Portlaoise TDU 19/10/2015

Location: Portlaoise Heritage hotel

Present: Patrick McCormac, Kieran McKevitt, Maryanne Doyle, Laura Griffin, Susan Doyle and Benny Cullen

Apologies: Liz Doherty, Paul Norris, Jon Hynes and Neal Kelly

1. Previous minutes – change to course provision - accepted
2. Correspondence – covered Kieran and Paddy to respond
3. 2016 funding plan – Paddy send around ideas though grant sent in
4. Update on junior paddle plan – elongated version of the 2 and 3 – needs further discussion and need to look at our level 2 and level 2 adult certs, safety and skills wristbands – Needs a meeting between Benny, Neal and Susan – Monday 9th of November 10 am sports HQ half day
5. Update on level 5 instructor – March 5th and 6th level 5 instructor assimilation weekend – email development group – send through to TDU
6. Epp Update – Canoe – really good weekend – Europe like CI some discussion on canoe levels and where they operate

* Sea Kayaking – French different way to assess, surf ski, sea kayak and wave ski’s
* Restricts to clubs with equipment
* Level 3 syllabus is the assessment criteria consistent but no flexibility
* Athletes but personal skills and debrief not on par with Ireland
* BCU are taking leadership out of their awards
* SUP EPP system

1. New Ideas (leader/guide Awards, possible changing in formats to assessments)

* Club organiser award – Safety club orientated not commercial TAP needs a six month Kieran, Benny. Sue, Liz
* Guiding – TAP for Guiding for commercial sector
* Level 3 instructor assessment Day 1 skill, safety and teaching and Day 2 live group
* Static session, RSR session, then scenario
* Day 2 level 3 skills day candidates debrief group, pre assessment
* Change assessment criteria
* Trainees need to be told – Benny November 20th

1. News letter – SUP article on Europe

* Publish for the 5th of December
* Benny’s article, Susan’s article
* 20th November deadline

1. Report on Meeting with board members on updates
2. RSR registrations – Database – need to be a member of CI for level 3 cert and RSR 2
3. AOB

* Ladies day Laura
* Run training in conjunction with whitewater league
* Level 3 instructor numbers
* Captains and safety 14th and 15th
* SUP instructorship
* Sea symposium
* Conversion still stands
* Blueways publish details
* Trim canoe course
* LNT and NGBS