

NORTHERN KITE GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held online in February 2021

1) Members taking part: Keith Proctor (in the chair) , Peter Hartt (Secretary), Ian Duncalf (Membership Secretary), John Whymark (Treasurer), Jim and Vanessa Potts, Caroline and Maurice Senior, Mick and Gill Burls, Sheila Hartt, Graham and Fiona Wilkinson, David and Ann Buckland, Craig Harby, Ian Abell, Kathryn Akers, Sarah Duncalf, Peter Moore, Gwen Williams, Pam and Steve Evans, Sue Storey, John Houghton, Steve Grimwood, Arthur Ronald, John Welborn, Mark Anderson, Sean Donno, Bernard Crick, Andy Clayton, Len and Nina Walker, David Stead, Alan and Becky Poxon, Dave and Lynn Bleasdale, Janis Whymark, Kevin Hepworth, (41 members).

2) The Minutes of the 2020 AGM were accepted as a correct record with no matters arising.

3) Committee Report

It has been a disappointing year for kite flying. The Committee policy in relation to the Covid-19 emergency was to abide by the government guidelines at every stage and this necessarily meant that no fly-ins were organised.

Festivals due to have taken place during the year were cancelled by the various sponsors. At one stage it appeared that there might have been a new festival in Filey, however this too was cancelled due to public health concerns, but with the prospect of the festival being arranged in the town in 2021. Our thanks go to Events Co-ordinator Jim Potts.

Club insurance cover was provided for members attending the two SmileFactor10 events at Crooklands in July and August. These were the two bright stars in an otherwise dismal year. The End of Season event did not take place being yet one more Covid casualty, which was a disappointment for those planning to attend but our thanks go to Mark and Angie for once again volunteering.

During the year we were saddened to learn of the death of two stalwart members, Tony Kidd and Ron Ogden. Both Tony and Ron served in various lynchpin capacities over the years and we sent our condolences to their families. Ron's family invited the Group to take his kites and other paraphernalia which were distributed to other members. Tony's kites are with the Chairman who will be offering them for sale to other members during the coming year.

In August Sarah Kay stood down as Secretary and was replaced by Peter Hartt for the remainder of the year. She did a tremendous job in very difficult circumstances, and pushed the group against the flow of opinion towards the acceptance of the new health and safety laws that we now accept as necessary. The Committee thanks Sarah for her work as Secretary and the meticulous record keeping during her period of office.

Karen George has audited our accounts for more years than anyone can remember and has decided to pass the baton to another member. The Committee thank her for her work behind the scenes giving us confidence that our finances were being dealt with in a professional manner.

John Whymark is standing down as Treasurer after 6 years service. He has postponed this move at least once with no replacement being forthcoming. His calm and careful approach to the role, both in terms of the finances and as a member of the Committee, steering the direction of the club will be missed.

4) Treasurers Report. Approved with no questions or comments received.

5) Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed:

Chairman: Keith Proctor

Secretary: Peter Hartt

Membership Secretary: Ian Duncalf

Treasurer: Ian Abell

6) Bernard Crick's appointment as Auditor was approved.

7) The events schedule for 2021 was approved.

8) The following propositions were carried.

BY THE COMMITTEE - 2021/22 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee recommend to the AGM that current members will not be required to pay a subscription in this coming membership year and that their membership will continue until 1 March 2022.

BY JOHN ELLERTON

Accidents happen. NKG insurance only covers members at the fly-ins and festivals on the NKG calendar. I want to have the opportunity to fly every day of the year, not just the 30 or so days of NKG fly-ins and festivals, in the knowledge that I'm covered by insurance. I think it's a ridiculous situation that we have to join another club to get this insurance. As far as I am aware, this could be done by affiliation to the British Kite Flying Association. NKG members could then optionally take advantage of their Club Affiliated Independent Flyer insurance, which provides worldwide (except USA and Canada) personal public liability insurance cover at any time. Other solutions may be available. I propose that the AGM asks the committee to investigate the provision of all year individual insurance, and to report back to members during the course of the year with a view to making a decision about the provision well before next year's AGM / membership renewal.

BY BERNARD CRICK

This meeting requests that consideration be given by the Committee to holding a kite workshop.

BY BERNARD CRICK

I propose that the Committee investigate getting NKG branded clothing and report back during the year.

BY BERNARD CRICK

I suggest we investigate the possibility of individually stitched emblems, logo and club name on garments.

BY BERNARD CRICK

We should obtain more large banners, especially as they really advertise the club.

We should have NKG banners to put up at festivals to advertise ourselves and to encourage kitefliers to join.

BY BERNARD CRICK

I request the committee take steps to encourage members to put posts on the Members Facebook page and also to use the Public Facebook page to promote NKG membership.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm on Sunday 28 March.

NB: The accuracy of these minutes will be determined by the AGM in February 2022 and are published now in draft form for information.

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