.

It was requested that coaches attending the midweek session take along any spare neoprene decks they may have for paddlers who do not yet have their own as the Club decks were not standing up to use on moving water. **Midweek coaches**

12. Fundraising

No report this meeting.

13. Clubmark

Nothing had been heard back from Clubmark at the time of this meeting.

14. Development Plan

This was given out to Committee members to read in preparation for the next meeting.

15. Any Other Business

Dane – Transport arrangements for the summer were working well.

Council storage units were not currently available, however Dane was to keep in touch in case of future changes.

Rat Race – Dane had contacted Kev to find out when he would expect to hear from the organisers, and would follow up.

Junior Expedition – Jon commented that the response so far had been disappointing, with currently only 3 signed up. However there may be more from the new starters/new members and the exped needed to be plugged at the river sessions.

Facebook page – Brian to advertise the Come and Try Day on the Sleaford facebook site, via a poster on the Slea Paddlers facebook page. **Brian**

Explorer session – Adam stated that the Explorers had requested a session on 18 July and he would get numbers of those interested in attending. **Adam**

Sleaford Scouts – Dane stated that Scouts had requested 2 Monday evening sessions on the Witham, on 13 & 20 July, with a charge of £10 for the 2 sessions. Coaches were available and sorted for these sessions.

Round Table – Dane stated that the Round Table had requested a session on a Tuesday evening in the summer. Dane to offer an August date. It was proposed they be asked to make a donation to Slea Paddlers rather than an individual charge. Proposed: Dane, seconded: Steve, carried.

Midweek sessions – Dane stated that the first session had gone well, with 5 members attending, 3 coaches on the water and 2 on the bank.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 July, 7.30 pm at Jon's (18 The Square, Leasingham)