

Cumbria Canoeists Meeting 15th January 2008 Farmers Arms Spark Bridge

Attendees

Roger Ward Nigel Timmins, Janice Weatherill, Matt Hopkins, John Crosbie, Cedric, Pete Knowles, Garry Dobson, Sean McGrath, Gareth Field, Steve Randles, Barry Howell, Nick Mortimer, Colin Litten, Gordon Furness, John Sherwen, John Patterson, Gavin Smallbone, Tim Mather

Apologies

Paul Wilson, Matt Ellis, Greg Bartlett, Jim Wilson

Roger Ward, the chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as accurate by Nick and seconded by John.

Future of Cumbria region

After a discussion Barry proposed and John seconded that Cumbria should stay as an autonomous unit, saying it is very important that we retain a regional committee.

RCO Report

The November update went well with large numbers attending. Dates for forthcoming coaching courses are on the website. Steve will keep this up to date.

Club news

Duddon - very active with weekly whitewater trips and pool sessions. The club have run a white water course for juniors. Following the success of the in the wavehoppers last season the club are branching into slalom and marathon this season.

West Cumbria - Club member Islay Crosbie has made it into the British junior freestyle team. A successful David Tee Memorial Race was run on 27th December

Northern Development officer report

A number of BCU UKCC Level 1 and 2 courses have been run very successfully. BCU level 3 training courses are available until the end of July.

Mike Powell ran a polo event very successfully with 6 teams. He has asked for money to run 2 events. It was decided that the committee would ask for the accounts from the event before deciding if this was possible.

Website - Roger thanked Nick for all his work in helping to set up the new website. Steve Randles will be responsible for the coaching section. Janice will keep events up to date and Nick and Roger will manage the rest of the content.

Access

Greg Bartlett has stepped down as access advisor. It was felt that more support was needed from the national access team for the next advisor. John Crosbie and Barry Howell have offered to cover the role in the short term.

Greta - John suggested it was important for Cumbria Canoeists to widely publicise the agreement.

Leven- At times barrier tape is put in place to support the protection of the spawning beds and paddlers are asked not to get on under it. The Leven days make money that contributes to improve local access issues.

Next meeting 15th May 2008, 7.30pm at Kings Head, Thirlspot.