**CRN Winter Business meeting – notes**

**Leeds, 24.01.14**

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| In attendance: | Apologies received: |
| * Jo Burgon * Paddy Harrop * Alison Darlow * Sharon Roulston * Mike McClure * James Ogilvie * Joe Roberts (NRW) | * Wendy Thompson * Martin Gray * Philip Broadbent-Yale * Beatrice Kelly * Nigel Foxall * Caro-lynne Ferris * Maia Taylor * Niall McAleenan * Alan Macpherson * Rob Garner * Simon Butler * Helen Jones |

**Summary of actions**

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| Item | Person responsible |
| Request PO numbers from those organisations wishing to pay 2014/15 membership this financial year | Kathryn |
| Promote CRN membership | Kathryn |
| Promote Spring CRN meeting and seminar | Kathryn |
| Confirm Autumn CRN meeting and seminar programme | Sharon |
| Promote conference to local press | James / Paddy |

1. Appointment of officers
   1. All appointments agreed as per proposal.
   2. It was confirmed that the Communications Officer is not responsible for the role of Journal editor.
   3. Next appointment process (2016) to move from January to May meeting.
2. Membership
   1. It was agreed that Kathryn would give members the option to pay their 2014/15 membership fees before the end of the current financial year.
   2. It was agreed that there is a need to attract new members – Kathryn to promote the new membership criteria and categories in the following ways:
      1. CRN winter e-newsletter
      2. CRN website – homepage feature
      3. Visitor Safety in the Countryside
      4. Outdoors for All network
3. Spring meeting and seminar
   1. Speakers and outline programme agreed. Kathryn to circulate.
4. Management group teleconference dates
   1. It was agreed that each meeting in 2014 will take place from 14:00-15:30
5. Autumn meeting and seminar
   1. Date confirmed for 25th and 26th September (with some arrivals on evening of 24th)
   2. Theme agreed: Getting youth back out on the water. Title tbc.
   3. WI confident of local external interest in the day 2 seminar.
   4. Optional weekend extension to row a curragh /camp on the River Shannon (northbound). Kathryn to circulate details in due course.
6. Conference
   1. Agreed to promote via local media (James to draft a news release; Paddy to supply contacts).
   2. Agreed to offer a concession rate for students.
7. Journal
   1. Theme agreed: Outdoor recreation post-recession: what the future holds
   2. Guest editor – Mike if no other takers.