

Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group
held on 21st. January 2007 at The All Saints Community Hall, Newton Heath

Trophy Winners

Best Kite Large	Karen George	Presented by Ron Ogden
Best Kite Small	Julie Tebbutt	Presented by Edna Booth
Open Altitude Sprint (Beacon Park)	Dave Green	Presented by Aled Lewis
Ladies altitude Sprint (Beacon Park)	Gwen Williams	Presented by Aled Lewis

Present

Ron Ogden (Honorary President), Enid Knowles (Chairman)
John Welborn (Secretary), Mary Jones (Treasurer), Dazzz Daryl Smith (Editor)
Karen George (Honorary Auditor), Edna Booth (Invited Guest)

Stuart Baldwin, Flo & Joe Barnes, Gina & John Bellis, Josie Bretherton,
John Brainwood, Rodney Burrows, Dennis Chappell, Bernard Crick, Rodger Dawson,
Neil Edwards, Ted Hearn, Frank & Jennifer Hardman, Dave Green, Fred Kaz,
Tony Kidd, Fiona & Aled Lewis, Reg Lever, Peter & June Lightfoot, Mike Lewis,
Elsie Ogden, Geoff & Ann Othick, Jim & Vanessa Potts, Colin Savage
Jim & Carol Simpson, Raymond & Sheila Smith, Steve Robinson
Simon Tebbutt, Marie Welborn, Margaret & Gene Watson, Gwen Williams,
(This is the list of members who signed in. The 46 present met the quorum required to
conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of
the quorum)

Apologies

Alan Bole, Selwyn and Joan Forster , Mark Welborn, Gwil & Lena Williams,
Jack & Mary Cunningham, Paul Catchpole, David Gibbon, Phil & Lyn Howden
Dennis & Pat Emslie, Keith & Lorna Proctor, Julie Tebbutt,

Report of the Committee

Enid Knowles presented the report of the committee and thanked everyone for coming
and for donating the prizes for the raffle. The Club had another good year with good
co-operation from members. Light up the Sky raised around £2106 for Children in
Need, Gwen Williams organised the permissions and licences needed to collect the
money. Enid carried out the liaison with the Council who required much more
infrastructure and safety requirements than last year's event.

Editor's Report

The magazine has come in on budget again this year including fees from advertisers.
Dazzz commented that the closure of some kite traders may affect things in the
coming year. Thanks were offered to those who have contributed articles in the past
year.

The display boards are being changed into the form of a horizontal banner with items
fixed on with velcro. Laminated photos of the old boards provided by Tony Kidd
were displayed at the meeting . Members were asked to provided photos of Club
activities, people and kites. to add to the display. The items displayed on the banner
can be changed when necessary by using the velcro fastenings.

Annual Accounts

Copies of the balance sheet were provided at the meeting and will be printed in the next magazine. The accounts showed a healthy balance at the year end but there was no insurance premium shown in this year's figures. Most of the surplus came from the donations to the Club and the auction. Expenditure has increased this year particularly the insurance premium which has increased to £556-50 more than double.

It was pointed out by the Treasurer that already £1000 had been spent in the last few weeks.. It was also noted that the income from donations cannot be relied on every year.

The accounts had been audited by Karen George

Proposed:-Simon Tebbutt

Seconded:-Stuart Baldwin

The Accounts for 2006 be adopted

Passed unanimously

It was proposed that the committee be given delegated power on this one occasion to increase the subscriptions up to no more than 8 pounds for individual members and up to 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:-Simon Tebbutt

Seconded by:-

Stuart Baldwin

Passed by an overwhelming majority

Any Other Business

Future Direction of the Club

Association with Dave Holt Festivals & Kite Collective

It was pointed out that the Club receives a donation if sufficient members attend the events. Last year it was agreed with Dave Holt for one of the events that the Club did not receive a donation.

The proposed events for this year is as follows

Bolton April

Halewood May

Blackpool June

Morecombe July

New Brighton Wirral Festival July

It was noted that Andrew Beattie and Kathleen would be married at the Festival

Festivals 2007

Beacon Park Festival — 2/3 June

Chester Festival -- 22/23 September

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

Festivals NKG were asked to attend

Wakefield Festival 2006 (organised by Faceless)

A donation of £100 was made to Club funds

Taylor Park 2007 the date to be fitted in with Wakefield and Chester Festivals

Harewood House 2007 The Club had been asked to fly kites at Harewood House this year , it was agreed that John Welborn and Jim Potts follow up the request as soon as possible and agree a suitable date.

Flying sites for Fly ins

A discussion took place about fly ins and other commitments

The Club pays Wakefield Council a fee of £30 for a licence to fly at Pontefract Racecourse.

Enid has informed the Rangers of all the Otterspool Fly In dates.

