

**B.C.U. WEST MIDLANDS**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM MEETING**

HOSTED BY BURTON CANOE CLUB  
AT BURTON CLUBHOUSE, NEWTON PARK, BURTON-ON-TRENT  
ON MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007 AT 7.30 pm

- 1/ It was decided that John Heath (president) should chair the meeting. He welcomed the team to Burton's impressive new clubhouse. The team had been taken on a guided tour just before the meeting. He congratulated Stuart Briggs on being appointed Central England Development Officer & Howard Blackman now over participation, coaching & club development.
- 2/ ATTENDANCE: Mike Nicholls, John Heath, Ian Dallaway, Sarah & Dave Clift, Steve Ball (bcc), Stuart Briggs, Howard Blackman, Ian Duffy, Mark Brian, Phil Hadley, Phil Ascough, Helen Hoskins.  
APOLOGIES: Peter Jones, Karl Bungey, Chris Hughes, Tim Houghton, Mr & Mrs Woodhall, Ian Taylor
- 3/ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
Prop Ian Dallaway Sec Dave Clift
- 4/ MATTERS ARISING  
None that are not covered in the main agenda.
- 5/ CORRESPONDENCE: Notice of a Canoe England Briefing day has been received, it may be on 21/4/7
- 6.1 FINANCIAL  
Tim is in the process of handing over the accounts to Dave Clift, this should be achieved in the next week or so.
- 6.2. PUBLICITY: The Boat & Caravan Show was again staffed by team members, unfortunately the stand was partly hijacked by the canoe camping club and we got sandwiched between them and Leam boat's gazebo, which cut our space to almost nothing. Phil recorded a thank you to the staff who manned the stand over the 10 days.  
YEARBOOK: Mike again produced the book for the show and 1000 were printed, advertising was up this year providing 75% of the production costs.  
WEB SITE: The band width has been increased to cope with the increased usage.
- 6.3 SPORT ENGLAND: No News
- 6.4 WEST MIDLANDS COUNCIL FOR SPORT & RECREATION: The council is supporting the region.
- 6.5 NATIONAL LOTTERY: No news.
- 7.1 ACCESS: The status Quo at Ludlow has not changed. No news from Worcester users forum. Avon users has gone quiet we found out that the IWA chair man is in favour of the booms at the weirs. There is a report of some steps being installed at Hereford, Ian & Phil to investigate. Great Barr Hall Lake, the housing estate is now starting to be lived in and there is now access up the road by the lake. Ian has news that the weirs on the Lugg are to be repaired, there may be issues with fish migration. A group called Positive Futures has taken an interest in the river Avon by Rugby, they are organising river clean ups and involving the community with youth programmes & community programmes. Evesham Paddlesport has offered to be LRA for lower Avon.
- 7.2 CLUBS LIAISON  
Brownhills still have £500 in their account not spent, action to be taken.
- 7.3 DISABLED  
No report.
- 7.4 ENVIRONMENT  
No report other than the EDIE E mails. Mike Male has another contact re environmental issues.
- 7.5 RECREATION  
No report
- 7.6 TOURING  
A new touring log book has been launched, the Dove tour went ahead as planned but was very windy.
- 7.7 WOMEN  
No report
- 7.7.1 YOUTH/YOUNG PEOPLES PLAN: There are changes planned, these will be made clear at a later date. Youthfest will take place at Nottingham
- 7.9 At this time a tunnel is being constructed to take the Lichfield canal under the new by pass island and railway, this is another piece of the jigsaw which will not be used now but will be in place for later.
- 8.1 COACHING: The spring coaching forum will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> march. The new coach awards are progressing, the level one is in the closing stages but level two has been delayed with details. There will be a level one pilot in the summer. The new Star awards are expected to be launched in September.
- 9.1 ACTION PLAN, DEL PLAN, FACILITIES.  
All plans are running at this time.

- 9.2 MARATHON: The season is running.
- 9.3 SLALOM: No report
- 9.4 POLO: An item appeared on BBC new where the sport presenter had a go at Polo it remains to be seen what interest it generates
- 9.5 SPRINT: No report  
WILD WATER RACING: No report
- 9.6 SEA: an offer has been made from an interested party to be sea rep Mike to investigate
- 9.7 LIFEGUARDS: no report

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June WORCESTER CANOE CLUB