

BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT THE WOODMILL OUTDOOR CENTRE, ON  
27/03/04  
MINUTES

1 THOSE PRESENT

D. Evans (Chairman), C. Addison (Secretary), S. Beith (rep Southern), A Proctor (Vice Chair/rep SW), P. Roscoe, I. Beith

1.2 APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM

J. Sutton, D. Hutchinson, G. North, J. Ramwell

2 CHAIRMANS WELCOME

The chairman welcomed everyone to Cwm Pennant and opened the meeting at 16.15 hrs.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

D. Evans declared that he runs an activity centre, which hold and charge for canoeing events and courses, John Sutton and C. Addison declared that they each offer canoeing courses on a freelance basis, C. Addison declared that he received 2 complimentary fleeces with the STC logo, from Rothwell Printers, as a promotional item & that he receives no financial reward from any ensuing sales. No other interests were declared.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting (22/11/03) were proposed as a true record of the meeting by A. Proctor, seconded by J. Sutton

MATTERS OF AN ENGLISH/BRITISH NATURE

5 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

Coastguard Liaison, no news as yet, S. Beith informed the committee that nothing has happened on this issue. D. Evans informed the committee that he has received a letter from the MCA who would like to reproduce the "Discover Canoeing & Kayaking" safety leaflet and also produce a sticker, the committee agreed that the contact should be approached with regard to the liaison role as she is also connected with the Coastguard. It was suggested that the solo paddling and groups paddling paragraph may need some changes.

ACTION D. EVANS

6 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This is still ongoing and will be updated accordingly.

7 FINANCE REPORT

7.1, D. Evans on behalf of J. Sutton reported that finances are in a healthy state, having not spent much since the last meeting.

8 MORE MEDALS

Nothing to report.

## 9 MORE COACHING

D. Evans reported that he attended a Level 5 coach conference at Plas-Y-Brenin, the 5star sea award was discussed, and he felt aggrieved that the STC had not been approached to ask for their views. P. Roscoe suggested that the committee should write to Paul Owen with our concerns, D. Evans suggested that as this is a coaching matter that the letter ought to go to Mike Devlin as the Director of coaching and copied to Paul Owen and that it should apply to all specialist and not just the STC.  
ACTION D. EVANS

All coaches joined in with the discussion at the conference on the 5 star awards and all agreed that they are happy with the awards as they are, but problems have been found with some assessors and the standard of assessment, which is not always carried out to the syllabus, a publication is being draw up to aid assessors.

## MATTERS OF AN ENGLISH NATURE

### 10 MORE PEOPLE

10.1, Events, S. Beith said that he hoped to organise a Dorset Coast Weekend

A. Proctor said that he would run the solstice weekend in East Devon

P. Roscoe gave dates of the Seaquest paddle in September

D. Evans said that he would run the Annual Festival at Cwm Pennant

C. Addison reported that he had notice of events from Barry Arthurs, who is proposing to run an event in Falmouth, he also has details of the West Cornwall sea kayak experience, the Coquet Island race, and the Conway Ascent.

10.2, Two venues are available for this year's symposium, one in Brixham and one in Pembroke. A. Proctor has visited the Brixham centre and reported back that it is a nice centre well positioned by the waters edge and although there is limited parking at the centre there is a large car park with plenty of parking just down the road.

J. Sutton is going to visit the Pembroke centre and will report back, a decision on the venue will then be made.

10.3 North Star doubles, the STC now has an additional 2 Northstars, bringing the total to 4, the press release and hire forms need to be drawn up. Fees of £100 returnable deposit and a hire fee of £15 per day were discussed and agreed upon. It was suggested that an aide memoir to help keepers of boats be drawn up, this was thought to be a good idea.

ACTION D. EVANS

A. Proctor has obtained a price for the v bars of £65.00 per set, galvanised, D. Evans suggested that we get 2 sets made and try them out.

ACTION A. PROCTOR

P. Roscoe questioned the weight of the kayaks and roof rack loadings, D. Evans suggested that we ought to cover ourselves by pointing out all the pitfalls and putting the onus on the hirers to check that their roof racks are up to the job.

10.4, STC polo shirts, C. Addison reported that the shirts are now ready and showed the committee the finished article, all agreed that they look good.

ACTION C. ADDISON

#### 11 MORE ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

#### 12 MORE ACCESS

Hilbre Island, P. Roscoe reported that paddlers were arriving on the rising tide, thus making the island smaller and there was not enough room for the birds and paddlers at the same time and questioned the bird nesting times.

#### 13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1, P. Roscoe was concerned that John Ramwell would not be upset if he were to take over from John as the North West rep, it was agreed that he was contacted to see if he was happy about this.

ACTION D. EVANS

#### 14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in November 2004 venue TBA.

#### 15 PAPERS TO NOTE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 18.05 hrs.

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