

Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting Held at Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 23rd September, 2007 at 10.00 am

Present: Kevin Arlott

Tom Arlott (Chairperson)

John Chalmers Paul Connor Anne Downes Bill Hall

Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)

Jim Henderson (Vice-Chairperson)

Ross Henderson Bob Mitchell Jim Patterson Alan Payne Steven Pirie

Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)

Owain Williams

Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (05/11/06)
- 3. Chairperson's report
- 4. Secretary's report
- 5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/07
- 6. Election of office bearers
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
 - c. Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)
 - d. General Secretary
- 7. Election of general committee: Committee members (max 11 persons)
- 8. Temporary Associate Membership
- 9. Timing of SPKA race events
- 10. Race venues
- 11. Committee meeting/AGM date for 2008
- 12. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Roger Blake Gordon Cuthill Angie Kinghorn Stuart McGougan Jim MacRae Jim Wallis

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (05.11.06)

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by Alan Payne.

3. Chairperson's Report

The past year has seen the association growing steadily and building on its success. The revival of the St. Andrews Kite Festival last November was, as planned, kept to a fairly low key affair and used to promote the general aspects of power kiting. Hopefully we will be able to extend its appeal a bit further this year.

Following on from our last AGM we started our competition days off in December 2006 at St. Andrews with a joint race and freestyle event and, as was to be a trend throughout the following months, the wind conditions were just not suitable for the freestyle element of the day. Tom offered his thanks to Roger Blake and all other race organizers for their efforts in running the race days over the past year.

Along with our near neighbours, the IPKA, the Celtic challenge held its inaugural weekend meeting in February at Stevenston. However, as is so often the case in our sport we fell foul of the weather. One very difficult race was held on the Saturday after which the competitors and support crews adjourned to the local hostelry for the chance to develop the social bonding of the Celtic series. On Sunday morning we all awoke to heavy rain and a decision was taken to call it a day. The Irish took the honours away, and left us to try and recoup them at the return competition in Ireland in June. Unfortunately, due to wrong weather conditions we were unable to hold a race in Ireland therefore the race held in the February was to be the decider for the first of what is hoped to be many happy similar events over the coming years.

The end of March brought a hold on all the association's activities with the disbanding of the PKSF and the lack of third party and event insurance facilities for the association. Tom thanked Keith Haynes and Jim Henderson for sorting out the various issues involved in securing our own insurance facility direct with Perkins Slade during May 2007. This will no doubt be looked upon in years to come as a major instance in the Association's history.

After the end of our race series we followed up with what is turning into an annual event, our Summer Fly In. We didn't quite get the weather of the previous year and had to put up with the occasional short sharp showers but those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks were extended to Bob Mitchell for his part in organizing the fly-in and for getting the barbecue.

Keith Haynes proposed a vote of thanks to Tom for his excellent work done for the SPKA over the past three year's as Chairperson.

4. Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Keith confirmed that he had issued over 50 insurance certificates since April when we took over from PKSF in organizing our own insurance. Anyone insured with PKSF prior to April will still remain covered until their renewal date at which time (2 weeks before the due date) they will be sent a reminder to renew with the SPKA. At present we have 94 current members including 1 associate member and 22 family members.

There was a closing balance of £943.00 in the account as at 31st August 2007.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Chairperson: Bob Mitchell - proposed Keith Haynes

- seconded Alan Payne

Vice chairperson: Jim Henderson - proposed John Chalmers

- seconded Owain Williams

Treasurer and

Membership Secretary: Joyce Strachan - proposed Anne Downs

- seconded Jim Henderson

Secretary: Kevin Arlott - proposed Joyce Strachan

- seconded Bob Mitchell

7. Election of General Committee

Roger Blake
John Chalmers*
Paul Connor
Anne Downs*
Bill Hall*
Keith Haynes
Ross Henderson
Jim Patterson*
Alan Payne
Stephen Pirie*
Owain Williams
(*newly elected)

8. Temporary Associate Membership

Discussion took place about who should be allowed to take part in events and it was agreed that participants should be Scottish or, if not Scottish, must be resident in Scotland or have membership of the SPKA. It was unanimously agreed that we should no longer offer temporary associate membership and only offer full membership for new applicants.

9. Timing of SPKA Race Events

There was general agreement that the Committee should take into account any UK or European events when organizing the race calendar for the coming year. The format and number of race days required was discussed and it was agreed that we should hold 12 races over 6 days in addition to the Celtic challenge and any Enduros. There was agreement that a maximum of 25 participants should be entered for any one race and if there was enough interest we could consider introducing a national class (with national licenses) to include the top 15 racers. This topic will be discussed at the Committee Meeting to follow the AGM.

10. Race Venues

Alan Payne reported that he had been to Luce Sands and would recommend this as a new kiting venue. There is access to the beach which stretches to a mile and a half. It is situated near Stranraer Caravan Park which would be open throughout the year and charges approx £55 per night for a 6-berth caravan.

He also looked at Southerness which has caravans but they are only available from March to October each year. The Chairman thanked Alan for his effort in finding venues and suggested further discussion at a future meeting of the Committee.

11. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2008

A Committee meeting will follow the AGM.

The next AGM was provisionally set for the 7th or 14th September 2008.

12. AOCB

(a) Membership Keyrings

Keyrings are being issued to members on renewal or application for membership and have proved a popular method of proof of insurance as they incorporate the relevant details from the certificate. It was agreed that if any member requests a replacement outwith their renewal date they will be issued to them at the cost of £1 to cover administration.

(b) Flags

It was noted that flags signifying kite zones were on order for West Sands, St. Andrews. None are necessary for Stevenston.

(c) Celtic Challenge

The Chairman notified that another Celtic nation would like to be included in the Celtic Challenge and asked the Committee to decide on a date soon in order to give Alan Payne time to organize Luce Sands as a possible venue for the event.

As there was no other business everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting was closed at 12.30 pm.