

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group
held on 20th. February 2005 at The All Saints Community Hall, Newton Heath

Trophy Winners

Best Kite over one metre	Ray Smith
Best Kite under one metre	Karen George
Open Altitude Sprint (Chester)	Aled Lewis
Ladies altitude Sprint (Chester)	Marina Lockwood

Present

Ron Ogden (Honorary President), Enid Knowles (Chairman)
John Welborn (Secretary), Mary Jones (Treasurer), Dazz Smith (Editor co opted),
Karen George (honorary auditor), Edna Booth (invited guest)
Geoff & Ann Othick, Stuart Baldwin, Fred Kaz, Rodney Burrows, Ian Parkes,
Gwil & Lena Williams, Margaret & Gene Watson, Gwen Williams, Jim Simpson,
Neil Edwards, Frank Wharton, Simon & Julie Tebbutt, Flo & Joe Barnes, Dave
Bleasdale, John & Barbara Baker, Gina & John Bellis, Dave Stead, Jack & Mary
Cunningham, Allan Bloom, Marie Welborn, Roy Ridings, Paul Catchpole,
Dennis Chappell, Rod Jones, Ken & Josie Bretherton, Rodger Dawson, Jim &
Vanessa Potts, Alan & Carol Doncaster, Fiona & Aled Lewis, Selwyn Foster, Elsie
Ogden, Raymond & Sheila Smith

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 52 present exceeded the quorum
required to conduct business many members who are under 18 attended but these are
not counted in the determination of the quorum)

Apologies

Peter Bindon (Webmaster), Sarah Bindon, Mark Welborn, Graham & Marina
Lockwood, Alan Bole, Peter Fisher, Dave Green

Enid Knowles presented the report of the committee and thanked everyone for
coming.

1 Report by the committee

The Beacon Park Festival had been arranged at very short notice but everyone thought
it was brilliant. We have been invited to do it again next year. Members were asked to
provide feedback so improvements could be made. Chester Festival was enjoyed by
all who attended and again was done at short notice, we have been asked to be
involved again by the Council. Enid will meet the organisers in April.

2 Treasurers Report by Mary Jones

The accounts published in the Magazine had been formatted incorrectly the figures
were correct but appeared in the wrong places, revised copies were passed around the
meeting. The final balance (or reserve) was £ 1650.43

The Treasurer stated that a reserve of £1100 was needed to enable the Club to remain
solvent and to meet unforeseen contingencies. The magazine costs had increased to
approximately £200 per issue but two copies had been published free of charge.

Income from the Beacon Park Festival had improved the financial position from last
year but should not be relied on every year.

Membership numbers had increased this year but the increase in fees will only show in next year's accounts.

The accounts have been audited by Karen George who is an accountant

Proposed by David Stead Seconded by Rodney Burrows
The accounts for 2004 be adopted

Passed by an overwhelming majority

3 Any Other Business

3.1 Future Direction of the Club

a) Association with Flying Circus

Last year Flying Circus asked the Club to attend three events (New Brighton, Morecambe Bay and Oldham) with them and offered to pay us £100 donation for each one if sufficient members attended. As the Oldham Festival was cancelled no payment was received for it. The members were asked to decide if the association should continue. This year we are asked to attend The Wirral Festival for two days (£200), Morecambe Bay Festival (£100) and Fylde Festival (£100) one day each.

Proposed Jim Potts Seconded Selwyn Foster
That the association with Flying Circus should continue
Passed by an overwhelming majority

b) Festivals

Beacon Park Festival
Chester Festival

We have been asked to be involved with both these Festivals this year. They are organised by Local Councils with our guidance.

Proposed by Jim Potts Seconded Selwyn Foster
That the Club be involved again this year with these Festivals

Passed by an overwhelming majority

Wakefield Festival organised by Faceless

Members attended this Festival in September instead of a local fly in and there were concerns expressed about safety and lack of crowd control stewards. The organisers have promised to make improvements for 2005. We did not receive any money for this.

