

# CANOE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Mon 9th December 2013 at 7.30pm in the CANI office at Lagan Watersports, Belfast.

## ATTENDANCE

Pete Dew Mary Doyle Malcolm Kerry Stephen Craig Mark Breen Liz McCreery

## IN ATTENDANCE

Ashley Hunter

## APOLOGIES

Wilson Harte Ray Sweetlove

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None declared.

## MINUTES- MATTERS ARISING

Ashley has checked with Sport NI and they do not require monitoring information anymore. However it was decided that this information would be useful to CANI but would be optional for members to complete. A membership form and notice of the AGM will be posted out to all members in December and a pre-paid envelope will also be included.

## ASSETS REGISTER

This was started on 4<sup>th</sup> December but has not been completed yet.

## WORLD POLICE AND FIRE GAMES ACCOUNTS

These are not finalised yet as we are still getting invoices.

## CANI CHRISTMAS DINNER

This will be held on Fri 13 December at 3pm in Salt Bistro. Any members of Council who wish to go should let Siobhan know.

## GOVERNANCE AUDIT REPORT

This was discussed and approved by Council.

## LEGAL AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The terms of reference for the review of CANI's legal status and performance were discussed. This review will be paid for by Sport NI and carried out by a consultant. The selection of the consultant will be held on 7th January in the House of Sport at 10am.

## CANI PLANNING DAY

This will be held on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb from 10am until 4pm at a venue to be decided.

## FACILITY DEVELOPMENTS

CAMLOUGH – it was decided not to proceed with developing this site. We are now hoping to get the use of Castlewellan Lake instead as District Councils are taking on responsibility for the leisure provision in forest parks.

KNOCKBRACKEN – Pete Dew and Ashley have met with DCAL officials and Nick Harkness from Sport NI. DCAL have endorsed our proposal that there should be a

business case for the site. They have recognised that Knockbracken is an important multi-sport resource for the Belfast area and will find out which Governing Bodies are interested in being part of its development. DCAL and Castlereagh Council have put in an expression of interest in taking over the site. Andrew Laird (a renowned whitewater course designer) has looked at the site and outlined its potential for canoeing. He also looked at Shaws Bridge and says it could be improved if the canal was opened.

#### TOOME

Andrew Laird also looked at the sluice gate at Toome. He suggested cutting a channel round the sluice to make a better whitewater slalom course. Ashley will meet with the chief executive of Waterways Ireland after Christmas to discuss developing this site.

#### CANI BOOK KEEPER

We still haven't found anyone to take on this role so we will advertise this post after Christmas.

#### NEW APPOINTMENT

We have appointed Alex McCloy as the new Talent Officer. He is starting on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2014.

#### WEBSITE

There have been a couple of security issues with the present website. A link appeared from our website to 'burberry'. This happened twice. The first time it was removed very quickly but the second time it was there for about a week.

Rodger and Ashley are populating the new website. Pete Dew offered to help with this.

#### CSG UPDATE

Stephen gave a report on the results of the Strategic Review of the BCU Award Scheme. The results have been considered by CSG and sent back to the consultants. An updated report is due in Jan/Feb 2014.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The insurance for CANI's equipment for 2014 is £449. Stephen reported that 3 members of Council had attended a WPFG celebration in October at Stormont. Nominations for the CANI trophies will be requested.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held **on MON 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm in the CANI office.**