



Cumbria Canoeists

Notes from the meeting held on 31st May 2005 St Bees.

Apologies: Too many people to mention – it does seem as though a bank holiday week is not a good idea – will take note for future dates!

Present: N Timmins, Pete Knowles, Nick Mortimer, Janice Weatherill,

Last minutes approved.
No matters arising.

Cumbrian interests

John Ruskin school suggested as possible venue for Coach update day.

The winter lecture series was discussed – overall very successful and would like to repeat for next winter. South lakes venue could be moved to another venue or at least possibility of showed be explored. Need for people to suggest possible speakers.

CDO report Nigel Timmins; Coaching St Bees 31st May 2005.

Cumbria courses are on the web.

English coaching committee notes are available from NT if people would like to see them

Paddlesport review update.

Nothing has been agreed, - however both UK and England committees have agreed to keep moving forward on process.

Basically process is coordinating with UKCC and LTPD and Europass. Coach system will be modular on present 1 to 5 levels. Gain a BCU award and you will also gain a UKCC award at same level. This does mean that you can only enter system at level 1 (not as now at level 2)

Process will need to be in place by start of 2007 (requirement of UKCC). Each coach level will start with a generic weekend of how to coach, risk assessment, planning a session, child pro etc) then a day of what to coach in each specific discipline. Then mentored, to a day of assessment at Level 1 and 2, and 2 days at Level 3 .

NT is chairing the inland kayak group on the 'what to coach' or the Applied coaching module. As well as looking at the star tests. Any comments will be gratefully received and fed in – contact via nigelt@bcu.org.uk

Present coaches will not lose their status. Might need some update module done through the update workshops.

Cumbria update work shop is scheduled for November of this year possibly at Thurston on Coniston.

Cumbria matters.

Awards for All application failed. Strange reason as they complained about appropriateness of the referee (Ali Kellas Head of Derwent Hill) He was also used on our last successful bid??

5 coach fees paid out to volunteer coaches. Also grant to Tom Botterill though this did not have a clear benefit to Cumbria but small award given as he was active in Carlisle and the region in the past. Asked to come and do a talk at winter meeting.

Winter lecture series a great success. £252 profit made.

Wavehopper champion ships also very successful – thanks to Carlisle CC -- £64:40 profit

Access

No info from Mark Davies (on expedition in Peru) but comments on South Cumbria FAP Meetings collapsed after Chris Hawksworth and Nigel Timmins felt it was inappropriate to put BCU logo on a new sign given that we know people do not respect present agreement. New agreement was on offer and it just did not make sense to push ahead with 'old style' signs. This was interpreted as BCU not wanting agreement, which was not the case. EA to try to broker a deal and re start the talks.

Greta - no news at present as next meeting has not even been scheduled.

Lower Derwent information re height of river and availability is now on a telephone system - tel No is 0906 619 7733 then follow directions – will tell you whether paddling is allowed – normal procedure still needs to be followed after that.

Forthcoming events.

July 10th OB race Please support this local event.

July 16th Teeside Youthfest please try to support.

July 17th Teeside regional come and try it. Please volunteers.

August 6th 7th WWSR for juniors? At Teeside contact ken Hughes NE RCO.

Sept 3rd Liffey descent, also Goyt wavehopper race.

Sept 11th Ironbridge wavehopper event.

Sept 17th Seaquest event on river Wyre, - great event please support. Meet at 9am for 10am start.

Sept 24th English RCO/LCO meeting

Oct 2nd NE Coach Update day at Adventure Sunderland.

October 22nd National Wavehopper champs at Slenningford mill on River Ure great event please support, - anyone welcome, volunteers needed.

Nov 5th Tyne tour.

Nov 11th – 13th Lakeside Canoe Symposium. Contact YMCA Lakeside for info.

Clubs.

West Cumbria is thriving with very successful pool sessions over the winter. Need for increased time next winter. 4 week blocks of open canoeing, sea canoeing and open canoeing scheduled for the lake evenings – proving very popular.

Duddon CC

Possible base for Duddon CC in revamp of docks being investigated and supported by Nigel Timmins.

Carlisle CC

Also very successful winter and spring. Very successful freestyle session held with Kayakajacko from down south coming up to share his skills.

Lakeland CC

Ran a non polo coaching session in the pool which was very successful. Canoe polo is active.

AOB

Big discussion over the present web site. Nick highlighted the Yorkshire region web site which has a system that allows a number of committee members to add material on to it. Felt we should explore a similar system. Nick to start the process off – NT to talk to Keith who has done a sterling job in the past and check he is happy with change.

Next meeting proposed 20th September at Thirlmere, 7.30 pm

paddle on Thirlmere first for those who might be interested. Trailer of boats to be brought down so people can try out some different boats if they wish.