Proposed by Darryl Smith Seconded by Jim Potts

That Club members be asked to attend it only if the safety issues have been addressed by the organisers
Passed by a small majority

c) Future Association with Oldham Council

In 2004 Oldham Council suggested that the NKG apply for a Community Grant and promised to help with the application. It became clear that it was difficult to make a good case for a grant that could only be spent on the Festival. The committee decided not to make an application. Flying Circus were then approached by Oldham Council who asked NKG to attend and promised a donation of £100. Bad weather forced the cancellation of the Festival and no money was paid out to anyone.

Proposed Jim Potts Seconded Philip Howden
That the Club attend Oldham Festival in 2005 only in association with Flying Circus

Passed by an overwhelming majority

d) Flying Sites 2005

Dazzz had prepared a list of suggested flying sites and dates to ensure an east / west equilibrium. A general discussion took place and the following list was agreed by the members

March 20 th Sunday	Haslingden Sports Centre
April; 17 th . Sunday	Roundhay Park Leeds
May 15 th . Sunday	Otterspool
June 4 th . & 5 th .	Beacon Park Festival
June 11 th . & 12 th .	Wirral Kite Festival
June 18 th . & 19 th .	Fylde Kite Festival
July 17 th . Sunday	Morecambe Catch the Wind
July 30 th & 31 st .	Two day fly in Bolton le Sands
August 21 st . Sunday	Oldham Festival if arranged otherwise Pontefract Race course
September 17 th & 18 th	Chester Racecourse Festival
September 25 th .	Wakefield Faceless (safety permitting)
October 9 th Sunday	OSOW at Otterspool and Pontefract
November 19 th Saturday	BBC Children in Need Light Up the Sky Otterspool only
November 20 th . Sunday	Pontefract Racecourse
December 19 th .	Xmas Fly in at Otterspool and Stainland
Year 2006	
January 22 nd Sunday	Annual General Meeting at Newton Heath
February 19 th . Sunday	Manchester site to be announced
March 19 th . Sunday	Pontefract Racecourse

Jim Potts offered to obtain free tickets for members wishing to attend **Woodvale Festival** at the beginning of August. Numbers are limited and members should contact him direct

f) Finance matters were all covered in Treasurers report

g) **Public Liability Insurance**

The Secretary had attempted to obtain quotations for a more comprehensive policy but was unable to find anyone willing to quote therefore had renewed the existing policy in November 2004.

Members raised several questions of a detailed nature. The committee advised that the answers previously given by the Insurers should be interpreted and acted upon. Every new member gets a copy of the Public Liability Statement and the Constitution.

Proposed by Rodney Burrows Seconded by Sheila Smith
That the position outlined by the officers should be left as it is

Passed by a majority.

2. BKFA (British Kite Flyers Association)

A discussion was held on whether or not to join this organisation that aims to be a national voice for kite flyers. The present membership details and organisation was outlined by the Secretary

Proposed by Jim Potts Seconded by Dave Stead

That the Club do not join BKFA until such time that the possible financial risk and detriment to the Club has been removed and after consultation with all club members.

Passed by an overwhelming majority

3.1 Amendments to the Constitution

Proposed by Mary Jones Seconded by John Welborn

That the following be added as paragraph 12.1 to the Constitution

If a General Meeting does not have a quorum at the start of the meeting, the Chairman 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.

A discussion took place and an amendment was proposed as follows

Proposed by Geoff Othick Seconded by Ann Othick

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A vote on the amendment was voted against by a substantial majority

The substantive motion was then voted on and passed by a substantial majority

4. Magazine Policy

Dazzz Smith outlined the policy document and a discussion took place

policy document is appendix 1

The only issue needing a decision was the approval of the format A4 or A5

The members unanimously approved the A5 format as it exists at present.

5 Any other Business not previously notified

a) Vote of Thanks

Formal Votes of Thanks were given to Peter Bindon Webmaster, to Malcolm Pitcher Website hosting, to Karen George Honorary Auditor and Fiona Lewis for taking notes for the AGM minutes.

