

13/1/16

South Skye and Lochalsh Kayak Club committee meeting

Present Frank Burstow, Janni Diez, Andy Law, Alex Townend, Lis Phillips

Apologies

Janet Hopwood, Janice Seller, Willie Fraser, Gordon Brown

Resignation

Kevin Williams resigned from the committee 19/8/15

Approval of last meeting minutes (18/8/15) by those present.

NB for information- draft minutes taken at SSLKC are emailed to all present within a day or two with request for amendments and or corrections. The amended minutes are then sent to all coaches and committee members for further approval. After everyone has had time to comment they go to the membership via the website. In the future a link will be emailed to all members to alert them of the minutes. Meeting agendas also always includes matters arising from previous meeting

Matters Arising

1. Website. Andy Law gave an update- the website really needs updated photos. A lot of content is also quite old. It remains a good resource for people wanting information about the club in general. Andy feels Facebook is the best venue to arrange club trips etc.

Frank Burstow suggests adding links to tide tables and camping equipment list- **Janni and Andy** to action.

**Janet Hopwood** to be asked to email all club members requesting newer photos (including any suitable pool photos) and **Janni Diez** to put out similar request on Facebook. Photos need to be 500pixels, preferably bigger.

2. Pool sessions

Children's sessions are fully booked- there are still places in the second block  
Adults sessions are less busy.

Frank discussed FSRT training- feels it would be a means of gaining focus in the pool and outdoors. **Frank and Janni** to research this idea. Videos on FRST training are available on BCU website.

A discussion was had about structuring the sessions, agreed to look again at Paddlepower Start and Passport awards to be ready for next weeks first session.

Adults also to be offered to work towards star awards.

Kevin Williams organised a block of training sessions during autumn 2015 which culminated in Ingrid and Kate Tomlinson, Kirsten Dallas and Janni Diez all achieving 3 star awards.

Discussed problem of people booking on pool sessions and then not turning up.

Agreed to ask **Janet** to email all members to say that if they sign up for sessions they are committing to pay whether they turn up or not (unless they can find someone else to take their place)

3. Wetsuits, boots and cags. Discussed email from Kevin asking that wetsuits and boots be purchased by the club and made available to all members attending outdoor sessions who do not have their own kit. Discussed whether we have a duty of care to members- agreed that we do. Lis has looked at other club websites and found none that provide such equipment. We have a stock of children's wetsuits which can be lent out on the understanding that they are washed after each use.  
Ask **Janet** to send an email to all members before the summer sessions start advising on required clothing. This email should also be sent out to all prospective new members. At outdoor sessions coaches will offer advice if they feel club members are unsuitably attired.  
**Alex** to order new cags in different sizes and some more spraydecks.
4. Frequency of meetings. Suggest meetings 4 x per year with extra meetings in between if required. Need meetings prior to winter pool sessions, AGM and during summer. Agreed to aim for first Wednesday in the month to be more memorable.
  - Set following dates: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 (AGM, with committee meeting prior to AGM), 6<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017
5. Kyleakin Connections  
Frank suggested the club might offer kayaking or canoeing to Kyleakin Connections because of our long affiliation with Kyleakin.  
**Frank** to approach Charlene.
6. Boat repair day. **Lis** to ask Gordon if we can use Skyak Adventure centre, suggest first Saturday in March 5/3/16. Bring soup/ cake, invite all members, make it a social affair.
7. Boat storage. Still looking.....

#### AOCB

- a) Alex mentioned Facebook page. People are asking to join inappropriately- all people who are not members have been deleted. Children who have Facebook accounts can be added. The current FB page makes clear that it is a page for members only but **Janni** to add link to the page Host so that prospective new members can send them a message.
- b) Membership payments- **Alex** to look at standing orders as an option for paying annual membership fees.
- c) Need to change signatories on bank account before AGM
- d) New boats – pilot boats leak at bulkheads and become heavy and unmanoeuvrable. Kevin Williams may have found a way to seal the bulkheads- if repairable these boats are great for the younger children.

**Lis** to contact Stornoway canoe club for advice. May be possible to apply for Lottery Funding to buy such boats.

**Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> April. (Prior to AGM)**

