



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
Held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 25th September, 2011
at 1.00 pm**

Present: Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
Paul Connor
Tommy Hastings
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Stuart McGougan
Cathy MacKay
Stuart MacKay
Calum Mitchell
Robert Mitchell
Ruaridh Munro
Alan Payne
Steven Pirie
Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)
Mike Walters

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (19/09/10)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/11
6. Proposal re Standing Rules and Regulations
7. Election of office bearers
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
 - c. Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)
 - d. General Secretary
8. Election of general committee: Committee members (max 11 persons)
9. Future events including race dates and venues
10. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2012
11. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Kevin Arlott
Chris Barker
Rodger Blake
Mark and Maggie Davis
Steven and Holly Kennedy
Jim Wallace
Owain Williams

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM

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

3. Chairperson's Report

This has been one of the worst seasons for racing. However, we hope to have more possibilities for this coming season. We achieved 8 enjoyable races by the end of the series. The Celtic Challenge went well as usual and was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to all the team involved who helped us to bring back the trophy. We are not sure if there will be a Celtic Challenge next year due to the European/World Championships being scheduled for July so we will not yet set a date. We had a dry weekend for the summer fly and the new event shelter came into its own. We culminated the year at Hoylake for the European Championships and had six good races – congratulations to the team. We did couple of promotional events; 'Big on the Beach' (rained off) and Scottish Windfest (2 days on the beach). We are looking forward to the start of the racing next weekend at Fraserburgh.

4. Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Keith presented a statement of accounts which showed a closing balance of £4764 as at 31st August 2010. We have 356 current members including 25 families. The insurance premium has increased with the rise in membership and we should now consider increasing membership fees to cover this.

The following amounts were proposed:

£28 individual membership
£60 family membership
£20 junior membership

The above proposals all met unanimous agreement and will take effect from 1st November 2011.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Alan Payne.

Keith also reported that we require race flags and feather banners and there was unanimous agreement to him ordering and paying for them from the general funds.

6. Proposals re Standing Rules and Regulations

Tom Arlott pre-circulated two proposals for addition to the standing rules and regulations. Jim Wallis returned suggested amendments to these proposals. All were discussed and further amendments were considered. The approved proposals are attached.

6. Election of Office Bearers

All office bearers were asked if they were prepared to continue for the coming year. All agreed. Bob Mitchell therefore proposed re-election of office bearers and this was seconded by Steven Pirie.

Chairperson: Tom Arlott
Vice chairperson: Alan Payne
Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Keith Haynes
Secretary: Joyce Strachan

7. Election of General Committee

Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor

Anne Downs
Cathy McKay*
Stuart McKay
Bob Mitchell
Ruairidh Munro*
Stephen Pirie
Mike Walters*
(*newly elected)

8. Future events including race dates and venues

The following dates were agreed:

Race Series Dates

1 + 2 October	Fraserburgh
29 + 30 October	St Andrews
3 + 4 December	Sands of Luce
28 + 29 January	St Andrews
3 + 4 March	Fraserburgh or Luce (including Committee meeting)
31 March + 1 April	Luce or Fraserburgh (including Committee meeting)
28 + 29 April	St Andrews
27 + 27 May	St Andrews

Events

23 + 24 June	Summer Fly at St Andrews
7 – 15 July	World Championships

Bob Mitchell agreed to submit an official notice to the Council for each event we hold in St Andrews.

9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2010-2011

Committee meetings 3/4 March and 31 March/1 April during race weekends at Sands of Luce/Fraserburgh (dependent on sufficient agenda items)

AGM - 16 September, 1.00 pm.

10. AOCB

(a) Synergy KiteSports Trophy

Mark and Maggie are willing to sponsor a 16" wheel class annual trophy. This offer was gratefully accepted and will hopefully encourage more participation from new members. They also offered to look for sponsorship to help out with race events, again accepted and we would be grateful for any sponsorship they can raise.

(b) KBA Proposal to FISLY

Tom reported that the KBA will be putting forward a proposal to FISLY to adopt a race start with a single red flag. It was agreed that we would also adopt this system for our racing if the proposal goes through.

(c) Kite Festival

We have held the kite festival each year in November which has never proved successful. There was unanimous agreement to withdraw from organising future kite festivals in November, preferring instead to hold this in the summer should the local Council request it.

(d) Informal Race Sessions

Stuart McGougan suggested we hold informal race sessions at each race event which would allow new pilots the opportunity to experience the racing. This was generally accepted as a good idea provided we have enough interest.