



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting  
held at the Victory Memorial Hall, St Andrews  
on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2013 at 2.00 pm**

**Present:** Tom Arlott (Chairperson)  
Roger Blake  
Paul Connor  
Maggie Davis  
Mark Davis  
Tom Hastings  
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)  
James McGoldrick  
Jim McGoldrick  
Stuart McGougan (via skype)  
Cathy MacKay  
Stuart MacKay  
Calum Mitchell  
Robert Mitchell  
Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)  
Jim Wallis

**Agenda**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (16/09/12)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/13
6. Sponsorship - From Synergy
7. Sports Recognition and Governing Body Application
8. Election of office bearers
  - a. Chairperson
  - b. Vice Chairperson
  - c. Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)
  - d. General Secretary
9. Election of general committee: Committee members (max 11 persons)
10. Future events including race dates and venues
11. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2013/14
12. AOCB

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from the following members:

Chris Albert  
John Chalmers  
Mike Harrower  
Iain King  
Clinton Marshall  
Ruairidh Munro  
Steve Webb

**2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM**

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by James McGoldrick.

### **3. Chairperson's Report**

Tom reported that this had been an active year with good achievements and an especially good weekend at the end of the race series. The numbers in the 16" wheel class have fallen this year but there is every indication that they will increase again next year. The number of female entrants may also increase and this is to be encouraged. The European championships were held last week and five of our members survived the mountainous terrain of the course – congratulations to everyone!

### **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 £8694 at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012. He explained that he had paid additional insurance to cover the period from April to August to bring the renewal date in line with our AGM. The figures also reflect an outlay of £1000 for a card printing machine and cards to replace the keyrings which are now discontinued. This may appear to be a high initial cost but calculations show that we will save money in the long run. The cost of posting memberships will also be reduced as a result. FISLY payments have previously been paid from the race funds but with everyone's agreement this will now be paid from general funds. The numbers of current members are 286 full, 17 family and 5 juniors. For insurance purposes we will be working to a figure of 318 full members plus 25 families.

Keith proposed awarding honorary membership to Simon Arlott in appreciation for regularly attending race events to take photographs, videoing and also calculating the scores. This met with unanimous approval.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Stuart MacKay.

Keith also reported that we still own the domain name, standrewskitefestival.co.uk and this is due for renewal. There was a unanimous decision made to not renew it.

### **6. Sponsorship – From Synergy**

Mark Davies asked the committee to consider what they would like to see by way of sponsorship. Synergy currently sponsor the 16" wheel class but are willing to provide more. The committee agreed to think about this and in the meantime to make Synergy's sponsorship more obvious on the SPKA website and include a list of trophies with their sponsors. Links to sponsors should also be included. An initial suggestion for sponsorship was a request for flags notifying of kite sports activities taking place and this will be investigated.

### **7. Sports Recognition and Governing Body Application**

We have considered this previously but our membership numbers have never been enough to warrant it. Maybe now that we have higher numbers we could qualify. We would require 500 members to go ahead with it. There are a few exceptions if we can show a recent increase in numbers that would imply a prediction of increase. This could be possible if we were to agree a recent request from Mr Gower of the BPKA that we join forces with them. They have been negotiating with Sports England, Ireland and Wales. All have different requirements and they only have governing body status, with Sports England for kitesurfing. We have recently been told that RSA do not wish to quote for insurance renewal so we may have to consider this seriously. The advantage of being a governing body would be that we would be a single contact for kiting in Scotland. It also opens up facilities to get money from Sports Scotland by way of sponsorship etc. The Scottish Sports Council do not recognize kiting as a sport in Scotland at the moment so this would get us recognized. It was agreed to take no immediate action but to investigate further.

### **8. Election of Office Bearers**

As no volunteers stepped forward, all office bearers agreed to continue in their roles for the coming year. Jim Wallis therefore proposed re-election of office bearers and this was seconded by James McGoldrick.

Chairperson: Tom Arlott

Vice chairperson: Alan Payne

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Keith Haynes

Secretary: Joyce Strachan

## 9. Election of General Committee

Ruairidh Munro, John Chalmers and John Jones stepped down from the committee.

### Members:

Roger Blake  
Paul Connor  
Mark Davies (newly elected)  
Anne Downs  
Tom Hastings (newly elected)  
Stuart McGougan  
Cathy McKay  
Stuart McKay  
Bob Mitchell  
Stephen Pirie  
Mike Walters

## 10. Future events including race dates and venues

The following dates were agreed:

### Race Series Dates

12-14 October	Sands of Luce
26 + 27 October	Sands of Luce
7 + 8 November	St Andrews
4 + 5 January	St Andrews
22 + 23 February	St Andrews
22 + 23 March	St Andrews
5 + 6 April	Fraserburgh (end of series if 10 races achieved)
17 + 18 May	St Andrews – reserve if required (could also be used for Celtic Challenge)
14 + 15 June	possible Celtic Challenge
28 + 29 June	possible Celtic Challenge

### Events

Date tbc	Summer Fly at St Andrews
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The BKSA have regional tours and would like to include SPKA with the organization of any in Scotland. Look out for more events coming forth.

## 11. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2012-2013

Committee meetings to be called when necessary.

AGM – Provisionally Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 2.00 pm subject to confirmation.

## 12. AOCB

### **(a) Insurance**

Perkins Slade have contacted us to say that Royal Sun Alliance do not wish to quote for renewal of insurance which falls due on 1<sup>st</sup> September. No other insurer has yet been found. This will result in having dual insurance – i.e. public liability from one company and civil liability from another. The consequence of this is:

- (i) An excess of £500 will be applied for claims against property damage
- (ii) Competitor to competitor claims are excluded for members taking part in competitions
- (iii) PPE will be required and included in a risk assessment.

The committee agreed that the excess should be passed on to the individual concerned. As soon as we know who the new insurer is an e-mail will be circulated to the membership explaining the current position and allowing any who renewed prior to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013 the opportunity to withdraw membership. Refunds will be made from 1<sup>st</sup> October for all full months left until the end of the individual/family current membership expiry date but only upon receipt of proof of membership and return of membership keyrings. This offer will be open until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Adoption of changes proposed by Paul Connor and seconded by James McGoldrick.