

B.C.U. WEST MIDLANDS
MINUTES OF THE
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM MEETING
HELD AT WORCESTER CANOE CLUB, GRANDSTAND ROAD, WORCESTER
ON MONDAY 25th JUNE 2007 AT 7.30 pm

1/ CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS

There being still no chairman John Heath was asked if he would chair the meeting, he agreed. He started by welcoming the members to Worcester Canoe Club, he mentioned the recent floods and commented that it was the wettest June in living memory and could see it affecting some forthcoming events.

2/ ATTENDANCE: Mike Nicholls, John Heath, Phil Hadley, Dave & Sarah Clift, Ian Dallaway, Phil Ascough, Kevin Wright, Ian Taylor, Stuart Briggs, John Woodall, John Talbot (WCC)
APOLOGIES: Peter Jones, Howard Blackman, Tim Houghton, D Male, Roger Roden, Ian Duffy, Mark Brian Helen Hoskins.

3/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting Prop Ian Dallaway Sec Sarah Clift.

4/ MATTERS ARISING

None that were not covered in the meeting.

5/ CORRESPONDENCE

John has made a contact at Wychbold Swan Rescue, her name is Jan Harrington Walkmills Farm, Wychbold WR9 0DH It was agreed to ask her to do a piece for the Yearbook on what to do when finding distressed swans. Shrewti Patel has been appointed by BCU at Nottingham to look after minority interests, she did not understand about "inclusion" meaning all interests, Ian Taylor to contact her.

6.1 FINANCIAL

Dave went to the Brownhills meeting and retrieved our loan of £950, now the bank balance stands at £ 4414. Dave passed a new bank mandate around for signing by the signatories Mike, John and himself.

6.2. PUBLICITY

Dave has paid the annual bill for the website, it was commented that it was excellent value for money.

6.3 SPORT ENGLAND

No Relevant news

6.4 WMFSR

Pete Jones is attending the meeting for the federation this evening on behalf of the region. Dave has paid the annual Subscription. It may change its name to West Mids Council for Physical Recreation.

6.5 NATIONAL LOTTERY

No news

7.1 ACCESS

Ludlow has gone quiet, with access reverting to the old way. John Heath went to the Worcester Water users Committee meeting and met with the BW engineers and will advise on weir barriers, John Talbot has also met with engineers and thrashed out an agreement about Bever & Diglis for portaging around the weirs. BCU has now appointed Andy Green as full time Access co-ordinator. Kit Preston has volunteered to be the LAO for the Churnet. Lower Lydbrook has been closed for access by the local commoners the LAO is on the case we wait for news.

7.2 CLUBS LIAISON

Worcester Canoe Club & Anker Valley have achieved top club status. Phil to get article on website.

7.3 DISABLED

A disappointing turnout for the disabled course only 5 turned up. Mike has again sponsored the Certificates for Tourability which went well.

7.4 ENVIRONMENT

The usual e mail circuit is working Darren to be asked to do a piece for the handbook about disposing of kayaks/canoes responsibly.

7.5 TOURING

The programme is running but Mike feared that Sutton's Severn Tour may not go ahead unless the river returns to its normal level.

7.6 WOMEN

No report

7.7 YOUTH/YOUNG PEOPLES INITIATIVE

Phil passed around the new "Paddlepower" leaflets and certificates, these can be ordered from BCU coaching. Youthfest was cancelled due to a shortage of people applying by the cut off date.

7.9 BRITISH WATERWAYS

Mike explained about the latest step in the restoration of the Lichfield Canal, An island was built on the Southern By pass road, while it was being built the Restoration Trust has installed a tunnel under the island and sealed it

off. This will stay under the road until it is needed by the trust, yet another piece of forward thinking by the trust. It was reported that stone barges are using the river Severn by Tewkesbury and are very difficult to stop so take care.

COACHING

8.1 There has been a delay in the new coaching programme, Phil will be talking to his LCOs about the Forum in the Autumn. There will be some teething troubles when the new forms come out but there will be information on the web site.

9.1 ACTION PLAN, DEL PLAN, FACILITIES.

No news

9.2 MARATHON:

Worcester Canoe Club will be hosting the National Championships August 2008

9.3 SLALOM:

Latest result will be on the web site.

9.4 POLO:

No report.

9.5 SPRINT:

No report

9.6 WILD WATER RACING

No report

9.7 SEA

The committee welcomed & co-opted Kevin Wright as the new Sea rep for the region, In the near future he will be looking at new trips.

A.O.B Stuart Briggs led a discussion about the direction and focus of the team , a full and frank discussion followed and it was agreed that the committee was spending too much time reacting to events and problems and must try to develop ideas and be more proactive. Mike commented that it was due to the lack of a chairman who would stamp his ideas and preferences on the team and that we should acquire a chairman as soon as possible.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17th ANKER VALLEY c c

ACM AT UPTON WARREN 26th NOVEMBER