Camping at Bolton le Sands Fly in will be co-ordinated by Enid , please book and pay in advance to Enid who will then pass on the bookings to the Farmer

Light Up the Sky It was pointed out that this could be done earlier in the year , one option was to combine it with OSOW but it was considered by the meeting that they should be kept as separate events due to their very different purposes.

A discussion took place about whether or not to invite the public to participate in the LUTS event. This leads to greater organisation and infrastructure requirements from the Council. It was generally agreed that we should not downgrade this event but should encourage members to collect for it and to get sponsorship but not officially invite the public to this event.

The final date and other details will be determined later by Gwen Williams and her team.

Club Fly In List 2007 - 2008

2007

21st Jan AGM

18th Feb Roundhay Park

18th Mar New Brighton contact needed to ensure space is free on this date.
Neil Edwards to contact the local council for permission etc.

15th Apr Pontefract Race Course John Welborn to renew the licence

20th May Otterspool

17th June No Fly-in due to local events (Beacon, Wirral)

21st . & 22nd .July Bolton le-Sands two day fly in (Tide dependant)
note that Enid will receive bookings for camping with payment in advance and pass them on to the campsite

19th Aug The date and location for the August fly in will be decided by the committee when other festival dates and commitments are known

22nd & 23rd. Sept Chester Festival

Sept Wakefield Kite Festival (date to be confirmed Faceless have noted NKG other commitments in September)

14th Oct OSOW Otterspool and Pontefract

Nov ? Light Up The Sky (date to be Confirmed, it may be earlier in the month or in October)

18th Nov Sunday Roundhay Park

16th Dec Xmas Fly-in Stainland & Otterspool

2008

20th Jan AGM at Newton Heath

17th Feb Roundhay Park

16th Mar New Brighton

The acceptance of the list was

Proposed by:- Fred Kaz

Seconded by:- Rodney Burrows

Passed with an overwhelming majority

Public Liability Insurance

The Zurich Public Liability insurance Policy for a member to fly anywhere in the UK on their own has been set up with around 81 members taking part.

Each person is sent a letter giving a summary of the insurance details by the Club Secretary and their names are sent to Zurich Municipal .

It was stressed that it is important that members respond quickly to the Secretary when asked to renew the insurance otherwise the insurance policy could be lost.

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, currently member subscriptions do not cover general running expenses.

The meeting was asked by the committee to consider that in future lunch is not provided at the AGM . The cost was £257 and a contribution of £1 was asked from members.

Often the numbers attending has been overestimated and the per head cost considerably increased from its base of £4-10 per head.

Any Other Business from members

Beacon Park Festival

The committee considered that a large tent was needed for use at Beacon Park Festival, however the Council would only provide one if it was used for a kite workshop run by NKG. The committee felt that the Club members would not want to run a kite workshop for the whole period of the Festival.

The only other options were to hire one from a local group, hire one commercially or to buy one for the Club. After a discussion about the need and the possible ways of obtaining one the following proposals was made

It was proposed that the committee be left to decide the appropriate course of action for obtaining a large tent.

Proposer Frank Hardman

Secunder Josie. Bretherton

passed by a large majority

A discussion took place about the siting of the arena and the possibility of moving further down the field where the wind is usually better
A request was also made about siting toilets on the field itself closer to the camping.

Enid would discuss these matters with the Park Rangers

NKG Kites

Bernard Crick talked through his proposals for an NKG kite to a standard design that each member could make or obtain. The Club could then have mass fly.
Members were asked to submit ideas for such a kite.

Proposer – Gwen Williams

Secunder – Dazz Smith

Sew Ins

Fred Kaz suggested that informal sew ins in addition to the more formal workshops would be useful for members to swap ideas and learn from each other. This was accepted generally as a good idea.

LUTS

Gwen reported on the results for this year
£2106 was raised in total including the following
£228 in donations £123 in lucky bags £87 collections
£342 from the auction £1071 in sponsorship

A vote of thanks was given to Gwen for organising Luts

Kite Library

Neil Edwards gave an explanation of the arrangements for the library, previously kept by Jack Cunningham, which is now being run via the website forum.
It covers books, some kites, videos etc.

Requests for items are made via the forum and the person holding the item is responsible for posting on to the person wanting it next. If a person leaves the Club they must send the item back to us.

Dazzz agreed to put a piece in the magazine about it and also offered to operate the system on behalf of any member who did not have access to the Club's website.

Vote of Thanks

It was explained to members that the Club's website existed because of the work of Peter Bindon Webmaster and because of Malcolm Pitcher's generosity in hosting it free on his own server.

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

and also to Karen George Honorary Auditor .
The members voted unanimously in favour.

7. Election of Officers

The existing officers offered to stand for re election

Proposed by:-Jo Barnes **Seconded by:-**Dennis Chappell

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)

Honorary Auditor Karen George

Proposed – Frank Hardman **Seconded** – Simon Tebbutt

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

The meeting was closed by the Chairman