



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
held in the Scottish Oceans Institute, East Sands, St Andrews
on Saturday, 25th October, 2014 at 2.00 pm**

Present: Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
Pete Buchan
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Joyce Haynes (General Secretary)
Stuart Mackay
Robert Mitchell
Stephen Pirie

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (21/09/13)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/14
6. Election of office bearers
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
 - c. Treasurer and Membership Secretary
 - d. General Secretary
7. Election of general committee: Committee members (max 11 persons)
8. Future events, race dates and venues
9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2014/15
10. AOCB

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John Chalmers, Paul Connor, David Sharp, Cathy Mackay and David McLeod.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM

The 2013 minutes were approved - proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by Stephen Pirie.

It was noted from these minutes that we still need to action a list of trophies with names of sponsors.

3. Chairperson's Report

Tom reported another successful race season. There had been no World Championships for Class 8 this year but the PKA held a Four Nations event at Hoylake instead. Hopefully, competitor numbers for our race series will increase in the coming year. The race events finance themselves so there is no reason not to keep them running. The forum has had very little communication this year due to the upsurge in use of Facebook and social media.

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 £5117.96 at 31st August 2014. The numbers of current members are 196 full, 13 family and 5 juniors.

After successful negotiation with the insurers, the Public/Products Liability excess which was introduced last year has been reduced from £500 to £150. This is good news for our members and the reduction will be announced on the home page of the website.

It was unanimously agreed to keep the cost of membership at the current level.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance proposed by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Stuart Mackay.

6. Election of Office Bearers

The body of the meeting had a preference to change the position of Vice Chairperson due to the unavailability of the current post holder. Stephen Pirie agreed to take over the position – proposed by Keith Haynes and seconded by Stuart Mackay. The decision was carried unanimously.

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary expressed a desire to step down from the position but as there was no clear replacement it was agreed that the position would be made less onerous by introducing the position of Race Administrator to the titles of office bearers. Stuart Mackay and Bob Mitchell agreed to share this role for the coming year with the agreement of everyone present. The office bearers are now:

Chairperson: Tom Arlott
Vice chairperson: Stephen Pirie
Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Keith Haynes
General Secretary: Joyce Haynes
Race Administrator(s): Stuart Mackay and Bob Mitchell

7. Election of General Committee

Roger Blake, Anne Payne and Stephen Pirie stepped down from the general committee.

Members:

Pete Buchan (newly elected)
Paul Connor
Mark Davies
Tom Hastings
Stuart McGougan
Cathy Mackay
Stuart Mackay
Bob Mitchell
Alan Payne (newly elected)
Mike Walters

In addition, the election of a Junior Representative was suggested by Keith Haynes. This was seconded by Tom Arlott. Calum Mitchell was duly elected.

8. Future events including race dates and venues

The following dates were agreed:

Race Series Dates

29 + 30 November	Sands of Luce
24 + 25 January	St Andrews
14 March	Sands of Luce
15 March	Sands of Luce/Girvan
11 + 12 April	Fraserburgh
9 + 10 May	St Andrews
20 + 21 June	Sands of Luce – Celtic Challenge

Events

18 + 19 July	Summer Fly at St Andrews
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9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2014-2015

Committee meetings will be called when necessary.
Date of next AGM – Saturday, 12th September 2015, 2.00 pm.

10. AOCB

(a) SPKA Merchandising

Stuart Mackay suggested introducing merchandising of SPKA goods to include such items as t-shirts and stickers. He has the necessary equipment to produce this himself. The Committee was in general agreement and asked Stuart to put forward a proposal before taking it forward.