

NCC Meeting - 04th November 2011

Filton School, Bristol

Following hot drinks and biscuits from 11am at Filton College, the meeting officially started at 11:30am in Filton School Lecture Hall.

Interim Chair – JP Eatock welcomed everyone present.

JP explained the background of coasteering, and how the NCC has come about, who has been involved in moving it forward. The NCC now has a database of over 250 contacts, predominantly providers of Coasteering.

The NCC draft mission statement was read out and discussed.

All attendees were asked for their feedback on the two documents;

- [Base level skills and competencies for coasteering guides - Version 1 Dec 2010](#)
- [Best practice safety guidance for coasteering providers Version 1 Dec 2010](#)

Both of which have been circulated widely and used during 2011.

There were no action points, and the documents were deemed to be suited to purpose.

At 12:10 Tom Luddington gave a presentation on the Pembrokeshire Outdoor Charter;

<http://www.pembrokeshireoutdoors.org.uk/>

and put the proposal of a similar format for the NCC. Sustainable Adventurous Activities with a membership. An annual £50 membership fee helps manage the website, and gives the member a pin on a Google map, linked to their centre. They have regular meetings and workshops.

Tom then presented a draft [9 point Charter for the NCC](#)

The floor was then open for feedback. Points of discussion included;

Encouraging others to follow the Charter

Protecting all stakeholders

Ensuring wildlife and the environment form an important part of the Charter

The Pembrokeshire models was very positive

‘Training Centres ‘ for coasteering – layers and bureaucracy

‘Unprofessional practice’ of members? Policing / shepherding and supporting

Technical advisors – their experience / qualifications, associated issues

A named technical advisor is deemed necessary.

12:55 Steve presented the WAID – Water Incident Database, and how the NCC members will be able in input and access information. Very useful for steering policy – incident management, delivering coasteering has educational outcomes and increases awareness of personal safety. Learn to swim, move over rocks, etc

13:20 Discussion moved to the following area;

Regional Meetings, funding for representatives (self-funded currently)

Can we fit the Charter group into an existing group?

One main point of info for everyone - the Website www.nationalcoasteeringcharter.org

Adding WAID practice to the 9 point Charter.

Possibility of capital investment , manufacturers, advertising to pay for website?

After discussion it was agreed that the website should remain 'clean'. A point of information for Coasteering nationally, no mixed messages with advertising etc.

Tom Luddington has applied for funding to develop a short DVD on Coasteering for Wales, in relation to the environment.

RLSS has a lifesaving course running which caters for Coasteering

Tom Gwilliam from SLSGB gave an update - do providers want them to develop this module?

Everyone in the room delivers more than just Coasteering activities.

13:55AALA disbandment, HSE role and the implications for Outdoor Providers. HSE do not give guidance anymore, moving from a supporting role to actually a prosecuting role.

Likely move to a signed statement of competence for each guide by a named technical expert.

The NCC fills the vacant spot - informs and supports.

Action Points

- It was agreed that there would be regional meetings to inform and allow points to be raised at a local level. Representatives would then take these points to the committee meeting. This would move around the regions, hosted by one each time.
- All members of the Charter will input data into WAID
- £50 membership will go into a 'transparent pot' - used to support the NCC and in future to develop it.

- The National Meeting would move region to region.

At 2pm - Unanimous Vote by all present in favour of forming the National Coasteering Charter (NCC)

Nominated Roles (voted annually)

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| Chairman | JP Eatock | j-p@cornwall.ac.uk |
| Vice Chairman | Jet (Jethro Moore) | fun@adventurebeyond.co.uk |
| Treasurer | Phil Sadler | Phillip.Sadler@princes-trust.org.uk |
| Secretary | Keirron Tastagh | Keirron@adventurosexperiences.com |
| Development Officer | Tom Luddington | tom.luddington@mhpa.co.uk |

JP stated he was starting his own company on the Lizard (Cornwall) and asked if everyone was still happy to nominate him to the position of chairman. No opposition.

Outcomes

The following have been tasked to find a regional representative/s in their area. They are willing to undertake this role and a regional meeting of local providers will soon take place to discuss this role, and clarify the role of the NCC;

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| Scotland | Andy Spink | andyspink01@aol.com |
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| Cornwall | Sam Starkey | cornwall@verticaldescents.com |
| S. Devon | Mark Agnew | mark@agnew43.plus.com |
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| S Wales | Chris Jex | chris.jex@princes-trust.org.uk |
| N. Wales | Baggy (Mark Richards) | Mark@blueperis.co.uk (N Wales rep at previous meeting) |
| N. Ireland | Trevor Fisher | trevor.fisher@tollymore.com |
| Isle of Man | Keirron Tastagh | Keirron@adventurosexperiences.com |
| Channel Islands | Ant Ford Parker | ant@outdoorguernsey.co.uk |
| Dorset | Dave Mutton | david@landandwave.co.uk |

The regional representatives will be confirmed to the secretary by 30th November.

Each region will have had a meeting by 10th December 2011, attended by as many local providers as possible.

Following the regional meeting, providers will choose whether they wish to sign up the NCC, and agree to all points in the charter. An inherent part of this is the environmental code of conduct.

NCC annual membership is £50 which will pool to pay for essential costs of running and developing the NCC. For your membership, each provider will get a listing on the NCC website and a spot on the site Google map with a link to your own website.

Following the confirmation of the regional representatives - a meeting will be organised for March 2012 for all regional reps to discuss input from each region.

A National NCC meeting will take place in November 2012.

Many thanks to RoSPA who paid for the room hire for the meeting, and will continue to support the NCC as much as possible.

Meeting officially closed at 3pm.

Regional groups used the opportunity for informal discussion.

NOTE

Paul Bradford emailed since the meeting and has put himself forward as a potential representative;
N & S Devon Paul Bradford paul@bluedotadventure.com

Tom Luddington needs feedback on the 'Coasteering Respect Protect Enjoy' by 05/12/12 latest please!