

## AGM 2006 - Minutes

### **Minutes of the Third Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group held on 15th January 2006 at The All Saints Community Hall, Newton Heath**

#### **Trophy Winners**

Best Kite Large Vanessa Potts Presented by Ron Ogden

Best Kite Small Julie Tebbutt Presented by Edna Booth

The Open Altitude Cup given by John Southerton is now beyond repair.

The committee accepted the generous offer made by Aled and Fiona Lewis to provide a replacement.

Open Altitude Sprint (Beacon Park) Geoff Othick Presented by Aled Lewis

Ladies altitude Sprint (Beacon Park) Fiona Lewis Presented by Ron Ogden

#### **Present**

Ron Ogden (Honorary President), Enid Knowles (Chairman), John Welborn (Secretary), Mary Jones (Treasurer), Karen George (Honorary Auditor), Edna Booth (Invited Guest), Stuart Baldwin, Flo & Joe Barnes, John & Barbara Baker, Gina & John Bellis, Josie Bretherton, Rodney Burrows, Paul Catchpole, Dennis Chappell, Bernard Crick, Ken & Olive Cain, Rodger Dawson, Phil & Lyn Howden, Frank Hardman, Dave Green, Fred Kaz, Fiona & Aled Lewis, Graham & Marina Lockwood, Mike Lewis, M. Lever, Elsie Ogden, Geoff & Ann Othick, , Jim & Vanessa Potts, Ian Parkes, Jim & Carol Simpson, Dave Stead, Raymond & Sheila Smith, R. Smith, Simon & Julie Tebbett, Rick Nice, Marie Welborn, Margaret & Gene Watson, Gwen Williams,

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 50 present met the quorum required to conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of the quorum)

#### **Apologies**

Dazzz Smith (Editor), Oran Barnes, Mark Welborn, Peter Fisher, Rod Jones, Ken Bretherton, Keith Proctor, Gwil & Lena Williams, Neil Edwards, Jack & Mary Cunningham, Roy Ridings, Don & Di Norman

#### **Report of the Committee**

Enid Knowles presented the report of the committee and thanked everyone for coming. The Club had another good year Beacon Park was successful, OSOW had large attendance at both venues and Light up the Sky raised £1100 for Children in need, Gwen Williams organised the permissions and licences needed to collect the money.

#### **Editor's Report**

Dazzz was attending a Festival in India , the report was read by John Welborn

The magazine has come in at the lower end of the budget stated at the last AGM (£150-£170 per issue) which includes all printing, postage and stationary costs and the income from adverts. The total for the year is £617.55 and that is with increased membership giving £154.38 per issue. Many thanks to those who have contributed articles in the past year, its those contributions which make the magazine what it is.

I also plan to update the Web site flying sites page, to make sure it includes all sites and appropriate details (Peter Bindon has sent a small piece for this issue of the magazine about it). We can then produce a comprehensive list of sites, directions etc. which we can also give to new members so they can find their way to sites.

Other things in the pipeline include a competition in each issue of the newsletter this year with a prize from one of our advertisers. (Got a great one from Go kites in this issue).

A list of kite festivals, contact numbers for camping etc and directions for all the ones members may be interested in going to.

I'm going to try and get some more member profile pieces together for future issues.

### **Annual Account**

The balance sheet was printed in the current magazine. The accounts showed a healthy balance at the year end most of the surplus came from the auction and donations. Expenditure will increase next year particularly the insurance premium which will double and we may not receive as much in donations as last year. The accounts had been audited by Karen George

Proposed:- Rodney Burrows Seconded:- Dave Stead  
The Accounts for 2005 be adopted  
Passed unanimously

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Future Direction of the Club**

##### **a ) Association with Flying Circus**

Last year we are asked to attend The Wirral Festival for two days, Morecambe Bay Festival, and Fylde Festival one day each. Flying Circus have not been able to confirm any dates with the Club yet for this year

Proposed:- Roger Dawson Seconded:- Stuart Baldwin  
That, if the Club is asked, 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 Gene Watson Seconded Fred Kaz

That the Club be involved again this year with these Festivals  
Passed by an overwhelming majority  
Volunteers needed to do commentary and to act as Field Director

Festivals NKG were asked to attend  
Wakefield Festival ( organised by Faceless )  
The Safety issues were addressed by the organisers this time by the provision of a  
roped off arena and stewards.  
A donation of £100 was made to Club funds

