



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting
held at
The University of St. Andrews Sports Centre, St. Leonards Road,
St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DY
on Sunday, 25th June, 2006 at 11.00 am**

Present: Kevin Arlott
Tom Arlott
John Chalmers
Keith Haynes
Jim Henderson
Ross Henderson
Bob Mitchell
Alan Payne
Owain Williams

Apologies: Roger Blake
Joyce Strachan

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

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

2. Matters Arising

SPKA association with FISLY

The SPKA were accepted as 'Corresponding Members' of FISLY at their June meeting but this will not be ratified until the General Council Meeting in September, therefore there will be no charge until then.

SPKA Web Hosting

Kevin reported that the SPKA's hosting has now been moved to Siteground.com at a rate of 5\$ per month. New email inbox's have been created for those who requested them. We currently hold the domains www.spka.org and www.spka.co.uk. Since having the new hosting there is now a forum and gallery available to all members to put their photos on, and to discuss things relating to the SPKA/The sport in Scotland, and also a private area for Committee Discussions. It might be possible to allow people to pay for future competition days in advance on the website. Is this something we would want to do? This point was opened for discussion and general agreement was that it would not be feasible based on passed experience of only 90% of registrants turning up because if

this was the trend then there would be an issue for returning registration fees to non-attendants.

TK Buggy Series Trophy

The recipient of the Annual Series trophy and other results are posted on the website. The Committee would like to extend a vote of thanks to tractionkiting.co.uk for their donation.

National Trainer

Update on handover from Dan to Jim – Jim has not spoken to Dan about this specifically. Jim asked about the responsibilities of National Trainer and it was agreed that he should contact Dan to get further information including regulations for risk assessments for events at Stevenston and West Sands.

3. PKSF Insurance

No further information was available and this will be discussed at a future meeting.

4. Upcoming Events

(a) Summer Fly In, 16th July

Things to do:

- Advertise in “Kite World”, powerkite magazine – suggested previously but decided against going ahead
- Vests – Rob ordered and received (x 12)
- More flags - screen printing on flags, size approx. 1 m x 1.5 m – Roger to get prices for red and black on white with wording, “SPKA Kite Zone” - ongoing
- Portable signs, cones – suggested previously but not carried forward
- PKD banners – approx £35
- Tom had checked out insurance for tandem buggy rides and public to fly kites and this was informed there was no way that this would be allowed
- Organise barbecue in the evening – Keith or Bob will arrange to borrow or hire a barbecue for use during the day and it was proposed that this shall be available for use between 12 – 2 pm and 5 – 7 pm. People will be asked to bring their own food.

The Committee would like to remind members of the three main objectives for holding this event:

- Increase profile
- Increase public awareness
- Have fun

(b) St. Andrews Kite Festival, 26th November 2006

No arrangements were agreed. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

5. Future events and venues for 2007

The racing season will begin in the autumn so dates will have to be planned for October/November and January/February as possibilities with exact dates to be agreed at the next meeting. It was agreed that a calendar of events should be put together for next session and, again, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Kinghorn was suggested as a possible venue for future events and this will be taken into consideration.

6. Celtic invitation from IPKA

Tom received an invitation from the IPKA for SPKA members to take part in competitions in Ireland with return competitions being held in Scotland.

7. Class 8 (buggy) World Buggy Championship Information

The date and venue has changed and will now take place in Gravelines, France from 15th – 19th September. Members will be kept posted on the SPKA website of events as they take place.

8. Co-option of Committee Members

The Committee noted the resignation of Judith King and Dan Fowden from the Committee. Alan Payne and John Chalmers both attended the last meeting and offered to be co-opted members of the Committee. This was put to a vote and agreed as follows:

Alan Payne – nominated by Jim Henderson, seconded by Bob Mitchell

John Chalmers – nominated by Bob Mitchell, seconded by Ross Henderson

9. AOCB

- Noted - need to ensure a non racing first-aider is available at races.
- Noted - race officer must have mobile phone and signal for 999 purposes.
- Agreed - request Chairman and assistance of Membership Secretary to attend meeting re future of PKSF.

10. Date of next meeting

Alan proposed holding a separate meeting to discuss St. Andrews Day Kite Festival – perhaps at the end of July?

Future dates to be decided.

Joyce Strachan
General Secretary