

Chota Canoe and Kayak Club Minutes

May 10, 2007

Place: Cozumel's

Members Present: 15

Officers Not Present: Sam Jones, Aaron Hiscock, Tisha Calabrese, David Howard, Christy Stafford, Doug Johnstone, Russell DeCastongrene

Meeting Outline: David Mann – presiding

- I. Canoe/Kayak School:
 - Mary Ann gave school updates noting that she had enough instructors for us to accommodate 75 whitewater students.
 - MAG also made a call for gear donations for rentals, for Class II trip leaders for the summer trips, and for auction gear donations.
 - She has the pamphlets ready to give out at the GO Expo and encouraged everyone to print some off and spread them around at work and public places.
 - MAG also has an article being done in the GO section of the News Sentinel.
 - David said that Tish has a press release that she will be getting out soon.
 - MAG suggested that we make an offer to the Smokies and Hiwassee area Park Rangers for them to come take the school. A quick vote passed this idea.
- II Knoxville “GO” Festival – May 12
 - David made a plea for additional help, to a room full of silence.
- III. Boat Demo – David kicked the idea of a boat demo at the cove one afternoon and everyone in attendance thought it was a pretty good idea.
- IV. Little River Cleanup Project – Sept 15
 - James discussed Chota's participation in the cleanup, which is pretty much organized by the “Friends of the Smokies” organization. As a club, we can be used to assist a diving team by floating above them as they collect trash off of the bottom of the river. The group discussion felt that this might become a major annual event for us.
- V. CPR Cards – David said they are being mailed to the participants.
- VI. New Canopy – David purchased a new, larger canopy, and the group consented to his “executive” decision. The old one collapsed during a heavy rainstorm last weekend. Doug had set it up to use as a dry changing area for his Cheoah trip participants.