



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
Held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 23rd September, 2007
at 10.00 am**

Present: Kevin Arlott
Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Anne Downes
Bill Hall
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Jim Henderson (Vice-Chairperson)
Ross Henderson
Bob Mitchell
Jim Patterson
Alan Payne
Steven Pirie
Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)
Owain Williams

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (05/11/06)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/07
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. Temporary Associate Membership
9. Timing of SPKA race events
10. Race venues
11. Committee meeting/AGM date for 2008
12. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Roger Blake
Gordon Cuthill
Angie Kinghorn
Stuart McGougan
Jim MacRae
Jim Wallis

Treasurer and
Membership Secretary: Joyce Strachan - proposed Anne Downs
- seconded Jim Henderson

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

7. Election of General Committee

Roger Blake
John Chalmers*
Paul Connor
Anne Downs*
Bill Hall*
Keith Haynes
Ross Henderson
Jim Patterson*
Alan Payne
Stephen Pirie*
Owain Williams
(*newly elected)

8. Temporary Associate Membership

Discussion took place about who should be allowed to take part in events and it was agreed that participants should be Scottish or, if not Scottish, must be resident in Scotland or have membership of the SPKA. It was unanimously agreed that we should no longer offer temporary associate membership and only offer full membership for new applicants.

9. Timing of SPKA Race Events

There was general agreement that the Committee should take into account any UK or European events when organizing the race calendar for the coming year. The format and number of race days required was discussed and it was agreed that we should hold 12 races over 6 days in addition to the Celtic challenge and any Enduros. There was agreement that a maximum of 25 participants should be entered for any one race and if there was enough interest we could consider introducing a national class (with national licenses) to include the top 15 racers. This topic will be discussed at the Committee Meeting to follow the AGM.

10. Race Venues

Alan Payne reported that he had been to Luce Sands and would recommend this as a new kiting venue. There is access to the beach which stretches to a mile and a half. It is situated near Stranraer Caravan Park which would be open throughout the year and charges approx £55 per night for a 6-berth caravan.

He also looked at Southernness which has caravans but they are only available from March to October each year. The Chairman thanked Alan for his effort in finding venues and suggested further discussion at a future meeting of the Committee.

11. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2008

A Committee meeting will follow the AGM.

The next AGM was provisionally set for the 7th or 14th September 2008.

12. AOCB

(a) Membership Keyrings

Keyrings are being issued to members on renewal or application for membership and have proved a popular method of proof of insurance as they incorporate the relevant details from the certificate. It was agreed that if any member requests a replacement outwith their renewal date they will be issued to them at the cost of £1 to cover administration.

(b) Flags

It was noted that flags signifying kite zones were on order for West Sands, St. Andrews. None are necessary for Stevenston.

(c) Celtic Challenge

The Chairman notified that another Celtic nation would like to be included in the Celtic Challenge and asked the Committee to decide on a date soon in order to give Alan Payne time to organize Luce Sands as a possible venue for the event.

As there was no other business everyone was thanked for attending and the meeting was closed at 12.30 pm.