

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group

Held on 21st February 2010 at The St Thomas's Church Hall Moorside, Oldham

Present

John Welborn (Chairman), Dave Bleasdale (Secretary), Mary Jones (Treasurer), Daryl Smith (Editor), Karen George (Honorary Auditor)

Stuart Baldwin, Brian Williamson, Frank & Jennifer Hardman, Peter & June Lightfoot, Dave Stead, Josie Bretherton, Kevin Mullarkey, Marie Welborn, John Braidwood, Gwen Williams, Sally Humpage, Colin Savage, Mike Lewis, Selwyn Forster, Bernard Crick, Dave Green, Fred Senior, Neil Edwards, Dave Holt, Linda Holt, Lydia Holt, Ron Ogden.

This is the list of members signed in. The 27 present did not meet the quorum required to conduct business (members under 18 are not counted in the determination of the quorum). At this point the Chairman had to refer to point 12.1 of the group's constitution which states that:

If a General Meeting does not have a quorum at the start of the meeting, the Chairman of the meeting must put the following motion to those present: "The number of members present shall be the quorum." The meeting shall be deemed to have a quorum if three quarters of the members present vote in favour of the motion.

If the motion is not passed, the Chairman must adjourn the meeting for no more than twenty eight days, to a time and place to be advised to members by the Secretary. At least seven days notice of the meeting shall be given.

The business of the General meeting shall then be conducted by those present who will be deemed to be the quorum.

All members present voted in favour of the above motion & the meeting continued.

Apologies

Jock & Peter Walker, Paul Jennings, Enid Knowles, Rodger Dawson, Jim & Vanessa Potts, Kieth Proctor, Lorna Carpenter, Dennis & Pat Emslie, Mark Welborn, Graham & Marina Lockwood, Flo & Jo Barnes, Ken Kain, Peggy Leaver, Denis & Janet Riley, Ray Smith, Beryl Black, Simon Cooper, Richard Greenwood, Ray & Shiela Smith, Phil Ashton

Prior to starting the meeting John Welborn informed the members that there should have been a presentation of a Gavel to Enid Knowles to thank her for her time as chairman in previous years. Unfortunately neither Enid nor the Gavel could be at the meeting due to the weather conditions. It was agreed to present the gavel to Enid at a later date perhaps Beacon.

John also proposed that Enid be made Honorary President again in recognition for all the work she has done for the group.

Proposed: John Welborn **Seconded:** Mary Jones

"That Enid Knowles be made Honorary President"

Passed: Unanimously

Best Kite Competition

There were no entries for either of the Best Kite Competitions. See item in A.O.B. regards kite competition for next year.

Previous Minutes

Copies of minutes from the previous AGM were circulated around the room & they were accepted as a true & accurate record.

Chairman's Report

John gave a brief report of the groups activities over the past 12 months, having resigned as secretary at the previous AGM he very kindly offered to become acting chairman after Enid Knowles had to resign from the role due to ill health. Some of the highlights of the year included the "Museum of Science & Industry" event which had been a great success. John thanked all those that helped out. Harwood this year was one of the busiest ever with two teddy bear teams kept busy all day. A new event was held at St Helen's which had plenty to entertain the non kite fliers. Chester as usual had very little wind but the auction postponed at Beacon due to weather was a great success. Children in Need raised £650.50 which the group made up to £1028.50 with ½ the proceeds from the auction at Chester.

Treasurers Report / Annual Accounts

Mary reviewed the accounts. The group is in a quite healthy financial state due to income received from Harewood House, St Helens, Wakefield, Taylor Park & Kite Collective (D Holt). We finished the year with roughly the same balance as the start of the year.

The full audited accounts version was available for inspection at the meeting. The accounts had been audited by Karen George.

Membership was slightly down on last year but we had 2 good years previously

Proposed: David Stead

Seconded: Dave Holt

"The accounts for 2009 be adopted"

Passed: Unanimously

Editors Report

Dazz reported that he hadn't been able to put as much effort into the magazine as in previous years due to other commitments but said he hoped to be back to normal this year. He thanked those that had contributed & welcomed any article, photos etc for the coming year. Gwen Williams commented that the last full magazine was excellent.

Flying Sites for Fly ins

The club has previously paid Wakefield council £32 for a licence to fly at Pontefract Racecourse, it was agreed to no longer continue with this due to the amount of fly ins at Pontefract & the numbers of flyers that attend. Due to the drop in numbers of campers at Bolton le Sands it was agreed to look at an alternative site for a 1 day fly in. Shiela Smith will not be organising the xmas meal at Stainland this year.

