

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SLEA-PADDLERS
HELD ON 19 MARCH 2014

1. Present

- a. Patricia Matthews
- b. Kevin Matthews
- c. Miriam Holden
- d. Alison Callaby
- e. Steve Callaby
- f. Bev Russell
- g. Paul Pattinson
- h. Harry Wells
- i. Barry Mair

Action

2. Apologies

Dane sent his apologies

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as drawn
Proposed by Bev and seconded by Ali

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that Barry is still to spend £230 on the open boats outfitting

Barry

5. Treasurer's Report

See attached Bev reminded the meeting that the request for the affiliation has now been received
Proposed by Ali and seconded by Miriam

6. Membership

Ali reported on the present membership numbers now at 48 but we should pick up more at our outdoor sessions at Kirkstead Bridge and hopefully at the come and try day and at the carnival

all

7. Future Events

Lake District 13 and 14 September 2014 campsite needs to be sorted
Sleaford Navigation Trust 3 & 4 May Ali to email for more details
Equipment check 5 April 10am Barry to sort out open boats on the same day

Ali
Barry

Llangollen 12 and 13 April However this is the weekend of the young guns youth freestyle which is now a 2 day event. Kevin Proposed seconded by Ali that the Llangollen trip be changed to 16/18 May
River Welland trip now needs to be changed to 13 April if Jon Hird is available to run it that weekend

Jon Hird

Come and try day 24 May It was agreed that we would charge £2.50
Kevin has received permission from Sleaford Town Council and the Mayor will be attending We need to publicise the event with posters and by contacting the Target. It was agreed that we would have a

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meeting whilst at Llangollen. We will ask members to come along to help promote the club

Tyne Tour the accommodation has now been booked

Burleigh House Rat race Kevin has e mailed the organiser and is awaiting a further reply as to whether they need our help.

Sleaford Carnival the pitch and float is now booked It was agreed that the committee should organise the carnival but it be open to other members to assist The Wells have offered the use of a trailer and Ali is to speak to Helen who works for Smith Construction to see if they can assist with a trailer

Ali

8. Coaching Development Officer

Well done to Ben Holden who is now a level 1 coach

Steve's level 2 assessment will take place in April

Barry's first aid is about to run out he is looking into another course

Barry is to run some training on the scout manager system

Barry has designed some certificates for the younger paddlers who complete their deck test

Bev proposed seconded by Barry that when children receive an award they should also get club badge

9. Child Protection

Miriam is now registered and will sort out as she gets the information

Miriam

10. Fund Raising

Lincs FM are advertising £500 for clubs And non-profit making organisations. There is also an article in the Target for Sleaford Town council offering up to £1,500.

Barry proposed seconded by Miriam and agreed by all that we put in bids for small cags and buoyancy aids

Paul will put together a bid

Paul

11. Website

Barry is to put a page together for the youth committee. He has prepared some hand-outs about equipment which will also go on the website

12. Youth Committee Report

Harry attended to give a report on the Alps trip see any other business. He reported that the youth committee had purchased a go – pro camera and had over spent by £24.86 The over spend was retrospectively agreed by the committee

13. Club Mark

The club continues to follow the club mark guide lines We need to put an article in the focus

14. Correspondence

Affiliation now received and Kev, Bev and Ali are to meet

Discussion took place on how to reply to an e mail received from

Sally Darling. Barry has already prepared 2 pages of advice on equipment and these are now on the website.

The following points are to be made

- i Kev or Barry are to be her only point of contact if she needs advice on equipment
- ii Ben has been a member of Slea Paddlers for 5 years
- iii Greg receives coaching tailored to his ability in the club session
- iv There are not enough boats for people to change to the second pool session

Kevin

15. Any Other Business

Paul Pattinson provided some hand outs of trophies for the Slea paddler of the year award

Barry proposed seconded by Miriam that we should buy a shield and some small trophies for the award winners to keep. However Kev and Bev both felt that we need to get a better trophy for the winner to keep. The cost would be only about £34 once a year.

Kevin proposed seconded by Ali that Paul should have a budget of up to £100 and to cover a trophy and a 10 year shield

Agreed by all

Paul is to do an item for the newsletter

Paul

Bev Reported that Charlie Russell is organising a charity football match all fund raising to cancer research. He is asking for donations and has set up an account at "just giving"

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Kev reminded the meeting that our first outdoor session is on 6 April 2014. Paul can tow the trailer

He also asked for items for the next newsletter. The youth committee are asked to do a report on the Go Pro camera and the new Burn. It was suggested that the benefits of joining the BCU be included

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Ali proposed seconded by Miriam that the club should pay for Barry's first aid course all agreed

Harry Wells attended the meeting so he could give a report on the 2015 Alps trip. He has done a lot of research. He has spoken to undiscovered Alps they will charge eu850 per paddler. This covers accommodation and equipment and a guide for 5 white water sessions. However they will not allow non-paddlers to attend unless the non-paddlers do activities. The cost for the non-paddlers will be eu654.

He has had another quote of eu630 per paddler and eu436 for non-paddlers which work out expensive.

If we go on our own the cost of a hostel which sleeps 16 will be about £1800

We will have to sort out our own transport. We will be going at the beginning of August for 10 days which will give us 6 days paddling.

We should have 6 to 8 kayakers and 10 to 12 non-paddlers possibly 16 to 20 overall. We could possibly take a minibus and a van

Barry checked the position on the internet and noted that we will not need a special driving licence if the minibus is a 15 seater. We will need an experienced coach which Harry will now look into. It was suggested that we all look at the canoe Focus also the noticeboard at Trewern white water centre. Miriam will speak to Ben to see if he knows of any one. Paul suggested that contact be made with Liverpool canoe club as they regularly do Alps trips

16. Date of Next Meeting

Carnival meeting 4 June 2014