



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting
held at
The University of St. Andrews Sports Centre, St. Leonards Road,
St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DY
on Sunday, 30th April, 2006 at 11.00 am**

Present: Kevin Arlott
Tom Arlott
Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Keith Haynes
Jim Henderson
Bob Mitchell
Jim Patterson
Alan Payne
Joyce Strachan

Agenda

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were approved – proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by Kevin Arlott.

2. Matters Arising

Buggy Licensing Day, Sunday, 22nd January, 2006, West Sands, St. Andrews

This had been a successful day with Jim Henderson reporting that 15 licenses had been issued.

SPKA Summer Fly – Sunday 16th July, 2006, West Sands, St. Andrews

Final arrangements have to be made and this will be the main topic on the agenda for the next Committee Meeting.

3. PKSF Insurance Issues

It was noted that BKSA have broken away from PKSF but no further information was available. Keith reported that some new members have still not received insurance details. He is also awaiting notification of unused numbers from Ian so that these could

be re-issued. A number of the e-mails given on membership forms have been bouncing back. Keith suggested posting a notice on the website requesting that up-to-date e-mail addresses be sent to him within 6 weeks of applying for membership. It was agreed that he should also send an acknowledgement from SPKA to confirm that membership applications have been received on our part. Some members voiced uncertainty about the value of being members of PKSF so Keith agreed to contact Perkins Slade to get an independent insurance quote and if much cheaper will look at the cost implications for insuring directly with them.

4. SPKA association with FISLY

Tom explained that the British Federation of Sand and Land Yacht racing in UK has the control of the running of the international team, therefore PKA is affiliated to the FED. However, there are no FED beaches in Scotland. Association with FISLY would allow us to compete in the rest of the UK. The fee for an associate membership of FISLY is 80 EU. Meetings are held three times per year in the country where the competing will be. One member is allowed to represent each group; therefore SPKA could have a representative for Scotland, giving us feasibility to enter a Scottish team. The Committee agreed in principal that this would be a good idea and Tom agreed to organize membership which will be put to their next meeting in June.

5. SPKA Web Hosting

Kevin reported that due to recent problems with access to spka.co.uk we had started using spka.org.uk as our website. However, these problems will soon be resolved and we hope to regain the use of spka.co.uk very soon. The Committee were asked for ideas on a new server and various options were discussed. Names.co.uk, a UK-based company, was mentioned and Kevin agreed to look into it. The Committee would like a website that can provide a forum for members and also allow gallery access. Kevin agreed to get prices and organize the setup of the new server. The Committee were happy to go with Kevin's decision.

6. Arrangements for the St. Andrews Kite Festival in November

It was noted that Dan Fowden is no longer available to organize the Kite Festival this year so the Committee agreed to ask him to nominate Bob Mitchell onto the West Sands Liaison Committee with a view to gaining the appropriate permissions and flags etc. for the event. Organising of the event will be put on the agenda for the next SPKA committee meeting.

7. TK Buggy Series Trophy

Tractionkiting.co.uk has made a donation of £40 towards a trophy for the buggy racing annual series winner. It was agreed to buy a trophy and have it engraved appropriately with the TK logo. Keith agreed to organize this.

It was also agreed to buy trophies for second and third place and also for buggy freestyle and landboard freestyle. Various options were discussed and Keith agreed to look into it further.

8. Events for 2007

The Committee recognized that events next year require forward planning and therefore this item was on the agenda to flag up any ideas for events for 2007. Initial thoughts were to organize an endurance race and also a rally. Further ideas are welcome from SPKA members and will be added to future meetings for discussion.

9. Future events venues

The Committee would like to secure other venues for future events and asked members to look out for suitable sites either inland or coastal. Bob Mitchell has a contact for a farmland site near Logie in Fife and agreed to look into this further.

10. AOCB

Events

Mark Ward is running 3 events series this year – dates and venues are required for round 1 in June or July.

Summer Fly In

This will be discussed in more detail at the next committee meeting. It was agreed that members will be able to keep up-to-date regarding arrangements through the website and forum.

National Trainer Replacement

The Committee noted that a replacement National Trainer is required following the departure of Dan Fowden. The Committee agreed that since Jim and Kevin are club class trainers at present, they would be best placed to take over. The Committee agreed to nominate Jim Henderson as Trainer and Kevin Arlott as Assistant Trainer – proposed by Roger Blake, seconded by Keith Haynes.

Joyce Strachan
General Secretary
January 2005