

# Cumbria Canoeists Regional Meeting

## Thirlspot 15 May 2007

### **Present:**

Nick Mortimer	Roger Ward.	John Sherwen
Nigel Timmins	Gareth Field	Dorine Tinnion
Gavin Smallbone	Gordon Furness	Pete Knowles
Matt Ellis	Janice Weatherill	Sean McGrath
Greg Bartlett	Amy Furness	Alastair Yates
Alan Aldred	Barry Howell	MacKnowles
Mike Sunderland	Rich Ensol	Mike Tinnion
Cedric	Andy Bonnion	Steve Farthing
Jim Wilson	John Patterson	Nick Austin

**Apologies:** from Mike Mills, Liz Farthing, Mike Sunderland.

A warm welcome to every one from Chairman, Roger Ward

Minutes from the meeting of 30 November 2006 were proposed as correct by John Sherwen and seconded by Matt Ellis.

### **Club Reports**

**Duddon** provided a letter of thanks to Cumbria Canoeists for the £200 that supported a weekend of training for their youth section. They also received £5000 grant to purchase a fleet of lightnings and foxes. Thanks to coaching inputs from the region they now have coaches in placid water, racing, polo and slalom. For the summer a trip to Germany is being organised plus a Coniston race.

**West Cumbria** Excellent winter attendance, full programme of events

**Copeland** Strong youth presence and the club did well at the wavehopper event.

**Carlisle** They have run a number of training courses including 1<sup>st</sup> aid

**Newton Rigg** Many good paddlers are now leaving, but there are many intermediates coming through. The college will be running a number of coaching courses.

**Sedbergh** Have a top club application in at present

**Grange** The club is up and running and meeting regularly.

**Regional Coaching Organiser report** Matt thanked the coaches who were involved in the coaching day on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Approximately 30 people attended. A discussion followed on the cost of this event and Matt spoke about the next event, a sea/surf event on 2nd September. It was agreed to underwrite the next event with 6 coaches and for participants to pay £10 each. Proposed by Mac Knowles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gareth Field. Mike Sunderland suggested juniors should only pay £5. Proposed by Gordon Furness, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gavin Smallbone.

**Development Officer report** Nigel explained that Cumbria is likely to become part of the northwest region as the BCU adopted the Sport England regions at the AGM. Given the likely alteration in our status Barry Howell suggested we should attend the BCU AGM to make sure we have an input into decisions.

He then thanked people for help with the wavehopper series. There has been good use of the boats though problems with the trailer, as it now needs fixing with attendant costs. Made £82 though, half of which goes to WW racing committee. New paddlepower is now out.

He has received a request for money for the Lakeland polo tournament, £250. The meeting agreed to again support the polo event. Proposed John Sherwen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Austin.

We got our money back from Stockport white water course, which unfortunately did not progress beyond an idea.

Changes to the BCU system regarding child protection and CRB - Clubs with junior section need a welfare officer who have attended a course called 'Time to listen'. All coaches will need a CRB check, done through the BCU within next 3 years and have attended a SC UK Safeguarding children course. Gareth and Nigel can sign off CRB forms for the time being but ultimately this will be available via club welfare officers.

Star award changes – they are on the BCU website but you need to register to be able to award them. To assess 4 star you need to be a level 4 A4 – no need for further work, but level 3's with 5 star will need orientation and assessment, as will any new people coming through system.

Nigel can now access the BCU database, so if you need something checking he can do it for you. Need full name and preferably BCU number or their full address.

**Access** Brathay – there are problems at the muddy lay-by. Gregg suggested we manage numbers so that large groups do not cause a problem. Overuse is usually the problem, as it is on the Rothay. People are not being discreet when changing and have been walking through a private garden at Pelt Bridge.

Lune – Killington Bridge landowner wants to work with us to improve access/egress.

Eden Valley – Greg attended a very useful meeting with owners, Natural England and EA.

Peter Knowles suggested we should support costs needed to move access issues forwards.

Other issues - We need a rep on the Cumbria Access Forum. We discussed tree removal and it was decided Matt would send a formal letter to the EA.

**AOB** Mike Tinnion, sea-kayaking rep, organised a very successful sea kayaking weekend with about 40 people present.

Next meeting is at Troutbeck Bridge Windermere, in the Sun Inn at 7.30pm.

The business part of the meeting will be very short, as Sue Hornby from the BCU will be attending to advise on recent changes within the BCU. Please attend as it is rare to get this opportunity to talk to someone from the BCU head office.