It was Proposed that we repeat again this year

Proposed by:- Frank Hardman Seconded:- Simon Tebbutt

Ainsdale Beach Festival  
Last year members attended this festival and an area was set aside for them. The club  
has been asked to attend again and there are likely to be three events this year . It was  
agreed that Enid would find out if there was the possibility of a donation to club funds  
available

Oldham Council Kite Festival this now appears to be discontinued

Ad Hoc Requests for displays  
The committee have passed these on to various club members, who are willing to  
meet the commitment as a first step, such as Sky Artists Flying Colours and  
Beardrops.  
If they are not available the request is then passed on to other groups such as Flying  
Circus and Wigsley's Wings

The commitment and the payment is a matter to be agreed between those carrying out  
the display and those making the request.  
Club officers sometimes act as facilitators between the parties.  
Neither the Club nor its officers receive payment for these events.

The committee suggest that this arrangement should continue

Proposed:- Margaret Watson Seconded:- Gwen Williams

Vote to adopt. Passed unanimously

### **Flying sites for Fly ins**

Club Fly In List 2006 2007 – agreed to keep to the 3rd Sunday of the month

2006

February 19th Sunday Roundhay Park, Leeds

March 19th Sunday New Brighton

April 16th Sunday Pontefract Racecourse

May 21st Sunday Otterspool

Note no fly in for June because of other events

June 3rd & 4th Beacon Park Festival NKG Festival

June ??? Fylde Kite Festival Flying Circus

June 24th. & 25th Wirral Kite Festival Flying Circus

July ??? Morecambe Catch the Wind Flying Circus

Note these three Flying Circus associated events are waiting for confirmation

July 22nd. & 23rd. Two day fly in at Bolton le Sands

Camping will be available at Red Bank Farm, further information will be published in the Magazine

August 20th Sunday Heath Common, Wakefield to be confirmed

Note the original location was Pontefract but this date is now a family race day

Note No fly in for September because of other events

September 16 & 17th Chester Racecourse Festival NKG Festival

September 24th Sunday Wakefield, Faceless Co NKG Invited

October 8th Sunday OSOW at Otterspool and Pontefract Race course

\*November 18th Saturday Otterspool Light Up the Sky

November 19th Sunday Roundhay Park Leeds

December 17th Xmas Fly in and Lunch at Otterspool and Stainland

2007

January 21st Sunday Annual General Meeting at Newton Heath

February 18th Sunday Roundhay Park, Leeds

It was agreed that Roundhay Park be assessed at the Fly in on February 2006 and if it was found unsuitable Pontefract racecourse may be used instead for the other fly ins

The acceptance of the list was

Proposed by:- Karen George Seconded by:- Simon Tebbutt

Passed unanimously

2006 Other Events

March 25th. & 26th. Ainsdale Beach For Information & NKG invited

May 13th & 14th. Cleethorpes Kite Festival For information

August 18 & 19th Ainsdale Beach For Information & NKG invited  
October 14 & 15th. Ainsdale Beach For Information & NKG invited

The Club has been asked to take over the flying displays for Taylor Park, St Helens further details will be issued when they are available.

Jim Potts asked members wishing to attend the Wood Vale event to obtain the passes from him and not ask the organisers for them

### **Public Liability Insurance**

The 2007 premium for the policy will cost over double the 2006 premium.

Zurich have given the following details for Public Liability insurance for a member to fly anywhere in the UK on their own.

A separate policy will be needed which will cost £6 per person per year and members under 16 can also obtain the insurance.

It would extend world wide but only for organised official events.

Members can choose whether to have the insurance or not but the list of names must be given to the Insurance Company.

Further details and a copy of the proposed policy will be obtained from Zurich.

The administrative and other arrangements will be have to be determined and the details will be published in the magazine.

### **Financing the Club**

The Treasurer stated that the Club's present healthy position depended upon moneys received directly or indirectly from local council's. It is not certain each year whether these funds will be available, nevertheless expenditure will rise in future.

The members were asked to give the committee delegated powers to increase the subscriptions before the next AGM if in the opinion of the committee the financial state of the club warrants it.

