

## Cumbria Canoeists Meeting Golden Rule, Ambleside. 19/09/02

### Present:

Mac Knowles	Sue Simpson	Keith Morris.
Steve Farthing	Nigel Timmins.	David Tee
Liz Farthing	Charles Stewart	John Sherwin
Ian Wilson	Janice Weatherill	Matt Ellis
Colin Litten	Alastair Yates	Nick Dickson
Roger Ward	Tim Mather	Annie Jukes
Mike Sunderland		

**Apologies:** from David Crossland, Tony Kavanagh, Joe Stalker, John Platt, Matt Thompson, Robin Everingham, John Greener.

Welcome from Roger Ward our new chair!!

Minutes from last meeting were approved. Colin proposed and Matt seconded.

### RCO report.

Matt attended the coaching meeting in Nottingham on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. There was a presentation by Bill Taylor and Liz Mallabon about the paddlesport review contact Matt if you would like to know more about this. Information is also due to go in CODE.

Course authorisation was discussed. There is clearly a need for RCO's to help spread demand and ensure courses do not run at the same time. Therefore course authorisation in some form is likely to remain. He is approving numerous closed courses.

Note: our next **Coach Update day** is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Tithe Barn, Keswick. A booking form is enclosed with these minutes – please fill in and return to Matt if you wish to attend.

At the end of this day there will be a short opportunity for all LCO's and CCP's to get together – **Please take note all LCO's and CCP's in Cumbria, please try and be there, if not for the update at least at the end about 4pm.**

Matt expressed an interest in doing more to help clubs and if they would like him to visit then please contact him.

### CDO Report.

A First Aid for Cumbria grant application was refused. BUT good news--

An 'Awards for All' Grant has been successful. We now have £5000 to spend on obtaining a trailer and a variety of boats for club and coaching course use. A good discussion took place on what we need and these points have been noted. However please e-mail [nigel@bcunorth.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:nigel@bcunorth.freeserve.co.uk) by the end of October with your suggestions as to what we should buy. I will collate these, discuss with Matt and Roger, talk to the clubs and report back to next meeting with details of purchase.

Please note: **All clubs** if you have not had an Awards for All grant, apply as it is a marvelous way of accessing money and is a fairly easy process. Ring 0845 600 20 40 for an application pack.

BCU Child Protection information is to be circulated in October to all BCU clubs and centres. CRB application forms can be obtained from Nigel Timmins or from BCU Nottingham office. Remember if you are a volunteer then you can get a free CRB check via the BCU.

Cadet Leader information can also be obtained from Nigel Timmins or BCU Nottingham. We intend to continue our membership of Cumbria Youth Alliance. Nigel to see if BCU will pay?

**Cumbria Coaching Day** will be on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to all paddlers. Mike Sunderland will organise a freestyle session and will investigate the possibility of boats from Pyranha.

Nigel Timmins will run an intro to White water racing in wavehoppers.

Matt Ellis will run a session on open canoeing.

Ian Wilson will run a river trip - weather dependant?

Tim Mather is to organise someone to run a polo session.

More coaches are needed please, let NT know if you can help.

Fill in the form if you are interested in attending. NT will coordinate and let you know whom to contact to make final arrangements. Cost will be £15 that will cover the hire of boats where appropriate and coaches fees. Anything left over will go into Cumbria Canoeists pot.

**Cumbria newsletter costs.** This was raised at the last meeting and interestingly everyone at this meeting, has access to the Internet. We get £500 pa from the BCU and spend £300 on sending the newsletter out.

It was accepted that this should be the last paper newsletter.

**If you wish to continue receiving a paper version via snail mail** then please notify Nigel Timmins, Sheigra, Berrier Rd, Greystoke, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 0UD (017684 80084) with your name and BCU number -

or better to receive minutes newsletter by email Nick with details of your email address to

[CumbCanoeNewsLtr@onetel.net.uk](mailto:CumbCanoeNewsLtr@onetel.net.uk)

The minutes will also always appear on the Cumbria web site at

[www.cumbriacanoists.org.uk](http://www.cumbriacanoists.org.uk)

### **Club round up.**

**Copeland.** 3 Lakes Challenge (a report is on the web site) was very successful and raised £820. Tuesday night's bath session is very busy. Trip to Scotland planned and intend to attend Tyne tour on Nov 2/3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Duddon.** Also very busy - lots of 1 and 2 star testing and a rescue practice on the sea with hassle from the police? *What you expect if you go paddling when a Sellafield shipment is coming up the channel!* Trips planned to Royal Deeside, Eden and Eamont likely to be 26/27<sup>th</sup> October. 42 people at last Wednesday's pool session.

