**CARLISLE CANOE CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 14 September 2021, at the Turf Inn**

1. **Present:-**

Jim Winterton (Vice Chairman), Norrie Brown (Treasurer), Tricia Rothwell (Secretary), Ben McAllister (Welfare Officer), John McAllister (Fundraising/Events Safety Officer), Sam Winterton (Youth Representative), Dave Proudfoot (Equipment Officer),Tony Colla, Tom Carter, Elouise Doherty, Ryan Sessford.

**Apologies**:-

Jamie Brown (Chairman), John Storr, Scott Pollendine, Kenny Park

1. **Minutes of Committee Meeting on 10 August 2021**

Have been seen and are approved.

1. **Chairman’s Report**

Jim submitted the Chairman’s report in Jamie’s absence.

The Tuesday and Thursday Club sessions are very well attended, - so well that sometimes we do not have enough kit, and thanks are due to Proudy for loaning scouts’ paddles to tide us over.

We still have 12 would be beginners on the waiting list. We will not be able to get them all properly on the river before the end of the season, but may be able to give them a taster session.

Jim, Jamie and Tom all attended a core training course at Talkin Tarn with Dan Wilkinson, which they reported as being excellent, lots to think about and work on.

Dan Wilkinson felt that the Club would benefit from some people going down the route of leadership qualifications. Jamie has already expressed an interest in this. Jim also expressed an interest, saying that he understood that a white water leadership qualification would be needed to coach on white water. A question arose as to whether a white water leadership qualification is required for leading river trips whether or not coaching is offered on those trips. Norrie will speak to Phil Scowcroft to clarify this.

It remains our understanding that the river at the Sands does not count as white water, but sheltered water, being our normal venue, and that therefore no white water leadership qualification is needed to coach at normal Club sessions, provided coaches are operating within their remit as per the correspondence attached to the last minutes.

1. **Finance Report**

Norrie presented the overview as at 9 September 2021 (any member who wasn’t at the meeting who wishes to see this, please ask Norrie for a copy).

Since the meeting in August Club funds have increased by £523.00. We have had income of £153.00 from membership renewals and new joiners, £140.00 from starter session, £80 from members joining following on from starter sessions, and £160.00 from the sale of the Inazone and two paddles.

We now have 101 paid up members, compared with 89 at the last meeting, and 62 at this time last year.

There has been no expenditure since the last meeting, but we expect to have to pay for new paddles in the near future, and also have an invoice for insurance to pay.

Tom, Jim and Jamie have incurred £200.00 each for the core training course. Cumbria Canoeists should cover half of that, subject to receiving a letter of support from the club, and it is expected that a grant from the local authority will cover the other half.

1. **Welfare Officer’s Report (including Covid Sub-Committee)**

Ben reported that Tom, Jiamie and Scott are all in Stage 2 of DBS approval.

Jim’s approval has already been completed

Owing to work commitments, Ben has not yet arranged a covid sub-committee meeting to discuss use of the changing rooms etc., and will now do so asap by Zoom.

1. **Equipment Officer’s Report**

Proudy reported having fixed a couple of boats, and that, at the last check, all boats had airbags. A full audit is due next month.

Since the last meeting 6 paddles have been ordered, one has been received, and the other five are expected to be delivered this month.

1. **Coaching**

It was felt that we need to give serious consideration to whether we want to progress people through the Discover and Explore Awards, and, if so, we need someone to take charge of organising it. Arthur has expressed an interest in progressing to towards the Explore Award. Elouise and Ryan, who were both present at the meeting, both said that they would be too if it was available. We need to give consideration to who might fulfil the role of taking this forward when appointing officers at the AGM.

Meanwhile, Norrie will continue doing what he does now with regard to messaging people on Facebook to make sure that we are covered for coaches for the beginners on a Tuesday.

1. **Upcoming Events or trips**
2. The last swim safety event of the season takes place this weekend.
3. The Jim Wilson Memorial Paddle will take place on Sunday 26 September, meeting at Glencoyne carpark at 10.00am. Jamie will notify Cumbrian Canoeists and ask them to post on their website, and will also let Jim’s widow know.
4. The last night on the river will be Tuesday 28 September, and there will be a barbecue on the river bank after that session.
5. The pool is booked for Thursday night sessions between 8.00pm and 9.00pm, starting on30 September. The first session on 30 September will be for coaches only.
6. The first Saturday session will be on 9 October, 2 hours from 10.00am.
7. As a Club we aspire to arrange regular river trips during the winter, subject to being able to field the correct level of leadership. Members who have led these trips in the past, and whom we know to have the correct qualifications, are not currently available for various reasons. As noted above, Norrie is to discuss the need for leaders to be formally qualified with Phil Scowcroft of the BC. If necessary, we might consider asking leaders from other clubs to cover, while we train our own in-house leaders. Meanwhile the first river trip is provisionally fixed for 31 October on the Annan, on the footing that it will be a peer trip if we do not have adequate leadership to make it a club trip.

Jamie will post as necessary on the Club Facebook page regarding the above events.

1. **Document Reviews and Audits**

No documents fall to be reviewed at this meeting.

1. **Development Plan/Accreditation/Quality Club Status**

There is nothing to report regarding this as work on it has been deferred until the winter months.

1. **Matters Arising from the minutes of meeting on 10 August 2021**

Norrie expressed disappointment that the Committee had not authorised the purchase of any sea paddles at the last meeting. It was agreed that Proudy would make enquiries as to what is available, and the cost.

1. **Any Other Business**
2. Tom mentioned that the website went down at the end of last month as a result of the domain having expired. The domain is still registered to Tom Lowes. As soon as Tom Carter contacted Tom Lowes he rectified the position, but it was felt that, if at all possible, the registration should be transferred so that it is associated with the Club’s email address. Tom Carter will speak to Tom Lowes to thank him for maintaining the domain and to explore whether it can be transferred.
3. John Mac mentioned that North Cumbria Rescue and Response are looking for more volunteers to become trained in dealing with swift water, search and rescue, driving power boats etc. He will forward links to an award for swift water and search and rescue. He has done levels 1,2 &3 of this, and believes it feeds into White Water Safety and Rescue.
4. There is a White Water Safety and Rescue course in the pipeline for Club members, with about 10 members lined up to do it. Jamie has it in hand to set up a date for it.
5. **Next meeting & AGM**
6. The next Committee Meeting will be at 12.15pm on Saturday 13 November 2021, at a venue to be arranged
7. The AGM will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 7 December 2021, at a venue to be arranged.

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