Club Fly In List For 2010 – 2011

2010

21 st March	Roundhay / Beacon
18 th April	Crosby
16 th May	Pontefract
19 th /20 th June	Beacon Park Festival ?
18 th July	Ainsdale
15 th August	To be decided
18 th /19 th September	Chester Kite Festival
10 th October	Otterspool / Pontefract – One Sky One World
23 rd October	Otterspool - Light Up The Sky
21 st November	Roundhay / Beacon
12 th December	Stainland / Otterspool – Xmas Fly in

2011

16 th January	AGM – Oldham
20 th February	New Brighton / Pontefract
20 th March	Roundhay / Beacon

The acceptance of the list was

Proposed: Fred Senior **Seconded:** Dave Holt

Passed: Unanimously

A discussion was held regards the uncertainty of council funding for the Beacon Festival & the clash in dates with Morecambe festival. If there is no funding we have the option to go ahead with a 2 day fly in, but we may have to fund the cost of the toilets & there may be no kite trader.

It was proposed that the committee discuss the funding issue with the council & enquire if date can be moved to 5th/6th June so as not to clash with Morecambe.

Proposed: John Welborn **Seconded:** John Braidwood

Passed: Unanimously

Updates from Jim Potts & Dave Holt

In Jim's absence Neil Edwards gave an update on Jim's behalf:

Driffield was going to be similar arrangements to last year, but the arena will probably be in the bigger field. The organisers want to grow the kite side of the show. Camping charge will remain at £20 camping available from Friday to Monday.

The Harewood festival is to have a teddy bear theme this year.

Woodvale, passes will be available from Jim later in the year.

Dave Holt reported that as only 4 members turned up to Morecambe last year, no donation was made to the club. He encouraged people to turn up this year & said that he would now be able to refund the parking charges if you park next to the railway station. A contribution would be made to the group if sufficient members turned up.

The council at Wirral will still not allow camping on the festival site. Camping will not be on the rugby ground this year, alternative campsites are being looked at.

There was not date yet for Moss Bank Park & there was a possibility of a new event in Rochdale.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act Implementation

(The following from John Welborn)

Changes to parts of the scheme made in **December 2009** make it very unlikely that members will need to register because of kiting activities. The changes are included below in italics

The ISA registration scheme starts in, **July 2010** when those starting new work **can** apply and the **November 2010** date when those starting new work **must** apply. The rest will have until 2015

A summary of the effect of the new laws on the Group.

- 1 Members camping together with their children as a club is **not** a regulated activity.
- 2 Parachuting children's Teddy Bears is **not** a regulated activity.
- 3 Kite workshops for children and working in schools **are** regulated activity and ISA registration is needed only if carried intensively and frequently
Only in rare situations would registration be necessary see details below.
- 4 Information Sharing is required if a member is expelled from the Club for child protection related reasons.
- 5 Recently ISA have emphasised that private arrangements are **NOT** regulated activities NKG Club rules only allow the caring for or teaching of members' children on a family friend basis and require children to be in the care and control of their parents guardians or close relatives.

Kite Workshops

ISA have confirmed that anyone running or helping with a children's kite workshop, whether parents are present or not, is carrying out a regulated activity
Registration will only be needed if the activity is **intensive** (four *times a month*) or **frequent** (once *a week*) Registration is **NOT** needed if the .regulated activity is carried out less often

ISA have confirmed **and reconfirmed** that 16 and 17 years old helping with these activities frequently or intensively must be ISA registered.

These changes to the rules are intended to reduce the number of people needing to be registered

A duty of care exists to those participating in the workshop and it would be sensible to insist that parents are present and responsible for their children during the activity in case of accidents or accusations of impropriety.

Working in schools

*The changes allow someone to work or/ volunteer in one school for a short time and then go on to other schools for a short time without having to be registered even if their total for **ALL** schools is more than **intensive** (four times a month) or **frequent** (once a week) However if the **intensive** (four times a month) or **frequent** (once a week) condition is met for **ONE** of the schools then the person must be registered*

This change only applies to schools and similar premises

Sad Loss

Mary Jones reported that sadly Gene Watson had passed away on 3rd February. Gene will be greatly missed and all our thoughts go out to Margaret & her family.

Election of Officers

Secretary, Treasurer & Editor offered to be re elected
The Chairman resigned

It was proposed that Gwen Williams be elected Chairman

Proposed: John Welborn **Seconded:** Dazz

Passed: Unanimously

It was proposed that the rest of the existing officers:

Secretary	Dave Bleasdale
Treasurer	Mary Jones
Editor	Daryl Smith

be re elected en bloc

Proposed: John Braidwood **Seconded:** Frank Hardman

Passed: Unanimously

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.