



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting  
held at West Sands Beach, St. Andrews on  
Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 at 1.40 pm**

**Present:** Jim Henderson  
James McGoldrick  
Ross Henderson  
Jim Patterson  
Anne Downs  
Alan Payne  
Keith Haynes  
Joyce Strachan  
John Chalmers  
Robert Mitchell  
Stephen Pirie  
Stuart McGougan  
Paul Connor  
Kevin Arlott

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes were approved – proposed by Joyce Strachan, seconded by John Chalmers.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Future Events**

(a) Celtic Challenge – 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of June at St. Andrews agreed, Joyce to arrange accommodation and food once numbers have been investigated.

(b) Sands of Luce Fun Meet – 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> of June at Sands of Luce agreed, Committee advised to attend or make other arrangements to view the beach in order to make a more informed decision on events there in future.

(c) Summer Fly – 6<sup>th</sup> of July at St. Andrews agreed, Discussion followed and it was agreed to have a BBQ again and for Jim Henderson to create flyers to hand out at Just Add Wind 2008.

(d) Campbeltown Kite Festival – 2<sup>nd</sup> of August at Campbeltown, the invitation for the SPKA to attend was considered and Keith and Joyce volunteered to attend, others to assist if possible.

#### **4. Stevenston as a venue**

Due to the absence of a safety officer the committee has made the decision to cancel the last event planned at Stevenston this season and not to arrange any other events at the venue unless the situation is re-evaluated. The beach over previous years has become unsuitable for events.

#### **5. PKSF Money**

A cheque has been received from the PKSF after its dissolution to the value of around £400.

#### **6. FISLY Rule Changes**

It was agreed that the SPKA would adopt the FISLY rule changes, the 27" maximum wheel diameter rule would be active from the present date, and the 5kg additional weight and no filled buggy parts rule will be enforced from the end of the present series. This is to give everyone time to make necessary alterations.

#### **7. AOCB**

(a) Business cards were discussed and it was agreed that Joyce should look into the costs involved.

(b) Buggy Racing Taster Races were suggested and it was decided to enquire on the SPKA and other forums as well as on the beach, to see if there was any interest in running an open race without the need for a licence at the start of each racing day.

(c) Marshalling – The current marshalling system was discussed and it was discovered that there is the possibility for pilots to use it in a tactical way to gain advantage over other pilots in certain situations. It was decided to move to a system of randomised marshalling, with pilots being drawn from the hat (and receiving an averaged score) when required above any volunteers (who would be given fleet plus 1). Race officers will be elected in advance of the event out of those deemed to have suitable experience and skill by the committee.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

To be arranged.

Kevin Arlott  
General Secretary