The members voted unanimously in favour.

b) Charitable Giving

The Committee had been asked to consider collections for charity at special fly ins and considered that these should not be decided on each time an occasion arises.

The Light Up The Sky event is popular with members and it should be organised in line with the BBC Children in Need guidance.

The committee ask the members to accept the following

Policy Statement

“Charitable giving is an individual matter for each person. The Club will not involve itself with its members’ personal choices on charitable giving. The **only** exception to this is the Children in Need Light Up the Sky Event organised in accordance with BBC Children in Need Guidance being held at Otterspool”

All other Charity matters are covered by the policy statement. As a result of this policy the Club would not make donations from its funds direct to charities and would not sponsor collections for moneys to be given to charities.

The organisers of the NKG Light Up the Sky event would be responsible for getting the permissions and licences that are needed depending on the type of event being run.

They would follow the BBC Children in Need Guidance

**The acceptance of the policy Statement and LUTS arrangements was Proposed by Rodney Burrows and Seconded by Neil Edwards.
Passed by an overwhelming majority**

c) Safety Statement

The Chairman reminded members of the need to be vigilant about safety even when attending an event run by another organisation.
Members are reminded also of the need to appoint a Flying Safety Officer for each of the NKG fly ins. This could be arranged on the day.

d) Late Breaking Events

The officers are to ask members if they wish to be advised of late breaking events. These will be sent out via e-mail or telephone. The officers will each ring a block of numbers for those needing to be phoned.

6. Any other Business raised by Members at the Meeting

a) Annual General Meeting Date

A discussion took place on the suitability of the dates of either January or February

Proposed by Jack Cunningham Seconded by Selwyn Foster

That paragraph 5.1 of the Constitution be amended to change the month for the Annual General Meeting from February to January. Location to remain the same.

Passed by an overwhelming majority

b) Altitude Sprint Cups

It was agreed to swap the competitions for these from Oldham to Beacon

c) Gwen Williams proposed that the club should write to support Malcolm Goodman in his venture to open a kite museum. John Welborn to write to Malcolm on behalf of the group.

d) Neil Edwards proposed that each of the main events i.e. Beacon, Chester and Wirral need volunteers to help run the event particularly around issues of safety and organisation. Volunteers should liaise with Enid.

7. Election of Officers

The existing officers offered to stand for re election

Proposed by Phil Howden Seconded by Fiona Lewis

That the existing officers be re elected en bloc

Passed by an overwhelming majority

The officers are as follows

Chairman	Enid Knowles
Treasurer	Mary Jones
Secretary	John Welborn
Editor	Darryl Smith (Dazzz)
Auditors	Karen George and Claire Newsome were re elected

Karen George proposed a vote of thanks for the work of the Committee over the past year.

Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

Appendix 1

NKG Newsletter policy document (Revision 2)

All items to be published in full and not cut or altered (except for spelling and grammar, except where this will alter the context or meaning) without the authors express permission

All articles to be attributed to the author

All photos to be relevant to article

All photos to be attributed except where from the author of article when this is deemed unnecessary

Photos will not be 'doctored' but may be cropped to fit within the space available.

The newsletter to be published 4 times a year, in Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct and include deadlines for submission of articles for the next newsletter

As the newsletter is the groups official medium of communication, items from committee members/official group business must be included if the editor is made aware of them before the published deadline and they are submitted in time for printing

Permission must be obtained from the author for any item that is not an original item

No of pages increase / decrease with volume of submissions

Advertising is limited to kite related adverts
(No limit as increased revenue will cover any extra postage)

Newsletter to fit within second class postage band

Cost to be within £150 - £170 per issue (2005)
(Advertising income to be accounted for in this cost)

Possible formats:

A5 colour cover professionally printed and centre stapled

A4 Colour Cover only, professionally printed, stapled on one side or centre stapled

Note It was agreed at the AGM to use the A5 format