



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
Held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 19th September, 2010
at 1.00 pm**

Present: Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Anne Downs
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Bob Mitchell
Stuart McGougan
Stuart MacKay
Alan Payne
Jim Patterson
Steven Pirie
Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (20/09/09)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/10
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. Future events including race dates and venues
9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2011
10. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Kevin Arlott
Leah Arlott
James Armour
Chris Barker
Bill Hall
Jim Patterson
Jim Wallace

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (20.09.09)

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Roger Blake, seconded by Bob Mitchell.

3. Chairperson's Report

Everything is going well, particularly the buggy race scene. Freestyle, however, has not taken off. We did have a couple of days set aside for freestyle but the weather prevented this being successful. It might be worth introducing a feedback page on the website to find out what others want from the Association. We would like to increase interest in kiting other than buggy racing but this is proving difficult and more ideas would be welcome.

We beat the Irish in the Irish round of the Celtic Challenge; the Scottish round has yet to take place.

The kite festival is held in November each year but is poorly attended and difficult to ensure a success at that time of year. It was agreed that we should investigate the possibility of holding this in the summer months in future. Bob agreed to contact the local Council to discuss it.

4. Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Keith presented a statement of accounts which showed a closing balance of £3911.55 as at 31st August 2010. We have 127 current individual members (98 of which are not due until 2011) plus 28 families. The current insurance premium includes a fee for having more than the regular 100 members and covers 120 members. Membership is still rising and it may be that we will have to ask for cover for up to 150 members next year.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Alan Payne.

Joyce suggested introducing a junior membership fee to encourage young members into the sport. It was unanimously agreed to introduce this with immediate effect. Fees will now be as follows:

£20 Junior membership (for anyone joining before their 18th birthday)

£25 Full membership

£50 Family membership

We are grateful to St Andrews Traction Kites for donating a Series Junior Trophy which will be presented to the top junior starting the series before their 18th birthday.

We require 12 sand stakes for the big markers before the start of the race series and PKD agreed to supply them.

6. Election of Office Bearers

All office bearers were unanimously re-elected:

Chairperson: Tom Arlott - proposed Roger Blake
- seconded Bob Mitchell

Vice chairperson: Alan Payne - proposed Bob Mitchell
- seconded Stephen Pirie

Treasurer and
Membership Secretary: Keith Haynes - proposed Paul Connor
- seconded John Chalmers

Secretary: Joyce Strachan - proposed Tom Arlott
- seconded Bob Mitchell

7. Election of General Committee

Kevin Arlott
Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Anne Downs
Stuart McKay*
Bob Mitchell
Stephen Pirie
(*newly elected)

8. Future events including race dates and venues

It was agreed to try to achieve 10 races by April 2010. The following dates were agreed:

Events

5 December	Kite Festival
28 + 29 May	Celtic Challenge (Ireland)
18 + 19 June	Celtic Challenge (St Andrews)
2 + 3 July	Summer Fly

Race Series Dates

16 + 17 October	Sands of Luce (including a committee meeting)
28 November	St Andrews
12 + 13 February	Sands of Luce (including a committee meeting)
12 + 13 March	St Andrews
23 + 24 April	Sands of Luce

9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2010-2011

16/17 October and 12/13 February during race weekends at Sands of Luce (dependent on sufficient agenda items)

25 September, 1.00 pm (AGM)

10. AOCB

(a) Race Licensing Officer

Bob Mitchell has taken over the role as race licensing officer and this year 6 people have taken race licenses, this includes 3 juniors.

(b) Race Officers and Scorers

Members agreed to continue with the method of appointing race officers and scorers at race days.