



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting
held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Saturday, 24th March, 2007
at 8.00 pm**

Present: Kevin Arlott
Tom Arlott
Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Keith Haynes
Jim Henderson
Ross Henderson
Judith King
Bob Mitchell
Alan Payne
Joyce Strachan
Jim Wallis
Owain Williams

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (05.12.06)

The minutes were approved – proposed by Keith Haynes, seconded by Bob Mitchell.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Insurance – BPKA Meeting 10.03.07

Following recent correspondence between Tom Arlott and PKSF warning of possible changes to insurance a BPKA meeting had been organised at which this issue would be discussed in full. Subsequently, Tom Arlott, Chairperson and Keith Haynes, Treasurer and Membership Secretary, were invited to attend the BPKA meeting in Birmingham on 10th March, 2007.

(a) Options

At the meeting the options were given as staying with the BPKA, acquiring insurance through them but being limited to where we could operate or trying to get insurance of our own. To this end Keith had approached A. E. Taylor for insurance and they were looking into it but would require more information from Keith before giving a final decision and may take some time to confirm, probably too late for our requirements.

Keith had also been in touch with Perkins Slade and there was a possibility that they could keep us on. The figures they were quoting would mean that insurance would cost £1600 per annum.

(b) Proposal

Supposing there were 100 current members the Committee unanimously agreed that £16 per head would be an acceptable amount. Keith agreed to go forward and pursue the Perkins Slade option further.

(c) Costs

Given that we were probably dealing with a figure of £16 per head for insurance the Committee discussed various options for annual membership fees. It was agreed to continue charging £20 membership per person (from May 2007 to January 2008) with the Association absorbing any additional costs incurred and then re-visiting costs in January when we have a better indication of finances for the year.

(d) Proof of insurance

If we insure with Perkins Slade they will issue confirmation of insurance. The SPKA will hold a certificate on behalf of the members. The Committee agreed that Keith should confirm pre-requisites before taking out the insurance. In the meantime, Keith agreed to write to members whose insurance runs out before a new certificate is in place to warn them that they will not be insured in the short-term period.

4. Future Events pending

(a) Other race dates and the series

It was agreed to continue with the race series as was already in place.

(b) Celtic Challenge

Tom confirmed that the Celtic Challenge was now set for 2nd – 3rd June, 2007.

(c) Summer Fly-in

Following the success of last year's fly-in the Committee agreed to hold it again on 7th July, 2007. Same arrangements as last year would also apply.

(d) St. Andrews Kite Festival

The Committee agreed to a provisional date of 2nd December 2007 since low tide is at 13.30 pm.

5. AOCB

Just Add Wind

Owain Williams would like to invite SPKA members to TK's Just Add Wind event on which will be held on 5th and 6th May, 2007. He asked if SPKA would agree to organizing a race with prizes being supplied by TK. The Committee agreed on the understanding that would be covered under TK event insurance.

Child Protection Officer

Jim Henderson informed the Committee that it was now a requirement for us to have a nominated Child Protection Officer. After volunteering himself, the Committee unanimously agreed to appoint him.

6. Date of next meeting

10th June, 2007 provisionally arranged to finalise arrangements for the fly-in.

Joyce Strachan
General Secretary