



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting
held on Sunday, 16th November, 2008
at 3.30 pm, Bute Medical Buildings, St. Andrews**

Present: Keith Haynes
Joyce Strachan
Robert Mitchell
Paul Connor
Tom Arlott
Kevin Arlott
Stephen Pirie
John Chalmers
Stuart McGougan
Roger Blake

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Anne Downs, Alan Payne and Bill Hall.

It was noted that Owain Williams had stepped down from the Committee.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (17.08.08)

The minutes were approved – proposed by Robert Mitchell, seconded by Paul Connor.

3. Matters Arising

Insurance

It was noted that the BPKA have taken up the option of £10 M indemnity insurance. After discussion it was agreed that we would not increase our current £5 M at present but would keep an eye on what other associations are doing and, if necessary, reconsider our cover next year.

Euros 2008

Seven pilots took part in the Euros this year. Keith Haynes represented Scotland as a Jury member and Joyce Strachan and Jim Patterson were enlisted as Marshalls. All thoroughly enjoyed the events and are looking forward to the Euros 2009 which will be held in SPO, Germany in September.

4. Future Events

(a) Kite Festival, 30th November

The Committee discussed requirements for the day and agreed the following:

Rob to organise: First Aid
Toilet
Post and ropes

Jim Patterson: Generator

Try and fly: Roger (PKD) to supply kites
Bob to teach

Arrival time: 9.00 am
Safety briefing: 9.45 am

With regard to advertising for the event Joyce reported that she and Keith had distributed posters around shops in St. Andrews including the Tourist Information Office. Joyce has also written to all kiting outlets in Scotland and posted adverts on Radio Tay am and fm and Kingdom fm as well as e-mailing Visit Scotland and the St. Andrews day websites.

(b) Celtic Challenge 2009

Dates for the Scottish leg of the Celtic Challenge were discussed. It was agreed to drop the 10th May race day and have the Celtic Challenge on 2nd/3rd May at Luce Sands. It is hoped that we will achieve a minimum of 10 races to count towards the race season and to finish the season on the date that the 10th race begun.

5. AOCB

(a) Website

Keith asked for an update of the homepage of our website and suggested that we have more pictures and some movement on screen to make it more attractive. Joyce asked if we could advertise the Kite Festival on the homepage and it was agreed that the poster designed by Kevin could be displayed.

(b) PKSF Instructors Qualifications

Keith advised instructors to check the validity of their insurance now that PKSF are no longer in existence.

(c) FISLY

Keith reported that we are still members of FISLY and he had recently paid for the last two years' membership with them.

(d) Freestyle ideas

In an attempt to cater for freestylers it was agreed that Kevin would post on the "highlanders" website a request that SPKA members could join them for an event to be held in their area.

Joyce Strachan
General Secretary