



Cumbria Canoeists Meeting. Thirlspot, Thirlmere. 10/9/03

Present:

Nick Mortimer	Mick Waplington.	Keith Morris,
Steve Farthing	Nigel Timmins.	Tim Mather
Sue Simpson	Matt Ellis,	Alistair Yates
Colin Litten	Roger Ward	Mike Tinnion
John Crosbie	Ian Wilson	Mac Knowles
Paul Wilson	Pam Andrews	Stuart Miller
Mark Davies	Arran Wilkins	Jill Singleton
Peter Knowles and Fluffy.	Janice Weatherill	

Apologies: from Mike Sunderland, Liz Farthing, Matt Thompson, Heather Prince, Nick Green, Mike Mills, Joe Stalker, Ann Hurst.

Minutes from last meeting were approved. Proposed by J Crosbie and seconded by M Ellis.

Regional Coaching Organiser report

Matt Ellis reported that the process of approval of courses has changed. Contract Course Provider's need to contact Diane in the BCU Nottingham office either by post, phone, or email, letting her know about intended courses. She will then issue a unique course number to that course and this must go on the course schedule and other paperwork. The process should then involve Matt being emailed all courses in the region for his approval. This is not happening at the moment and NT is to investigate. Matt recently did a Quality Assurance visit to Lakeside YMCA where Tom Sibbald was the CCP. It was an excellent course and ran very well.

During the last visit of Richard Ward (English Coaching Manager) he suggested that each Local Coaching Organiser should run an event in each region either a race or mini update day. It would be nice to see some events organized for 2004?

At present Matt does not have a list of assessors and their assessor status in the region. This will be remedied soon so he should be able to advise on who is available to help out on courses in the near future.

Northern Coaching Development Officer report (Nigel Timmins)

The English Coaching Management Committee meeting took place on 13/14th September 2003. Saturday was for any interested coach, or LCO. The topic was the new youth module. This will also be included in the update day in December.

The Club Forum took place at Hexham on the 15th November .

CCP meeting is now at Kirkby Stephen School on the 29th November 2003.

The Cumbria update day is December 6th 2003 at Waterpark, Coniston. There will be a change to normal format in that Jo Barrett from Environment Agency will give a talk to everyone that will be followed by Len Hartley, Northwest Paddlesport Development Officer on the Top Club and Youth Scheme. (These are important as Sport England and lottery funding is now likely to go only to those clubs that have a recognised kite mark i.e. Top Club and Club Mark.

In the afternoon a series of sessions will be available to choose from. Application forms should now be with all coaches in the region.

Nigel thanked Matt Ellis and Outward Bound, Carlisle Canoes, and Knoydart for their help on the recent Ullswater race. The event was very successful, helped by good weather and the excellent turnout. Thanks also to everyone for supporting the event. Next year it is scheduled for Sunday 29th August 2004 – put it in your diary and ensure you are back from holiday by then!
Results of the last race are available on [www. Cumbriacanoeists.org.uk](http://www.Cumbriacanoeists.org.uk)

Nigel is trying to put a list of proposed courses together for Cumbria. We should then be able to ensure there are no clashes and get a copy on the website so all people in Cumbria know about them.

Free First Aid training is available via Cumbria Youth Alliance contact them on the web or 07786547141.

Disability Discrimination Act. Information has come through to NT contact him if you would like a copy of this.

The Awards for All Cumbria Canoeists trailer and boats is being put to good use. 2 courses in the autumn have requested them, and they will be used at the Junior Wavehopper Event at Carlisle Canoe Club on October 18th. Nigel has submitted the award report. We will be ready to apply again soon – Can you think of something you think the region should spend £5000 on? Suggestions please at the next meeting.

Finally if you can't make our update day the NW region is holding their event at Southport on December 7th.

Regional Access Orgainser report.

Mark Davies introduced himself, as he is now the new RAO.

Jo Barrett the recreation officer at the Environment agency (details on the environment agency web site) would like paddlers to let her know if they come across pollution problems.

E.g. water pollution and fly tipping on the banks.

Mark visited the recent Lake District National Park Management Strategy meeting. It was attended by farmers and landowners, but no fishing clubs! They were all positive about access to rivers and canoeing. Mark is not sure where this will go?

(Editors note - I wonder if they will they still be so positive by the end of the winter, when we get invaded by hundreds of paddlers waving one of the 2 new guide books.)

BCU access meeting is scheduled for 11th October any comments please to Mark.

Keswick mountain rescue team have WW safety expertise and it may be worth telling the emergency services that you would like their help if you are unlucky enough to have to call them.

There is likely to be an email forum to help Mark plough through the information he regularly gets from the BCU and other interested organisations. Offers of help will be gratefully received.

There is a new memorandum of understanding between BCU and Environment Agency, presumably on their website.

Nick Mortimer is to attend the next Windermere meeting.

We still have no specific English Access officer at the BCU – does any one want a job??

At the local access forum attended by John Crosbie canoeing is regularly mentioned. There is unlikely to be much progress until after the CROW act is up and running. Hopefully some progress might come in late 2004?

Charles Stewart the LAO for the Eamont has organised a clean up on the river with Penrith Anglers on September 29th. This is a good opportunity to be seen to be working together in harmony for the good of the area.

Clubs Roundup

Dallam CC A small club but has an extensive programme for next year look at their website for info. www.dallam.cumbria.sch.uk

Lakeland CC Polo tournament was the most successful so far. Copeland CC won. Thanks for the money from Cumbria Canoeists. Tim Mather remarked that they will probably be asking for more for next year. The club had a good trip out to the Alps this year.

W Cumbria CC Tweed tour scheduled for 26th /28th September. Pool sessions booked for the winter again, check on web site for activity. <http://frespace.virgin.net/wc.cc>

Duddon CC Pool is still busy. The club had two Coniston camping trips over the summer (used the Cumbria boats very successfully). Peel island trip happens most weeks in the evening with pie and peas on the island pub, all welcome. Courses are being run for 1 and 2 star and introduction to WW canoeing.

Copeland CC Up to 12 to 15 people attend the Tuesday evening meets with 30 odd attending when the Cumbria Canoeists boats came for all to try. Pool sessions will be kicking off soon. 8 people recently got their CST and 5 did a level 2 training course with funding from Cumbria Youth Alliance.

Carlisle CC Up to 50 children attending the club nights over the summer –Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The numbers tend to fade away in the winter (*I wonder why?*) However the club hopes to progress some young people through to white water paddling with Saturday meets from now on.

A.O.B.

Nick Mortimer intends to use the email list for questions/information sharing amongst group members only, e.g. to help Mark disseminate information. Contact him if you would like to use this service to advertise club events etc.

It was mentioned that a note should go in CoDe about this newsletter so we do not miss new coaches. The newsletter will also be mentioned on the update information.

Steve Farthing said the Environment Protection agency website has 90 rivers link through SCA web site.

Colin Litten has had a meeting with Jo Barrett and the National Park about disabled access at Brown Howe car park Coniston. Any comments or suggestions to him please.

Stuart Miller introduced himself and his guidebook and gave an amusing account of how he came to write it. Considerable use of a Woolworth's inflatable dinghy was used in the early days- (*So that is where I am going wrong!*)

**Next meeting 7:30 pm
Golden Rule, Ambleside,
Wednesday, 21st January
2004.** Also includes the AGM.