



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting
held on Sunday, 17th August, 2008
at 5.00 pm, Bute Medical Buildings, St. Andrews**

Present: Jim Henderson
James McGoldrick
Ross Henderson
Jim Patterson
Anne Downs
Keith Haynes
Joyce Strachan
Robert Mitchell
Paul Connor

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John Chalmers, Alan Payne and Stephen Pirie.

It was noted that the agenda for this meeting had been sent out by Joyce in the absence of the General Secretary. Keith voiced his concerns at the lack of leadership and organization for this meeting. The Chairman thanked Joyce for agreeing to take minutes at this meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (27.04.08)

The minutes were approved – proposed by Paul Connor, seconded by James McGoldrick.

3. Matters Arising

Celtic Challenge

The Celtic Challenge had been a great success and thanks were expressed to all those who contributed.

Sands of Luce Fun Meet

This was poorly attended. However the verdict from those who did attend was that this is an ideal venue for future events and should be considered a possible venue for the next Celtic Challenge. Alan enquired about camping and caravanning and was told that the site is open all year round and the prices were not unreasonable. It was suggested that we could go there for our first race meet of next season depending on tides and this will be discussed further.

Summer Fly

There was heavy rain and no wind on the day and the event was cancelled at midday after the trophies were presented. Thanks go to everyone who braved the conditions and to TK for allowing us to shelter in their van!

Campbeltown Kite Festival

TK were thanked for inviting the SPKA to be represented at this event. Keith and Joyce attended and although there was not much flying on the day due to low winds they said it was still worthwhile as they were able to display photographs and flyers promoting the SPKA on a poster board that they had acquired for such occasions.

3. Future Events

(a) St. Andrews Kite Festival

It was agreed to hold this on Sunday, 30th November. Organisation to be discussed at future meetings.

(b) 2008/2009 Race and Freestyle dates

11/12 October suggested for the first Sands of Luce event. Bob agreed to publish a list of dates on the forum for consideration.

With regards to any freestyle events, these were discussed and agreed to create a forum on our website for freestylers. Hopefully this will encourage them to talk about what they like and what they want to see in the future. Links from other sites was also suggested and Owain agreed to look at this further. Other ideas muted were to introduce free tuition for under 18's and also introduce taster sessions at the Kite Festival. If the SPKA owned some kites we could use them for the taster sessions. Rob agreed to seek donation of three kites for use on the day.

5. Insurance

We recently received a quote from Perkins Slade to increase individual cover to £10 million. In order to cover the cost this would require an immediate increase of £2 per member. The Committee discussed this and unanimously agreed to keep our insurance as it is at present and perhaps re-consider at the renewal date in April next year.

6. Euros 2008

Bob offered congratulations to everyone who was travelling to take part in the Euros in Gravelines, France in September. He also asked that thanks be noted to Tom for organizing the accommodation and to the Treasurer to administering the applications and registration fees.

7. AGM Date

21st September at 1pm in the Bute Medical Buildings, St. Andrews.

8. AOCB

There was no other business

Joyce Strachan
Acting General Secretary