

**Minutes of Committee/Coaches meeting of South Skye and Lochalsh Kayak Club  
held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. 2010, at 4, Harrapool, Skye.**

**Present:** Jo' Cumine, James Adams, Lis Phillips, Scott Poulter, John Phillips, Clive Poulter, Lara Adams, Gordon Brown, Alex Townend, Chrissie Gillies, Jacob Poulter, Puppies.

**Apologies:** Lesley McKee, Andy Law, Robert Phillips, Willie Fraser, Rhiannon Cumine.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

**Matters arising from previous meeting:**

- Paddles, cags and dry-bags have been purchased.
- There will be a First Aid course on February 20<sup>th</sup>. (already on the website).
- Lara has organised a one-to-one sort of pool day (already on website). No takers yet.
- Continue to encourage river trips.
- Gordon and Willie are planning a navigation day, but need a space big enough to lay out tables for charts.
- T-shirt: award this to Daniel for (near) perfect attendance.

**Winter Pool Sessions:**

- Coaches: Clive felt new Level 1's aren't enough chance to coach whilst being observed. Lara feels Clive is doing fine-coaching methods are individual to everyone. James has felt confident in his role. Coaches aren't really bringing games/ideas to the pool sessions as Lara had hoped. Remind folk that there is a book with ideas in it. The idea of merging the two junior groups was discussed, as attendance has been much lower this winter. It was agreed to merge the two groups.

Action: Jo' will email the juniors and tell them they can attend pool sessions on a weekly basis instead of fortnightly, and email the adults to remind them when the pool sessions start again.

Action: James will decide on 10 topics for the forthcoming sessions. He will email all the coaches with the ideas and write them upon the whiteboard so everyone knows what needs to be covered each week.

Action: Lis is to make an advertising poster for the club to be displayed at the pool.

**Boats:**

It was agreed to buy 6 new pool boats and perhaps sell some of our old boats. One of the trailers needs to be welded.

Action: Gordon to investigate new boat options.

Action: Chrissie to try out some larger sized boats.

### **Trips:**

- On any club trips, and events where club gear is in use for other groups (like the recent ladies' day) there must be a club member overseeing the organising, and taking responsibility for the equipment.
- Encourage folk who don't necessarily have all the tickets for leading trips to take a turn at leading a trip, provided the coaches feel that the person is responsible. Gordon Brown will be designated the 'technical expert' to judge who is capable (for insurance purposes).

Alex Townend and Willie Fraser are able to lead a group in any circumstance.

Clive Poulter and Lara Adams: Up to Force 4, 2 knots tide, and islands 3 miles off shore.

John Phillips, Lis Phillips, Chrissie Gillies, James Adams, Rosaidh Phillips, Alasdair Earnshaw, Steve

Heap: Up to Force 4, tides 2 knots, but NOT off shore islands (further than 2 miles).

- Gordon is going to lead a session at Kylerhea, for tidal practice.
- We need some trips planned for the coming months.
- Non-members don't need to pay membership for a first visit.

### **Training:**

- Chrissie, Janice, Fay and Mary are interested in doing their 3star. Existing 3 star folk will be needed to help deliver the course. Alex will need to organise/lead the course.

Action: Jo' to email the club to see if anyone else is interested.

- First Aid: Gordon has a friend who might be able to deliver a course specifically aimed at outdoor activities.

**Facebook:** Jo' will set up a Facebook page for the club, for a trial period, to see whether it is useful as a communication tool.

**Funds:** the pool sessions are currently losing money. Adult attendance has been very poor.

**SCA Members:** If voting forms aren't returned a group of 25 people will be in a position to destroy the 40 years of coaching work that has been built up. Jo' to email the SSLKC who are SCA members to remind them to vote, and to ascertain whether there is any objection to the club sending a letter to the SCA to register its feelings regarding the current situation.

## **A.O.C.B**

- There will be a meeting to discuss the the setting up of a new 'north end' kayak club on January 19<sup>th</sup>. 2010, in Portree. Jo' to email the SSLKC members to invite them to attend the 'north end' meeting.
- Club holiday date: week commencing July 10<sup>th</sup> 2010, possibly at Horgabost, Harris?
- AGM: Lis will book Breakish Hall for 21.4.10, at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.