



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
held in Room B10, Bute Building, St Andrews
on Sunday, 18 September, 2016 at 1.00 pm**

Present: Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Joyce Haynes (General Secretary)
Cathy Mackay
Stuart Mackay
Robert Mitchell
Alan Payne
Anne Payne
Stephen Pirie

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (12/09/15)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/16
6. Election of office bearers
 - a. Chairperson
 - b. Vice Chairperson
 - c. Treasurer and Membership Secretary
 - d. General Secretary
 - e. Race Administrator
7. Election of general committee: Committee members (max 11 persons)
8. BKSA Affiliation
 - a. Additional remuneration for membership
 - b. SCO numbering system
9. Future events, race dates and venues
10. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2016/17
11. AOCB

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Chris Albert, Stuart Fitton, Tommy Hastings and Iain King.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM

The 2015 minutes were approved - proposed by Keith Haynes, seconded by Bob Mitchell.

3. Chairperson's Report

Following on from the agreement at last year's AGM, the Chairperson contacted the BKSA and made arrangements for the SPKA to become an affiliated member. This came in to effect in July and, apart from a small hiccup with membership documents being sent out, everything seems to be running smoothly. We have been advised that membership payments will be sent to us on a 3-monthly basis though we can request membership details at any time.

It is encouraging that we have had one new member joining the race season this year and hopefully we can continue increasing in numbers.

The Association received an email from Colin Macaulay who used to be a local Councilor in Nairn asking if we would give consideration to hosting an event in Nairn where they have previously hosted a very successful World Orienteering Championship. Before responding the Chairperson sought the views of the Committee and it was clear from those who had experience of the beach at Nairn that they felt it unsuitable for a kiting event, in addition to the fact that we do not have manpower or funds to organize an event.

4. Secretary's Report

There was nothing to report.

5. (a) Treasurer's Report

Keith presented a statement of accounts which showed a closing balance of £544.13 at 31st August 2016. We have 72 full members, made up of 55 full and 3 families.

Keith reported that FISLY fees would not carry such a high administration cost if we were able to use another method of payment. He noted that FISLY are looking into introducing PayPal so this should prove cheaper to administer.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance proposed by Stuart Mackay and seconded by Bob Mitchell.

5. (b) Race Administrator's Report

Stuart Mackay reported that due to there being less pilots this season there were sufficient funds to allow the race fees to remain at £10. Depending on numbers next year we may still need to introduce the £15 fee agreed at last year's AGM and we will monitor this depending on availability of funds.

Breakdown of income and expenditure this year:

£450 income from racing
£170 out for season trophies (1 new-comers plaque still to pay out for)
£30 out for event trophies
£70 out for marks, course equipment

Balance in account £603.55

If it transpires that the general fund cannot afford FISLY fees next year, Keith suggested that the race fund could pay them if affordable. This met with general agreement from the Committee and will be considered next year as necessary.

Acceptance proposed by Cathy Mackay and seconded by Tom Arlott.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Chairperson: Tom Arlott
Vice chairperson: Stephen Pirie
Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Bob Mitchell
General Secretary: Joyce Haynes
Race Administrator: Stuart Mackay

7. Election of General Committee

Members:

Tom Hastings
Keith Haynes
Cathy Mackay
Stuart Mackay
Alan Payne
Anne Payne

8. BKSA Affiliation

- a. Additional remuneration for membership
It was noted that the Association can make an additional charge for membership and agreed that we should not implement anything at present.
- b. SCO numbering system
The current membership numbering system was discussed and it was felt that membership numbers were only relevant for pilots entering competition. As we have only a small number of racers at present it was agreed to review this again at the end of

the year with a view to re-setting numbers for those who want an SCO race number. It was generally agreed that we could introduce a nominal fee, possibly £5, for those requesting numbers. This will require further discussion.

9. Future events including race dates and venues

The following dates were agreed:

Race Series Dates

22 + 23 October	Sandhead
19 + 20 November	St Andrews
4 + 5 March	St Andrews
1 + 2 April	St Andrews
13 + 14 May	St Andrews (provisional)

Events

17 + 18 June	Celtic Challenge – Sandhead
8 + 9 July	Summer Fly at St Andrews

10. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2016-2017

Committee meetings will be called when necessary.
Date of next AGM – Sunday, 24 September 2017, 1.00 pm.

11. AOCB

The 2017 EUROS will be held from 9 to 17 September at Hoylake. *(Amended post AGM, 29 Aug – 2 September)*