



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
Held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 5th November, 2006
at 10.00 am**

Present: Kevin Arlott
Tom Arlott
Roger Blake
Paul Connor
John Chalmers
Bill Hall
Keith Haynes
Jim Henderson
Ross Henderson
Bob Mitchell
Joyce Strachan
Owain Williams

Apologies: Daryl Haynes
Stuart McGougan

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (27/11/05)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/06
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. Kite Buggy Racing – Standing Rules and Regulations
9. SPKA Code of Conduct
10. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were noted.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (27.11.05)

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Jim Henderson, seconded by Bob Mitchell.

3. Chairperson's Report

Tom reported that in contrast to 2005, this year has been a resounding success. We started off in January with a pilots licensing day and that was followed with a buggy race series and freestyle competitions running during the first half of the year. With the race series it also encouraged others to have a go and by the last race day we had around 25 pilots turn out for what was unfortunately an extremely low wind day and only one last race for the series. There have been even more buggiers taking their pilots license over the past few months and next year's race series looks set to be a large fleet. If this follows our expectations we may well have to split the fleet into Club and National fleets, but this will only be known for certain once we open up the pre-registration system for the first race. The Committee recognized the fact that marshals would be required for race events and it was agreed that if someone wants to marshal who would normally be racing then they should receive Fleet plus 1.

After the end of our race series we followed up with a Summer Fly in, in June. This was a success in so far as we achieved what we set out to do, to try and draw others from the membership who are not interested in competition but would be happy to partake in a social meeting. The BBQ that was set up for any one's use for lunch and evening meal went down very well (thanks to Bob Mitchell for sourcing and transporting it) and the weather on the day actually played its part with a nice blend of sun and wind.

We still have the St. Andrews Kite Festival on 26th November, another 'new venture' we are undertaking to try and revive an epic event, to help promote power kites and kites in general to the public at large.

All in all it was a very good event year for the SPKA and gives us a good footing to kick off 2007.

Insurance Issues:

There was a situation arose in the spring of this year that moves were afoot to disband the PKSF falling the announcement that the BBC was to be re-named as the BPKA, and would resign as members of the PKSF. Although as usual the PKSF still haven't arranged a meeting of all its affiliated members it would seem that the PKSF will not continue in its present form for the foreseeable future. On a positive note, their renewals certainly seem to be far more prompt this year than previously.

Kite Calendar:

- The SPKA buggy race series starts on 10th December with a total of 6 race dates planned, one a month and a seventh one in June as a reserve, should we have a need to replace any no-wind dates. If it's not needed to complete a 12 race series, it will be run as a fun race day. We also intend to combine three of these dates as freestyle competition days. Dates are all on the website.
- There have been discussions between the SPKA and the IPKA as to a possible 'Celtic Challenge' in the form of a home and away Endurance race meeting. The middle weekend of February has been proposed as the Scottish "home" event at Stevenston with a likelihood of around 12-15 IPKA racers coming over along with another 10-12 support crew. A date in either August or September is being sought as an away event for us to go across and compete on their home turf, likely to be at Benone on the Northern coast, about an hour drive from Belfast. More details will follow when available. Keith Haynes suggested donation of the quaich to become the Celtic Challenge Trophy.
- BPKA/Flexifoil, festival at Middle Wallop in May. It might be worth while thinking of putting together a freestyle team to compete and to enter them as a Scottish Team.
- Various festivals around the country - there are definitely more freestyle type events being run south of the border and next year may well see even more.
- PKA Series racing is supposedly being re-introduced for 2007 but they seem to be placing restrictions on who can actually enter.
- BPSC Series is to go ahead as far as we know (dates not yet announced).
- Class 8 European Championships are reportedly being held in England by the PKA. Apparently the Super-Cup organizers may well be hosting it at Ainsdale on Sea, using the Northern end of the beach (towards the Southport end). Only time will tell.

The Future:

As said last year, we need to get out there and do something, and we needed to be active in Scotland. We are now starting to make headway in that direction and if we can continue to expand our events then we may well be offering our membership something other than just a patriotic insurance facility. Having said that, some feedback from our members would definitely help with our future plans.

4. Secretary's Report

Joyce reported that she had secured the meeting room in the Bute Building for future meetings of the SPKA. There is no charge for the use of this venue, which has ample parking and is within easy distance from the West Sands beach for post-meeting flying!

5. Treasurer's Report

Keith confirmed that there are currently 122 fully paid up individuals from 1st January 2006 (including overdues); 103 fully paid up (not overdue) including 12 family memberships.

There was a closing balance of £1483.08 in the account as at 29th September 2006.

Keith felt there was a need to review the forms and proposed an increase in family membership to £40. Jim Henderson seconded the proposal and it was agreed to take immediate effect. When asked to clarify family membership Keith stated that children are regarded as under 18 as part of a family group. Individual junior members insurance would be issued to anyone under 18.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Chairperson:	Tom Arlott	- proposed Keith Haynes - seconded Owain Williams
Vice chairperson:	Jim Henderson	- proposed Bob Mitchell - seconded John Chalmers
Treasurer and Membership Secretary:	Keith Haynes	- proposed Jim Henderson - seconded Ross Henderson
Secretary:	Joyce Strachan	- proposed Ross Henderson - seconded Bob Mitchell

7. Election of General Committee

It was noted that there could be a maximum of 11 members under the rules of the constitution. At present members are:

Kevin Arlott
Roger Blake
Ross Henderson
Bob Mitchell
Owain Williams

(*N.B.* Dan Fowden, Daryl Haynes and Judith King have all stepped down since the last AGM).

New members elected:

Paul Connor (proposed Keith Haynes, seconded Ross Henderson)
Alan Payne (proposed Kevin Arlott, seconded

8. Kite Buggy Racing – Standing Rules and Regulations

More than two people had used SPKA as a facility to allow them to enter buggy racing competitions this year. It was agreed that members should be aware of the standing rules and regulations and they would be made available for viewing at every race. The Rules and Regulations were presented with the agenda and approved by the Committee. (proposed Paul Connor, seconded Bob Mitchell).

9. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct was presented with the agenda and adoption was approved by the Committee. (proposed Bob Mitchell, seconded John Chalmers)

Both the Rules and Regulations and the Code of Conduct are available for viewing on the SPKA website.

10. AOCB

(a) Constitution Revision

It was agreed that some changes were required to the constitution. This would be reviewed at the Committee Meeting which was arranged following the AGM. It was agreed that in light of changes to be made it would be necessary to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting within the next three months to gain approval of such changes.

(b) National Trainer

Jim Henderson asked for terms of reference for his role of National Trainer since he had received nothing on his hand over from Dan Fowden who undertook this role previously. The Committee approved the transfer of Jim to National Trainer (proposed Bob Mitchell, seconded Ross Henderson) and agreed that terms of reference would be considered at the next Committee Meeting.

(c) Marketing Officer

Kevin Arlott proposed that it would be beneficial to have an appointed Marketing Officer to enhance the marketing and publicity of the association (proposed Kevin Arlott, seconded Alan Payne).

(d) Access Officer

The Committee recognized the requirement to ensure venues were suitable for future events and agreed to appoint an Access Officer who would seek necessary permissions in advance of event organization. Alan Payne agreed to take on this duty.

(e) Race Fees

Race fees were discussed and it was unanimously agreed to retain the current fee system in operation. It was noted that more flags were required for future events and this will be noted at the next Committee meeting.

Joyce Strachan
General Secretary
January 2006