



**Minutes of SPKA Committee Meeting
held on Sunday, 1st February, 2009
at 2.00 pm, Bute Medical Buildings, St. Andrews**

Present: Keith Haynes
Joyce Strachan
Robert Mitchell
Tom Arlott
Stephen Pirie
John Chalmers
Roger Blake

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Kevin Arlott, Stuart McGougan and Jim Patterson

2. Minutes of Last Meeting (16.11.08)

The minutes were approved – proposed by Robert Mitchell, seconded by Keith Haynes.

3. Matters Arising

Kite Festival, 30th November

“Try and Fly” went down very well – thanks to Roger for supplying PKD kites.
Reimbursement for the cost of the toilets has been received.

The Committee was not very happy with the first-aid provision and agreed to look at alternatives for next year.

4. Future Events

(a) Celtic Challenge 2009

2nd/3rd May at Luce Sands is now confirmed for the Scottish leg and the Irish team has been informed. Initial interest is indicating there may be 10-12 competitors from Ireland. We will hopefully get a date for the Irish leg soon.

(b) Summer Fly

The Committee agreed to hold the summer fly on Sunday, 12th July. Same arrangements as last year; Bob to organize the barbecue. It was also agreed to invite the “Highlanders” to encourage more general kiting on the day.

(c) Kite Festival

We received an e-mail from Rob Murray Brown of "St Andrews Festival Ltd" who was keen to get us involved in the 2009 festival plans. We would be happy to discuss this with him and since he was unable to attend the committee meeting we agreed to invite him along at a future date.

The Committee agreed to keep the same format as last year and to hold the festival on Sunday, 6th December as this would be the best according to tide times. However, we will discuss the date with Rob Murray Brown as it may be that Sunday, 29th November would fit better with the festival plans.

Bob Mitchell agreed to contact the St Andrews Liaison Committee regarding the state of the road leading along the beach and hopefully we will see some improvement before November!

Requirements – still to organise:

PA system
Toilet
Signage
Burger van

5. AOCB

(a) Kites over Howden

Tom had received a return invitation to the kite day at Howden Park, Livingston on 21st June and asked members to attend if they were available from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

(b) Race Officials

The Committee agreed that we should sort out any ruling issues before the start of next year's series so that everyone is aware of the rules at the outset.

Jim Henderson currently holds the second set of flags but since he is no longer race master and not available for the events it was agreed that they should be passed over to a current racer. Bob agreed to collect the flags from Jim.

It was agreed to set up a duty roster for race master from the top 10 of the fleet for future race events.

(c) Sponsorship for the Euros

There was some discussion about how we might go about getting sponsorship for our top 10 pilots to take part in future events. However, nothing was agreed and this will be put forward for discussion at a future meeting.

Joyce Strachan
General Secretary