

Cumbria Canoeists Regional Meeting and ACM Farmers Arms Spark Bridge, Coniston 30th November 2006.

Present:

Nick Mortimer	Roger Ward.	John Sherwin
Nigel Timmins.	Gareth Field	Mark Davies
Gavin Smallbone	Gordon Furness	Pete Knowles
Matt Ellis	Janice Weatherill	Sean Mc Grath
Greg Bartlett	Amy Furness	Jen Steventon
Sarah Jefferson	Pam Wood	Mac Knowles
Clive Hebblethwaite	Mike Sunderland	Rich Ensol
Paul Wilson		

Apologies: from Jill Davies, Mark Davis John Crosbie.

Welcome by our chair Roger Ward.

Minutes of last meeting approved by John Sherwin and Paul Wilson

Election of officers.

Chair Roger Ward. Proposed by Gareth Field, 2nd by Gordon Furness.

Secretary Janice Weatherill Proposed by Gareth 2nd by Gordon

Treasurer Paul Wilson Proposed by Mac Knowles 2nd by Sean McGrath

All discipline reps as before please see year book Proposed by Gareth and 2nd by Pete Knowles.

Election of the Regional Access Officer. Greg Bartlett, was proposed but Nigel T stated that John Crosbie and Mike Hinson had showed interest. However after a short intro from Nigel representing the above 2 and a personal intro from Gregg the meeting felt we should elect someone there and then. Gregg was proposed by Gordon Furness and 2nd by Matt Ellis. Thanks to all those who showed an interest in this really important role. A huge vote of thanks was made to Mark Davis and it was proposed that a half case of wine should be bought for him.

Treasurers report –

The current balance as of the 31st October 2006 was £4544:30. For further details please contact secretary. Accounts were approved by meeting.

Duddon CC requested an amount of money to help fund a development weekend – was approved up to £200 proposed by Mike Sunderland 2nd by Nick Mortimer

A coaching weekend was proposed by Matt Ellis – this was agreed and would be under written. A nominal fee to be charged to ensure attendees value the product. John Sherwin and Gareth Field supported this concept as it values coaching volunteers.

Club Reports.

Duddon canoe club – An active summer has included family days, 1 and 2 star training and assessments, competitions and a family trip on the Wye. As part of youth development they received a £5000 Awards for All grant and now have a fleet of Lightnings and fox slalom. Special thanks to Nigel T and Bobby Timperley for help with coach training which means we now have coaches in placid water, racing, polo and slalom.

The river season has started well with meets each Sunday. A family river trip has been organised in Germany in May/ June. In January they had a residential weekend for youth members and hope to organise a Coniston - Peel island race in June.

Sedbergh, based at Killington lake at the sailing club with whom they have good relations. A selection of club boats are available for club members. Various trips to the sea, white water have been organised and they have an expanding membership. Winter season is in the swimming pool with a wide range of people and standards. Mike Sunderland running a small coaching session for white water paddlers.

West Cumbria – quietly successful with a busy summer and winter pool sessions. More adult orientated and a celidh at Cockermouth for the Christmas celebrations.

Newton Rigg – Very active with numerous students visiting far off places e.g. Norway Uganda, Austria. Some coaching courses and trying to encourage students to help out at events.

No reports from Grange, Carlisle, Lakeland or Copeland.

NT to visit Grange canoe club and Matt Ellis with Nigel t may visit a few pool sessions over the winter.

RCO report Matt Ellis.

BCU are having to balance a lot of things at the moment with huge changes to the coaching scheme. 5 star remains largely unchanged. Coach remits will stay basically unchanged. However all other star awards are changing with 4 star being a leadership award on moderate water and will need 2 days of assessment. Matt then made some personal views known. Basically he felt the BCU could have done more to keep members informed. Quite a lot of discussion then proceeded.

A vote of thanks was made to Matt for all his hard work from Roger.

CDO report Nigel Timmins.

A big thanks to Mark Davis for his sterling work as RAO.

UKCC letters going out early Dec as to status for coaching directors. We may need to run a coach fest for our club coaches to help keep costs down – will talk to RCO/LCO's. Watch web site for updates.

Star awards not yet approved - final sign off in January – likely to be introduced now in late summer. The repercussions from this is that retraining will be necessary for 2 star upwards and a probable need for some people to be trained to enable cascade process. The ideal will be for someone to go into the clubs to do this.

Cumbria Coach update day – proposed April 1st . 14th April (Easter week) or 5th May bank holiday. May 12 or 13th or 19th 20th. much more specific with update modules to enable transfer of present coaches to UKCC in 2012. e.g. coaching young paddlers fundamentals in paddlesport. Star test training .

Top club – Carlisle progressing well – should complete in summer. Present Top clubs are now getting CCDP funding. More clubs should apply.

Sports Club of the Year: BCU 3 x £100 in Cotswold vouchers - but put forward to Sport England contest with a first prize of £6000. Application forms from BCU Web site.

Manchester white water course likely to collapse – but have ensured that we will get our £250 back if that is the case.

Cumbria talks Jim Hargreaves Mon 22nd Jan Kendal. 23rd Tue Keswick
Allan Ellard Mon 12th Feb Keswick. Tue 13th Kendal
Fiona Whitehead 5th March Keswick. 6th March Kendal.
Thanks once again to Pete Knowles for organising these.

Eden Rivers Festival Rickerby. Junior paddlefest? **Note recent date change now 1st of September 2007. Lots of paddlers/helpers needed**

Action plan for 2007 proposed and accepted by meeting.

Access

Lune Killington Road bridge trees in river EA to be informed.
Brathay – still problems at ‘muddy layby’ Gregg suggested he be kept informed.

AOB

Research into new web site – discussion with Nick Mortimer £500 proposed by Pete and Gavin.

Next meeting scheduled for.

Tuesday 15th May at Thirlspot, - Paddle on Thirlmere first, meet for paddling at 5:30 onwards. Meeting at 7:30pm in pub.

2007 Dates for diary.

May 20th Brookbank freestyle and come and try it weekend.

June 9/10 NW Coach festival Anderton centre.

June 24th Coniston race contact Duddon Canoe Club.

July 1st. Sunday Ullswater race. Nigel Timmins

July 7th Youthfest Nottingham.

July 7th York Canoe race

July 21st NW youth fest Gareth Field NW PDO.

July 22nd Polo event at Clitheroe canoe club. – all welcome.

Sept 1st. Eden Rivers Festival. Carlisle. Junior paddle fest.

September 2nd Junior (10 to 16) Triathlon Ullswater/Glencoyne. Kayak, cycle, run, - boats provided but personal bikes needed.

Sept 15th NW junior sea paddling on Anglesey.

Sept 16th Wyre race contact Blackpool outdoor adventure group.

Sept 23rd Yorkshire coach update day .

Sat November 17th possible date for Cumbria coach update day?