



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting  
Held at  
Express Holiday Inn, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling, FK7 7XH  
on  
27<sup>th</sup> November, 2005 at 11.00 am**

**Present:** Kevin Arlott  
Tom Arlott  
Roger Blake  
Dan Fowden  
Keith Haynes  
Jim Henderson  
Ross Henderson  
Judith King  
Bob Mitchell  
Joyce Strachan

**Apologies:** Daryl Haynes  
Paul Smith  
Jim Wallis  
Owain Williams

**Agenda**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (24/04/05)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/05
6. Election of office bearers
  - a. Chairperson
  - b. Vice Chairperson
  - c. Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)
  - d. Secretary
7. Election of general committee: Committee members ( max 11 persons)
8. Appointment of a suitable Auditor
9. Review of subscriptions
10. Updating of membership list
11. Training/Licensing facilities
12. SPKA future events
13. Committee meeting dates for 2006
14. A.O.C.B.

## 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from the above.

## 2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (24.04.04)

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Kevin Arlott, seconded by Ross Henderson.

Tom suggested that items 4 & 5 of the previous minutes seemed to contradict each other. He confirmed that the SPKA are the only organisation in Scotland to be able use PKSF event insurance (there are no other affiliated organisations to the PKSF, in Scotland). The SPKA should be seen as an organisational body to facilitate other groups in Scotland.

It was pointed out that we need to put in place a process to allow other “sub-clubs” to affiliate to the SPKA in order to provide event insurance cover.

It was suggested that the WSKE (West Sands Kiting Enthusiasts) should be used as a pilot to develop the affiliation process. However, it was pointed out that WSKE would require a constitution first - **ACTION Jim Henderson/Keith Haynes**

The question was raised if we indeed have the appropriate paperwork – **ACTION Dan Fowden** to check with previous secretary – Rachel.

## 3. Chairperson’s Report

Tom reported that the past six months had been uneventful and pointed out that time is clearly an issue in making SPKA successful. Membership continues to be strong and is increasing. However, he had some concern with the late issue of renewal notices leading to subsequent lateness in membership renewal. Keith said he would address this in the Membership Secretary’s report.

Tom gave a quick overview of the kite calendar for 2005:

- Middle Wallop – May  
Kevin and Tom had attended this event which took the form of a group gathering, attracting every realm of the kiting fraternity (single line, racing etc.) This is one of the few events that attracts kites from all over the UK.
- Many other events included X-zone national power freestyle competition
- PKA organized a Supercup
- Kevin, Tom and Jim Wallis went to Ireland for Euro Competition - September  
Were impressed with the visibility of the European organisation
- Ainsdale Kite Festival - October  
This encompassed all avenues of the sport. Unfortunately, the conditions were gusty and horrible.
- BKSA racing event in Fraserburgh – August  
This will be held in Troon next August.

Tom finished his report by emphasizing that, in order to succeed, the SPKA needs to become more proactive and in doing so we will be able to offer more for our members.

#### **4. Secretary's report**

There was nothing to report. However, Jim noticed that some e-mail addresses had become obsolete. He emphasised the necessity to keep membership e-mail addresses up-to-date since this was the best form of communication for keeping members informed of events etc. All members are therefore asked to contact the secretary with any changes to their contact e-mail addresses.

#### **5. Treasurer's report**

Keith confirmed that there are currently 89 fully paid up individuals from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005.

There was a closing balance of £1261 in the account as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005.

The accounts have not as yet been audited – due to not having an appointed Auditor.

Bob Mitchell suggested that his wife could act as an Auditor as she is a qualified accountant. It was agreed that Mrs Sandra Mitchell would be the appointed Auditor, pending her agreement.

With regard to Tom's concern over late issue of memberships, Keith reported that PKSF issue reminders asking that cheques are sent to Keith who, in return, sends them to PKSF who then issue membership cards. However, their card machine is currently broken resulting in late arrival of cards. Insurance certificates will still be sent out as usual.

#### **6. Election of Office Bearers**

Chairperson: Tom Arlott - proposed Keith Haynes  
- seconded Bob Mitchell

Vice chairperson: Jim Henderson - proposed Keith Haynes  
- seconded Dan Fowden

Treasurer and  
Membership Secretary: Keith Haynes - proposed Tom Arlott  
- seconded Kevin Arlott

Secretary: Joyce Strachan - proposed Keith Haynes  
- seconded Bob Mitchell

#### **7. Election of General Committee**

Kevin Arlott  
Roger Blake  
Dan Fowden  
Ross Henderson  
Daryl Haynes  
Judith King

Bob Mitchell  
Owain Williams

## **8. Appointment of a suitable Auditor**

As in the treasurer's report it was agreed that Mrs Sandra Mitchell would be appointed as Auditor subject to agreement.

## **9. Review of Subscriptions**

Keith outlined the current subscription structure:

	SPKA subscription	Payment to PKSF	Payment to Perkins Slade
Individual	£20	£14	£11.50
Family	£35	£30	£29

There was much discussion about adjusting the SPKA subscription for 2006, in the knowledge of pending PKSF charges (£14 & £34 from 01.06.06). However, it was unanimously agreed not to change the SPKA subscriptions for 2006.

## **10. Updating of membership List**

It was agreed to issue all members with overdue subscriptions as of Jan '05 with a reminder notice. All members pre Jan '05 and overdue will be assumed to be no longer members of the SPKA, and will be removed from the membership list. They will be archived with their SCO number, as SCO numbers currently cannot be re-allocated. This action was proposed by Keith Haynes and seconded by Bob Mitchell.

## **11. Training/Licensing facilities**

### ***Pilot Licencing***

There were several members concerned over the need to pilot licensing for the Supercup (or equivalent next year) and how this could be achieved.

Tom provided some background:

Pilot licensing is primarily a safety requirement.

In previous years the PKA required that a pilot be licensed.

The Supercup was developed to encourage novice entrants into the sport of racing. This did not require a pilot's licence. However, for 2006 due to FISLY insurance requirements, a licence would now be required.

For racing in England in 2006 pilots will need one of two classes of licence of competence, either a club class or a National class licence.

It would appear the Club licence would be applicable to pilots with a minimum of 1 year's experience, and meeting the requirements of the licence.

The National Licence will permit pilots to race in National events. It has been suggested that the top 3 club licences could upgrade automatically to a National Licence, others could apply to the National Coach for promotion.

The selection of a British Team will now be done by the Supercup organisation not the PKA, as in the past.

Racing in the PKA = FED licence, then the PKA moved to the PKSF and “did their own thing”.

Keith asked if we as the SPKA could organise FISLY Class 8 Pilot Licensing.

Dan suggested that that this could be done on Club days. An action was taken to set up a day in January for pilot licensing. Dan also to appoint other licensing officers –  
**ACTION Dan Fowden**

## **12. SPKA Future Events**

### ***St Andrews Day Kite Festival***

Dan suggested SPKA take over this event in 2006. This was agreed in principle.  
**ACTION Dan Fowden**

## **13. Committee Meeting Dates for 2006**

It was suggested that a further committee meeting be held in early 2006 to discuss SPKA events in 2006.

## **14. A.O.C.B.**

### **Flags for the West Sands**

The current yellow flags marking the kite zone are in need of replacement. Dan agreed to contact Fife Council at the next meeting of the West Sands Liaison Committee to request replacements. **Action Dan Fowden**

Joyce Strachan  
General Secretary  
January 2005