



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
Held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 20th September, 2009
at 1.00 pm**

Present: Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
Kevin Arlott
Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Bob Mitchell
Jim Patterson
Steven Pirie
Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)
Leah Wenham

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (23/09/07)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/08
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. Future events including race dates and venues
9. Committee meeting/AGM date for 2010
10. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Ross Henderson
Angie Kinghorn
Keith Murison
Stuart McGougan

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (21.09.08)

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by Paul Connor.

3. Chairperson's Report

This year's events all took place as planned. The race series went well and our top two pilots are at the European Championships in SPO at the moment. The summer fly went well even though there was rain for some part of it. We held the Celtic Challenge at the Sands of Luce and this proved to be an ideal

venue and one we hope to use again in the future. Benone was again disappointing as the weather was not correct. However, everyone who attended still enjoyed a good weekend. The kite festival went well despite the lack of wind but everyone agreed that the try and fly proved very successful.

4. Secretary's Report

Joyce reported that the SPKA would be ten years old in April 2010 and asked members to suggest ways that we could celebrate.

5. Treasurer's Report

Keith presented a statement of accounts which showed a closing balance of £1117 as at 31st August 2009. 64 payments have been received up to this date (including 3 families). However, insurance costs have stayed the same so it was agreed to leave the annual membership for this year and review costs again next year. Keith reported that he would have to pay membership fees to FISLY and asked whether this cost should be taken from the racing funds rather than general association funds. The committee unanimously agreed that this should come from the racing funds.

After discussion, it was agreed that memberships should not be made on a rolling basis but will only be applicable from the renewal date. Therefore, failure to renew on time means no insurance for the lapsed period.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Roger Blake.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Chairperson: Tom Arlott - proposed Roger Blake
- seconded Bob Mitchell

Vice chairperson: Alan Payne - proposed Bob Mitchell
- seconded Stephen Pirie

Treasurer and
Membership Secretary: Keith Haynes - proposed Paul Connor
- seconded John Chalmers

Secretary: Joyce Strachan - proposed Tom Arlott
- seconded Bob Mitchell

7. Election of General Committee

Kevin Arlott
Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Anne Downs
Bob Mitchell
Jim Patterson
Stephen Pirie
Leah Wenham*
(*newly elected)

8. Future events including race dates and venues

It was agreed to try to achieve 10 races by April 2010. The following dates were agreed:

Events

29 November	Kite Festival
17 April	10 year celebrations (provisional)
5 + 6 June	Celtic Challenge at Sands of Luce
27 June	Summer Fly

Race Series Dates

10 + 11 October	Sands of Luce
8 November	St Andrews
6 December	St Andrews
24 January	St Andrews
21 February	St Andrews
7 March	St Andrews
4 April	St Andrews

Freestyle Events

24 October	Stevenston
6 March	St Andrews

The Committee agreed to issue medals for freestyle events and to no longer charge for taking part.

9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2009-2010

24 January, 4.00 pm

6 March, 4.00 pm

26 June, 4.00 pm

All above dates provisional and dependent on sufficient agenda items

19th September, 1.00 pm (AGM)

10. AOCB

(a) Trophies

Suggestions were sought for race day trophies. It was agreed to continue issuing medals and use what we have in stock already. The following suggestions were also unanimously agreed.

Suggestions for new class trophies:

A 16" wheel class in the new racing season

Best Newcomer trophy for the first year in racing based on race results over the year. Prize: free entry into next year's races.

Equipment requirements for next race series: Race mark triangles; 6 m pole.

(b) On-Line Membership

Kevin Arlott suggested that we introduce a new method of paying memberships online. He had made initial inquiries into costs and reported that the SSL certificate costs £50.38 per year and £30.10 for payment services which equates to 78p per member transaction. The Committee agreed that payment by paypal or credit card online would be worth investigating and may make it easier to members to renew online. Kevin agreed to source methods of payments and set it up on the website as a trial run. We can then evaluate it next year.

(c) Kite Festival

Kevin suggested that we should have a low wind alternative organized for the Kite Festival in November. He knows of a company called "Hat Tricks" who may be approached. The Committee agreed that Kevin should explore costs first. Bob Mitchell suggested that as a Brookite representative he may be able to supply small kites at trade prices for selling on the day. Kevin and Bob were asked to report costs to the Committee before the event.