



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting
held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 27th January, 2008
at 3.00 pm**

Present: Kevin Arlott
Paul Connor
Anne Downs
Keith Haynes
Jim Henderson
Ross Henderson
Bob Mitchell
Jim Patterson
Alan Payne
Stephen Pirie
Joyce Strachan
Leah Wenham
Owain Williams

Apologies: John Chalmers
Bill Hall

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (23.09.07)

The minutes were approved – proposed by Jim Henderson, seconded by Paul Connor

2. Matters Arising

The race dates were altered to those now displayed on the website.

3. Buggy Scrutinizing

It was discussed and although there is no specific requirement for scrutinizing at present it was agreed that some spot checks should be undertaken at each race event based on the check sheet to ensure that pilot's equipment was safe as possible and in line with FISLY rules. This scrutinizing would be undertaken at registration and at random before racing commences for the day. The race master on the day will have the final say on the race-worthiness of a pilots equipment.

4. Forthcoming Events

(a) Celtic Challenge – Scotland

It was decided that St. Andrews would be the best venue for the Celtic Challenge this year.

Action: Kevin to investigate suitable dates for a decision to be made.

(b) Summer Fly

Action: Kevin to investigate a date around the same time as previous Summer Fly's

(c) Sands of Luce Fun Meet

It was suggested that the SPKA has a social gathering at Sands of Luce near Stranraer. This was discussed and it was agreed to explore the possibility further. The gathering would need to be over a weekend due to the long drive for many flyers.

Action: Kevin to evaluate times and suitable weekends.

5. Membership Subscription

Joyce reported that in order to combat longer term finance issues the SPKA must raise more money annually. It was decided to deal with the situation in the shorter term that since the Race pilots presently gain most out of the SPKA, there would be an increase in the fees for racing to £7 per day, entitling them to enter both racing and freestyle events. For freestyle events the fee will remain at £5.

6. AOCB

Owain Williams invited the SPKA to attend and advertise the Association at the TractionKiting.co.uk event "Just Add Wind" in Balado. It was agreed that the SPKA would attempt to have a presence at the event once again.

The issue of the PKSF dissolution money was raised as there has been no news from Ian Meredith or Mike Shaw.

Action: Kevin to write to Ian and enquire about progress with separating the money.

6. Date of next meeting

Sunday, 27th April, 2008, after the racing arranged provisionally to discuss membership subscription once again and any other business.

Kevin Arlott
General Secretary