



Durham University Canoe Club

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Minutes of Exec Meeting (4)

24 October 2006

Chairman: Matt Corke.

Minuted by: Gen Steele.

Present: Matt, Rich, Bucko, Tom, Will, NZ Tori, Gen. (full compliment)

Approval of minutes: Yes.

1. Thanks for all work done so far. Canoe club is looking good.

2. Chris Lomas Cameo.

- Tyne Tour. Approx 64 people for the meal.
- Friends AGM at Tyne Tour. 7.00pm at restaurant. Club welcome to attend but will not be publicised. Gen to oversee elections.
- Alumni sports day. Polo in London. They made a loss last year but it won't happen again. On Sat 6th Jan in Chisick. Need a girls and a boys team to play. Bucko selecting (preferably people nearish to London) then putting them in contact with Chris Lomas.
- BUSA slalom. Bucko is running safety but not too the detriment of Durham people entering the competition. Party at the River Tees Water Sports centre. BBQ then social. £10 or £4 without food. Polo comp on Sunday morning before the barrage gets turned on. 16 teams knockout, 5 min games can lend our club kit. £10 per team entry.
- Reunion. Last one was in 2004. It was agreed to be every three years so due in 2007. Therefore Sat 5th May. That's the first back after the Easter holidays the one after BUSA polo. Planned day at beach then black tie dinner. Late license with band in the 3 tuns. Need to get more than 70 there to break even. To be marketed as Canoe club ball to get present members there as well. Ticket price £30 start selling tickets in New Year.
- Slalom appeal. Get £150 from Tyne tour. Calendars are to be the main push. Need to sell at least 50 Deadline end of November.
- Palatinate Ball, 9th June. Instead of Palatinate dinner this year to celebrate 175 years of Durham university. They're aiming for 800-1000 members. £80 for sat night. Give out palatinates as normal. Starting advertising from December.
- Rivers access. Wear was one of three trial projects run by BCU to improve access. Brighton university were appointed by BCU to negotiate however didn't have much luck. Currently three sections under discussion; a) Sunderland bridge to Shindcliffe, b) City stretch, and c) Fish weirs to Finchale Priory. Houghall has an agreement in place with the landowners of stretch a), the university owns much of the land for b) and it is used by many groups, however the access for c) is now worse than it was before. The local environment agency representative is going to try and repair any damage done however for now Prebends Weir and beyond should not be paddled. Things that have come about are improved signage for the city stretch. Chris Lomas to represent the club and university on the River Users Forum.

3. Calendar-sell lots therefore more money hurrah!

4. Website- new one created by Chris Lomas now online. Everyone on the exec has admin rights. Learn to use them and ask for help if needed.

5. Money- next claim date for grant is the 10th November. Currently lots of money coming in and going out however the finances are looking good partially due to having lots of members sign up this year.



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- 6. Tyne Tour** – 38 currents of which 24 need kit. Asking permission from multiple boat owners to borrow their spares. John Little lending scout kit to club. Have enough cars to get there. Meal being held in ballroom of a hotel.
- 7. River Race** – 32 entrants. We haven't said what we're doing about accommodation yet but need to tell them soon. Cost £17. Dates 11th, 12th November. Training groups are small but dedicated. Fight is on for who'll win C2!
- 8. Scotland Intermediate Trip 24th – 26th.** - Dumfries is looking like probable destination. Get people who did well in the Alps along. Matt talking to Phil about it. Sort wiki page nearer the time.
- 9. Trip sign up method.** - Deemed to be good. Keeping it as it is.
- 10. Upcoming trips and organisers.** - Sat-surf, Sun-lakes, sat 18th Abbey rapids Tom organising.
- 11. Pool sessions.** - Suggestion of having some coaching for the people who are doing coaching in the pool so they feel more confident. Bucko suggests watching the more experienced coaches in action and then having being watched and having feedback offered. Matt to send an e-mail. Possibility of increasing number of boats in the pool to 6 because of increased demand.
- 12. x-mas social.** - Smart meal out (chevita maybe?) then drinking in town probably. Sat 9th. Theme; smart with a touch of festive.
- 13. This week's social.** - Chips and Dips at Varsity then Walkabout stash and lash.
- 14. Keys.** - Rowers lost a set and are still to replace. A new sheet with where are the keys to be produced.
- 15. Funding plan.** - Matt and Will still in process of doing.
- 16. AOB.**
 - Bucko. Polo going good. Liverpool tournament soon. Sun 19th
 - Rich. Fibreglass repairing session needed soon. Market it as a get high in the boatshed social?! Rob Holdway repairing big person slalom boat. Friends group paying for repairs. Rich organising.
 - Tom. Too many e-mails going out per week any chance we can condense,? Maybe Matt and Will combine theirs and send out specific e-mails not to everyone. New mail to like from website.
- 17. DONM** - After RR. Tues 14th Matt's House.