It was proposed that the committee be given delegated power on this one occasion to increase the subscriptions by no more than 8 pounds for individual members and no more than 2 pounds for Joint members before next year's AGM if in the opinion of the committee the financial state of the club warrants it.

Proposed by:- Stuart Baldwin Seconded by:- Joe Barnes

Passed by an overwhelming majority

### **BKFA**

No change has been made by BKFA to its organisation since last year and NKG committee recommend not to join for the same reason as last year

Proposed by:- Rodney Burrows Seconded by:- Mike Lewis

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 unanimously

### **Safety statement by Enid**

Enid reminded members to be diligent about safety even when attending an event run by another organisation, referring to the Safety article in the Spring 2005 NKG magazine.

Members were reminded of the need to have a Flying Safety officer of the day at fly ins to satisfy the insurers. The Secretary is Flying Safety officer of the day whenever he is present but in his absence one should be appointed by the members present. Members were reminded that the Flying Safety officer of the day has absolute discretion on the day for what is safe flying. The person appointed also has the ultimate sanction of suspending a member from the club for the day.

Dazzz will draft some rules on safety and we will consider making some laminated signs.

The committee will consider asking for volunteers to be safety officers for their local site for fly ins.

The club has been advised not to go overboard with large detailed risk assessments and that a simple list of rules should be sufficient.

### **Amendment to Constitution**

The club membership is increasing and the current quorum of 20% is becoming larger than the numbers we can expect to attend the meeting, the quorum was only just met this time.

Proposed Change to Quorum at General Meetings

Proposed that

Paragraph 5.2 be amended to read

A quorum of thirty members or twenty percent of the Club membership whichever is the lesser all aged 18 or over is required to conduct business.

Paragraph 6.4 be amended to read

A quorum of thirty members or twenty percent of the Club membership whichever is the lesser all aged 18 or over is required to conduct business.

Proposed by:- John Welborn Seconded by:- Dave Stead  
passed by an overwhelming majority

### **NKG Display Boards**

It was suggested that the existing boards be replaced with new ones lighter that are more portable. The old boards are too heavy and difficult to transport

It was proposed that the old boards be scrapped

Proposed By:- Dave Green Seconded by:- Gina Bellis

Passed by an overwhelming majority

It was proposed that new boards be made from materials that are light and easily carried.

Proposed by:- Mary Jones Seconded by:- Josie Bretherton

Passed by an overwhelming majority

The committee will get a quote from Dazzz plus any other volunteers for his/ their suggested design and give the go ahead if it is a reasonable amount .

Photographs will be taken of the old boards and if possible use made of any suitable items from them.

Any Other Business from Gwen Williams

### **NKG Banners**

The members should consider halving the price of new banner purchased by individual club members. It was pointed out that the current price is a one off discounted offer obtained by Dazzz and that future banners would cost £120 each. The possible liability incurred by the club members if this was agreed to could exceed the club's current reserves and therefore it was agreed that the proposal should not be considered.

### **Safety Officers**

The appointment of Safety Officers was covered in Enid's Safety statement.

### **Club Clothing**

The Club should adopt a single colour for Club clothing say Royal blue , its traditional colour.

Enid explained that the current arrangement agreed by the committee was for members to have any colour that was available from the suppliers with the club logo embroidered on it. There have been a variety of items supplied from dressings gowns and large bath towels to reversible jackets.

It was proposed that in future, clothing of only one colour, Royal Blue be supplied to members.

Proposed by:- Gwen Williams Seconded by:- Ann Othick

Passed unanimously

### **Vote of Thanks**

It was explained to members that the Club's excellent website existed because of the work of Peter Bindon in setting it up and maintaining it and because of Malcolm Pitchers generosity in hosting it free and obtaining registration of the name with Nominet.

Formal Votes of Thanks were given  
to Peter Bindon Webmaster,  
to Malcolm Pitcher Website hosting,

and also to Fiona Lewis for taking notes for the AGM minutes.  
The members voted unanimously in favour.

## **7. Election of Officers**

The existing officers offered to stand for re election

Proposed by:- Frank Hardman Seconded by:- Dave Green  
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 Daryl Smith ( Dazzz)

Auditor Karen George

Proposed by:- Enid Knowles Seconded by:- Julie Tebbutt

That the Constitution paragraph 5.7 be amended to have only one auditor

A vote of thanks was also made to the Committee Members for all their hard work  
over the last year.