



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
Held at
Bute Medical Buildings on Sunday, 21st September, 2008
at 1.00 pm**

Present: Angus Aitken
Roger Blake
Paul Connor
Anne Downes
Bill Hall
Jim Henderson
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Bob Mitchell (Chairperson)
Jim Patterson
Alan Payne
Steven Pirie
Joyce Strachan (General Secretary)
Owain Williams

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (23/09/07)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/08
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. Committee involvement
9. Update on freestyle/general kiting interest
10. Future events
11. Committee meeting/AGM date for 2008-9
12. A.O.C.B.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the following members:

Kevin Arlott
Tom Arlott
John Chalmers
Ross Henderson
Stuart McGougan
Jim Wallis

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (23.09.07)

The previous minutes were approved - proposed by Jim Henderson, seconded by Paul Connor.

3. Chairperson's Report

Rob expressed thanks to everyone who helped out with the kite buggy racing this year. A fairer way of marshalling has been introduced and is proving successful. Thanks go to IPKSA for their part in the Celtic Challenge. Congratulations were also offered to everyone who represented the SPKA at the recent European Championships in Gravelines, France, whether they were race competitors, officials or team supporters – well done everyone and looking forward to next year's event in St. Peter Ording, Germany.

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 £1400 as at 31st August 2008. Membership numbers have remained stable at around 100 which is acceptable for insurance purposes. The insurance company has offered us the option to increase our liability from £5 M to £10 M. However, general consensus was to keep the status quo and also to keep the level of fees at the same level of £22 single and £44 family membership. This can be re-evaluated in April once the insurance is renewed, depending on any increase in premium.

To operate a more transparent system of accounting the racing accounts are now being kept separate from general funds.

The accounts were accepted as an accurate record by Paul Connor and seconded by Alan Payne.

6. Election of Office Bearers

Chairperson:	Tom Arlott	- proposed Keith Haynes - seconded Alan Payne
Vice chairperson:	Alan Payne	- proposed Anne Downs - seconded Jim Henderson
Treasurer and Membership Secretary:	Keith Haynes	- proposed Owain Williams - seconded Bob Mitchell
Secretary:	Joyce Strachan	- proposed Jim Henderson - seconded Bob Mitchell

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Election of General Committee

Angus Aitken*
Kevin Arlott
Roger Blake
John Chalmers
Paul Connor
Anne Downs
Bill Hall
Bob Mitchell
Jim Patterson
Alan Payne
Stephen Pirie
Owain Williams

(*newly elected)

8. Committee Involvement

Committee members were asked to take active involvement in organization of future events and this would lessen the load for individuals. Website development was identified as an area we could develop more to ensure that everything is up-to-date and informative.

9. Update on freestyle/general kiting interest

The beach guide on the website requires updating and it was agreed to add a link to Alan Payne's site for extra information. For freestyles it was agreed that we could also add a list of tricks to the site. Owain said he was encouraging freestylers to attend the SPKA meetings so that they could input their ideas for developing freestyling further within the Association. He will be organizing a chill and ride day in November and will include a course. No marshalls will be required as this is just a fun event. Notice of events like this will be posted on the forums, e.g. FEC, Flexifoil. Angus suggested that we should try and find out what type of kiting people do and it was agreed that this would be included as a question on the membership forms.

10. Future Events

Luce Sands – buggy racing

Kite Festival – Things to do: Owain to contact Fife Institute, Glenrothes for a PA system. Jim Patterson agreed to bring a generator. Owain to do poster. Roger (PKD) to supply kites for a "Try and Fly" – suggested 15 minutes each with donations to SPKA. Send flyers to schools.

11. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2008-2009

16th November, 3.30 pm

1st February, 2.00 pm

31st May, 2.00 pm

20th September, 1.00 pm (AGM)

12. AOCB

(a) SPKA Merchandise

We need a new banner plus a 6 m pole

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