

Cumbria Canoeists Regional Meeting and ACM : Pooley Bridge 27th June 2006

Present:

Nick Mortimer	Paul Wilson.	John Sherwin
Nigel Timmins.	Gareth Field	Mark Davies
Gavin Smallbone	Gordon Furness	Pete Knowles
Matt Ellis	Janice Weatherill	Sean McGrath
Sue Simpson	Jack Simpson	John Crosbie
Mike Tinnion	Dorine Botrerill	Howie Crook
Heather Prince	Tim Mather	

Apologies: from Jill Davies, John Platt, Liz Farthing. Joe Stalker, Mike Constable, Mike Sunderland, Roger Ward, Greg Bartlett, Robin Everingham, Pete Midwood.

Meeting opened with Matt explaining that he would chair as Roger was unable to attend. As Mark Davies had to leave early the access report was given first.

Access

Mark reported that all his correspondence was now via email which was fine for him. As far as he was aware the new Greta agreement was working fine thought the real test will come this autumn.

John Crosbie has talked to United Utilities about obtaining a release down St Johns Beck to top up the Greta on some set dates in November and December 2006. Sounded interesting and we are leaving John to continue negotiations.

There is a South Cumbria Rivers Trust and other fishing interest groups are always looking for a representative. Talk to Mark if you are interested.

Otherwise all is quite. Keep RAO informed of any aspects please.

No further access business, meeting resumed with minutes of last meeting accepted. Proposed by Mark and seconded by Pete.

CDO report Nigel Timmins.

Dates for events etc will be circulated in this newsletter.

Top Club

Clubs are encouraged to look at becoming a BCU Top Club. This is a kite mark for quality but it is becoming very clear that in the near future only clubs that are recognised via this kite mark will get any sort of funding from Sport England or other bodies e.g. Awards for All. Large sums of money have been paid out to numerous clubs further south and east e.g. White rose and Bradford and Bingley to help with their new buildings and equipment and we seem to be being left behind. Basically a plea to clubs to talk to committee members and pursue this. Nigel will come and talk to any club that wants to know more.

Stockport White water facility.

Work is progressing for a major site here, but they need some money to help with the planning proposal. A discussion took place as to what we could afford and in the end it was proposed that £250 would be paid with the off of another £250 if requested by the organiser if extra help was needed to finalise the bid. Proposed by Paul and seconded by Nick.

Clubs report

Duddon

Membership continues to grow, over 100 representing over 200 membership.

WW rescue and intro to WW courses have taken place

Canoe river touring events are in programme and most Sundays rivers are paddled in kayak and canoe.

A full programme of Star tests has been organised for the coming year along with monthly family days camps and sea kayak trips.

2 pools are now available on a weekly basis.

Duddon Canoe Club hope to develop Placid water events this year to extend the range of activities they can offer members.

Carlisle

A very successful weekend on white water safety was recently run for club members.

Very busy with youngsters on Saturdays. A good sea kayaking day at Kirkcudbright was held with some 18 people taking part.

Newton Rigg

This is a new student based club, which is active and has trips planned all over the world and Briancon in France for this summer. A request to involve them in freestyle and coaching events.

West Cumbria.

A programme that focuses on a different discipline is proving very successful.

Weekend trips to the Tryweryn, Cornwall and sea trips are all planned for the summer.

Lakeland

Busy with a regular skills night. The Kendal Polo tournament was very successful but interestingly there has been a request for a low level polo event to be added.

RCO report Matt Ellis.

LCO 's are now Mike Sunderland for the East of the county, Gavin Smallbone for the North, Gareth Field for the South, Colin Litten for the SW, but there is a need for someone to cover the West or NW. LCO role is to

- 1/ Support clubs
- 2/ Set up one event per year.
- 3/ Speak to clubs and paddlers to discover what is needed in the way of training etc in the area.

Coaching

As some will be aware there are some major coaching award changes proposed for next year 2007. The important thing is those holding coaching awards will not lose them or

have changes made to the remit they presently operate under. The changes will only affect new coaches and those running coach education courses.

Training and assessment will be split. You can still be a trainer and an assessor if you wish but you will need to apply.

In general it is a major up-skilling of coaches that was identified in the recent review of awards , but as it happens will also meet the demands of the UKCC (United Kingdom Coaching Certificate).

The new training courses will be modular and will run on a 1 to 5 scale as they do now. You will have to do level 1 before 2 etc (so no direct entry into level 2 as now) Level 1 and 2 will be generic i.e. canoe and kayak. There will be a rolling programme of changes during 2007 so keep looking at the BCU web site. Also attend the info day on August 20th 2006, 1 to 4 pm at Patterdale Hall if interested.

Will also be changes to the Star tests. 1 Star is generic, 2 Star will be for Canoe or Kayak though you will need both if going into coaching. 3 star becomes discipline specific with leadership issues introduced in theory only but practical at 4 star. 5 Star staying fairly similar but level of water will now be grade 4 with evidence of having paddled grade 5. Paddlepower scheme also being revised and introduced next year. We are in for a very interesting period over the next 2 years!! and people will need to keep informed.

Also highlighted a huge amount of discussion from Centres on the new scheme. Matt reported on this but suffice to say it has now largely cleared itself after a meeting with the Heads of centres and the identification of a leadership module being designed as a supporting module made available.

Date for next meeting

Need to move it later in year so that we can get any changes to committee etc into BCU year book. We also need to agree it with Roger first.

So next meeting scheduled for:-

AOB

Discussion about Rainchasers web site. They are after a web cam for the Greta.

Paul

Raised some concerns over who gains from this. Pete to liaise with some people who

May be able to site a camera.

Pete Knowles would like people to suggest ideas/people for the Cumbria talks next Jan, Feb and March. Please contact him on 017687 73686.

Dates Events etc.

November 4th 2007 Tyne Tour.

November 5th 2007 Junior Wavehopper race at Tyne tour.

December 2/3rd 2007 Level 5 conference at Glenmore lodge.
December 9th 2007 Competition coaching conference Nottingham

Next meeting scheduled for 30th November.

Venue ideally south Cumbria?

Late news

Due to various reasons Mark Davies has resigned from his post as Regional Access Officer. We are therefore going to need to appoint another person into the job. This is a very important role and if you were interested I feel sure you could discuss with Mark what it entails etc. Please notify N Timmins or Roger Ward if you would be interested in standing.