

NORTHERN KITE GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 February 2022

1) **Members Present:** Keith Proctor (in the chair) , Peter Hartt (Secretary), Ian Duncalf (Membership Secretary), Ian Abell (Treasurer), Sarah Duncalf, Sheila Hartt, Ann and David Buckland, Brian Williamson, Lee Hewitson, Keith Warner, Pam Evans, Graham Marshall, Linda Preston, Kathryn Akers, Joe Gould, Dorothy and Mike Rourke, Andy and Jemima Clayton, Bernard Crick, Dave and Lynn Bleasdale, Gwen Williams, Sally Humpage, Alan Towse, John Welborn, Simon Cooper.

Apologies for absence were received from: Adi Bland, Phillip Bailey, Mick and Gill Burls, Debs and Jonny Savage, Lynne Palmer, Mahmood Qureshi, Steve Grimwood, Peter Nelson, John Ellerton, Pat and Jenny May, Jim and Vanessa Potts, Graham and Fiona Wilkinson, Sue Storey and Ken Paulis, Harry and Patricia Allick, Len and Carol Royles, Len and Nina Walker, Alan and Becky Poxon, Mary Jones, Mark Welborn, Zoe Lee, Jim and Vanessa Potts, Anne, Richard and Andy De Sadleer, Craig Harby, Sue Kennedy, Caroline Senior, John and Janis Whymark, Ged Collins, Roger Dawson, Flo and Yaz Forwood, Peter and Sarah Bindon.

Quorum. There being only 28 members present a procedural motion was put that those present become the quorum which was carried unanimously.

2) **The Minutes** of the 2021 AGM were accepted as a correct record with no matters arising.

3) **Committee Report** It has been a year of two halves. The first half up to the middle of June when the lockdown rules were in place and then afterwards when flying recommenced. Festivals were held at Bridlington, Filey – The first festival in the town and hopefully the start of a long relationship. Wakefield successfully resumed after Covid. We flew again in rain at Hoghton Tower. St Annes (SmileFactor10) was another great success. There was a new event at Turn Moss in Manchester which was successful and the Friends group are keen to have us back. There were flyins at Fleetwood, Pontefract, New Brighton, Roundhay, St Annes and Crosby. The End of Season event was held at Crooklands. The club banner was found and is being kept by Bernard Crick. Personal insurance issue; enquiries with brokers etc were made but nothing came of it. BKFA; the Committee decided to leave it up to members to propose affiliation. Clothing, enquiries made, stalled over possible re-design of club logo. Kite Workshop, the Committee considered it but because of Covid thought it was not the right time. Mike Lewis's Kites were taken and distributed with exceptional work by Brian Williamson. A Special General Meeting approved a change in the constitution, following which we changed our bank from HSBC to NatWest. Newsletter; wo produced during the year. The report was adopted.

4) **Treasurers Report.** Ian Abell reported. The balance sheet was presented. Ian explained the benefits of having online banking; payments, checking membership subscription payments. Bernard Crick considered the amount spent on the end of season do was excessive and also suggested that the event ought to be moved to the summer. Alan Towse thought that the audit should be external. Alan commented there should be greater transparency in respect of money paid out at festivals. John Welborn asked a question about a discrepancy between money received and paid at Filey. Mike Rourke commented that MKF moved from an external to internal auditor this year. The Treasurer's report was adopted.

5) **Auditors Statement.** Bernard Crick stated that he had audited the 2021 Financial Report, which comprises the bank statements, financial records, including receipts, and the balance sheet, had

undertaken checks to satisfy himself that the report is accurate and can confirm that it gives a true and fair view of the Club's position. Bernard's statement was accepted with thanks. It was agreed that Bernard be reappointed as our auditor for the coming year.

6) Election of Officers

The following officers were elected unopposed:

Chairman: Keith Proctor

Secretary: Sarah Duncalf

Membership Secretary: Ian Duncalf

Treasurer: Ian Abell

There were no volunteers to take on the role of newsletter editor. There was a discussion about whether Facebook makes the newsletter obsolete. The Committee will consider steps to fill the vacancy or alternatives to the newsletter.

Ian Duncalf said that he and Sarah had agreed between themselves that only one of them will be able to authorise payments from the bank account.

7) **The events schedule for 2022/23** was approved. It was agreed the Committee should consider a fly-in at Beacon Country Park. There may also be fly-ins organised at short notice if good weather is forecast.

Proposed Schedule of events			
March	13	Fly-In Crosby and Roundhay Park	
April	16 17	Newbiggin Kite Festival	
	24	Fly-In New Brighton Dips	
May	21 22	Bridlington Kite Festival	
	28 29	Countryfest at Crooklands	
June	19		
	25 26	Morecambe Catch the Wind Festival	
July	2 3	Rosendale Leisure Kite Festival	
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August	21	Fly-In Fleetwood	
September	2 3 4	St Anne's International Kite Festival	
	17 18	Filey Kite Festival	
	25	Wakefield Kite Festival	
October	2	Hoghton Tower	
	9	OSOW Crosby, Fleetwood and Pontefract	
	29 30	End of Season Do	

November	6	Fly-In St Annes	
December	4	Fly-In Heaton Park, Manchester	
January	8	Fly-In N. Brighton, Fleetwood, Roundhay Park	
February	19	Annual General Meeting	

8) Rainbow Delta Kites. Keith agreed to take custody of the kites, pending any other offers to look after them. It was agreed Committee to ask for volunteers.

9) Kite making competition. There were two competitions judged; Dorothy Rourke won the 2020 with her Mermaid kite and Jemima Clayton for 2021 with a prototype Tardis kite, (the full size version under construction). Entries were also received from Ian Duncalf.

10) Any other business

a) Teddy Bear Dropping. David Buckland asked about whether children will be allowed to catch their own bear. It was agreed the Committee should consider this question.

b) The pleasure of introducing children to kiting. Lee Hewitson spoke movingly about introducing a child to flying at Wakefield, as did Brian Williamson and Ian Duncalf on other occasions.

c) Jock Walker. Gwen Williamson referred to the recent death of our friend Jock from Hartlepool.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

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