



**Minutes of SPKA Annual General Meeting
held in Room B10, Bute Building, St Andrews
on Saturday, 12th September, 2015 at 2.00 pm**

Present: Tom Arlott (Chairperson)
Keith Haynes (Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
Joyce Haynes (General Secretary)
Tommy Hastings
Stuart Mackay
Robert Mitchell

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM (25/10/14)
3. Chairperson's report
4. Secretary's report
5. Treasurer's report and accounts to 31/08/15
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. Future events, race dates and venues
9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2015/16
10. AOCB

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Neil Clark, Peter Jones, Iain King, David McLeod and Jim Wallis.

2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM

The 2014 minutes were approved subject to minor amendments - proposed by Bob Mitchell, seconded by Stuart Mackay.

c/f a reminder that we still need to action a list of trophies with names of sponsors.

3. Chairperson's Report

It has been a quiet season with the kiting scene on the bottom end of a slope at the moment. Hopefully things will pick up if the rising interest in membership is anything to go by.

4. Secretary's Report

The Association was approached by the Local Development Officer in North Uist Development Company with a request for us to partner with them in raising awareness of the kitesurfing potential of North Uist. It was agreed to put information on our website and refer him to the BKSA or other associations on the west coast of Scotland, e.g. FEK, Kite Highland.

5. Treasurer's Report

Keith presented a statement of accounts which showed a closing balance of £4884.40 at 31st August 2015. The numbers of current members are 184 full, 38 family and 4 juniors. It was interesting to note that the membership consists of less than 40 people in Scotland.

Last year, insurance cost £5983.10 and this year it will be £5806.80. Keith explained that current membership rates were not covering insurance costs with each membership (currently 230 people declared) costing the Association £26.16. He asked, should we carry on as we are and increase the membership costs or would we be better considering a move to club membership of the BKSA? After deliberation, the Committee agreed to cease the existing facility from 31 August 2016 and to use the balance in the bank to pay the insurance costs outright for the coming year. It was noted that until all membership renewals were made, including any new membership payments up to August 2016, that there may be a shortfall in funds and this would be made up with a combination of funds from the race fund and a contribution of personal funds from Keith which would be reimbursed at the end of the year. Members will be notified of the changes on the membership page of the website and membership costs will be on a pro-rata basis until the end of May 2016 at which time no further memberships will be issued and members will be advised to join the British Kitesports Association (BKSA).

Meantime the Chairperson agreed to contact the BKSA with a view to becoming an affiliated organisation by August next year and members will be made aware of any changes via the website.

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

Race Administrator Report

Stuart Mackay reported that the number of pilots had reduced this year with race attendance of between 8 and 11 pilots. To cover the costs of trophies and engraving the Committee agreed to increase the race fees to £15 for the coming season. Acceptance proposed by Cathy Mackay and seconded by Tom Arlott.

6. Election of Office Bearers

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary offered his resignation from the post but agreed to continue for the time-being until the memberships ceased in May or another volunteer stepped forward. The office bearers are now:

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

7. Election of General Committee

Stuart McGougan and Mike Walters stepped down from the general committee.

Members:

Pete Buchan
Paul Connor
Mark Davies
Tom Hastings
Cathy Mackay
Stuart Mackay
Bob Mitchell
Calum Mitchell (Junior Representative)
Alan Payne

8. Future events including race dates and venues

The following dates were agreed:

Race Series Dates

31 Oct + 1 November	St Andrews
5 + 6 Dec	Sands of Luce
13 + 14 Feb	St Andrews
9 + 10 April	St Andrews
11 + 12 April	Fraserburgh
7 + 8 May	St Andrews
28 + 29 May	Sands of Luce

Events

18 + 19 June	Celtic Challenge – Benone Strand, Ireland
9 + 10 July	Summer Fly at St Andrews

9. Committee meeting/AGM dates for 2015-2016

Committee meetings will be called when necessary.
Date of next AGM – Saturday, 17 September 2016, 2.00 pm.

10. AOCB

There was no other business