



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
held at West Sands Beach, St Andrews
on Sunday, 16th September, 2012 at 2.00 pm**

Present: Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
John Chalmers
Neil Clark
Paul Connor
Anne Downs
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
John Jones
James McGoldrick
Jim McGoldrick
Stuart McGougan
Cathy MacKay
Stuart MacKay
Calum Mitchell
Robert Mitchell
Ruaridh Munro
Jim Patterson
Alan Payne
Steven Pirie
Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)
Mike Walters

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (25/09/11)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/12
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 2012/13
10. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Roger Blake
Mark and Maggie Davis
Iain King
Dave Thorne
Jim Wallace

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Alan Payne, seconded by Bob Mitchell.

3. Chairperson's Report

Tom reported that this had been an excellent racing year, culminating in the European/World Championships in France which turned out to be extremely wet but thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Outside of racing, no other kite sports activities have taken place and we would like to see an increase in the number of boarders and other kite sports enthusiasts. Members are asked to let the Committee know if there is anything more we can do to encourage other kiting activities.

Tom thanked everyone for their efforts over the past year and looked forward to another good year ahead.

4. Secretary's Report

Joyce reported on the following e-mail enquiries:

1. From a student studying photography at a Glasgow University who wanted to come along to a race event and take photographs for his final project. This turned out to be a success and a link to his photographs was posted on the SPKA forum.
2. Riverside Museum, Glasgow, asking us to display some buggies for a day dedicated to flight but unfortunately, it was very short notice and over the Easter weekend which meant that no one was available to take up the offer.
3. STV for a short piece on kitesports in Scotland – referred them to Synergy.

It is encouraging that we are being recognized through our race events and because people are contacting us through the website after googling "kiting in Scotland". In view of this it is important that we take a look at our webpages and update them regularly. Joyce suggested updating the home page regularly and adding a "News" section. Examples of what could have been included were: Iain King's 24-hour kiting for charity; SPKA racing pilots collect for injured Belgian pilot; and BUFF sponsors Scottish team. There was general consensus that improvements could be made. The gallery is out of date and difficult to upload photos too. Alan agreed to liaise with Kevin to update things.

Joyce also suggested that Committee members could be appointed to specific tasks, e.g. sourcing sponsorship, organizing event t-shirts, renewal of yellow flags for St Andrews. However, it was felt that these things could be dealt with by the Committee as and when necessary.

5. Treasurer's Report

Keith presented a statement of accounts which showed a closing balance of £7285 at 31st August 2011. We have 352 current members made up of 264 full, 84 family and 4 juniors. Keith reported that the majority of payments are now coming in through PayPal, this being the preferred method of payment. The healthy balance means that we can now buy necessary items for the Association and the following suggestions were put forward: Star tent; small windsock; banner. Keith agreed to source these items and pay for them from the general funds. Race flags are also required and will be bought from the race funds. Discussion followed regarding the requirement for 24 new red and white race flags and Stephen Pirie agreed to source and cost them.

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

Keith also reported that we require race flags and feather banners and there was unanimous agreement to him ordering and paying for them from the general funds.

6. Election of Office Bearers

All office bearers were asked if they were prepared to continue for the coming year. All agreed. Bob Mitchell therefore proposed re-election of office bearers and this was seconded by Steven Pirie.

Chairperson: Tom Arlott

Vice chairperson: Alan Payne

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Keith Haynes

Secretary: Joyce Strachan

7. Election of General Committee

Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Anne Downs
John Jones*
Stuart McGougan*
Cathy McKay
Stuart McKay
Bob Mitchell
Ruairidh Munro
Stephen Pirie
Mike Walters
(*newly elected)

8. Future events including race dates and venues

The following dates were agreed:

Race Series Dates

20 + 21 October	Fraserburgh
17 + 18 November	St Andrews
19 + 20 January	Sands of Luce
16 + 17 February	St Andrews (including Committee meeting)
16 + 17 March	St Andrews
27 + 28 April	St Andrews – Celtic Challenge
11 + 12 May	St Andrews – end of series if 10 races achieved (including Committee meeting)
25 + 26 May	Ireland – Celtic Challenge
15 + 16 June	Sands of Luce – only if required to make up 10 races

Events

13 + 14 July	Summer Fly at St Andrews
Dates unknown	European Championships - Borkum

As in previous years, Bob Mitchell agreed to submit an official notice to the Council for each event we hold in St Andrews.

9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2012-2013

Committee meetings 16/17 February and 11/12 May during race weekends (dependent on sufficient agenda items).

AGM – 7th or 21st September 2013, 2.00 pm subject to confirmation of the Euro dates.

10. AOCB

(a) Race Scoring

Following extensive discussion of the scoring for race events the following was agreed:

Fleet plus one will be the number of registered entrants for each event. Anyone not registering will be awarded a non-discardable penalty point for each race which at the end of the series will be multiplied by the whole fleet for the series.