**Lakeland.** Polo tournament went well 'thanks for the grant' and a request for another was approved. Max of £200. New Polo rulebook is available. *So be warned Joe Stalker attacks on Mike will not be tolerated!* They were successful with their AFA bid and new polo gear has been bought. -- *Well done!!* 2 teams have now been formed and meet on Sundays 9 to 10 pm.

**West Cumbria.** Lots of paddling on lake and St Bees, club quadrathon, BBQ's scout evenings, and try a boat sessions. A good trip out to the Tarn France this summer and trips planned to Kirkudbright on sep 28/29<sup>th</sup>. Pool will be booked after Christmas probably on Wednesday nights.

**Dallam CC.** Lots of lake sessions and trips down the Wye, Spey, and Tay. Slaloms have been attended along with an inter-regional event. They have a monthly programme in the winter. Contact Sue Simpson.

Mike Sunderland highlighted that 2 trailer loads of boats have been stolen from Appleby. There might be a resurgence of interest in starting an Eden Valley canoe club watch this space.

### **Access.**

Colin Litten reported that there was an electric wire across the Kent above Kendal (Burnside). *He knows because he got electrocuted!* Environment agency has been notified but they have not got back to him.

**Leven** has no dates as yet

**Derwent from Bassenthwaite** down - one could paddle informally out of the fishing season. A request by David Tee to negotiate access caused a lot of discussion. BCU policy is now to try and change the law, as over the last 20 years we have not had any appreciable success at negotiating access. It does seem that a certain level of tolerance is pervading the fishing clubs and landowners?

**Padiham (Burnley)** has got a grant of £1.6 million to help develop the white water site. Work will start in the spring of next year.

**Steps on the Eden** at Lazonby are to go ahead after a visit by George Parr. Unfortunately he did not contact anyone from this meeting not even Jim Wilson.

Money will be sought from BCU access fund to help repair the stile at the end of the Eden (Armathwaite)

14<sup>th</sup> Nov - an Access meeting is to be held for all Cumbrian access officers with Chris Hawksworth, BCU officer.

**Troutbeck.** You cannot get out at the garage, as building work will prevent parking for good. Use the Swimming pool (ask first) and park in far car park. Keep the garage owner on our side though by buying sweets and petrol from him if you can.

**Ennerdale** management plan highlighted by Alistair he will keep trying to get access??

**Eden** does have a spate agreement over 3 ft at Lazonby but you still need to ring Jim as he has details of the duck shoots. *Ring him if you want to avoid getting shot.*

Colin notified us that he would be stepping down as Regional Access Officer at the AGM in January. **We will therefore need a volunteer to fill this very important job.** If you want to help make a difference in Cumbria then please express an interest to Colin. *Colin I am sure would help the person to the job so please talk to him if you have an interest in this very important position – we need you.*

### **AOB**

Keith Morris pleaded with people to send him stuff to put on the web site. So please get busy and send him anything related to canoeing to [www.cumbriacanoeists.org.uk](http://www.cumbriacanoeists.org.uk)

**Next meeting Thirlspot Thirlmere 7pm 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2003. See you there.**

*Items in italics by the editor.*

# Cumbria Coaching Day

This day is open to everyone juniors, seniors, BCU members and non-members.

## Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**I am interested in attending (please ring one choice) and send a cheque for £15 payable to Cumbria canoeists.**

Freestyle

An intro to White water racing

Polo

'Steep creeking' river trip (dependant on water levels)

Open canoeing.

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

e-mail

I will contact you nearer the day to let you know who to contact and where to meet etc.

Send with cheque to Nigel Timmins Sheigra, Berrier Rd, Greystoke, Penrith,  
Cumbria CA11 0UD