

**Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group**  
held on 20<sup>th</sup>. January 2008 at The All Saints Community Hall, Newton Heath

**Trophy Winners**

Best Kite Large	Stuart Baldwin	Presented by Enid
Best Kite Small	Paul Catchpole	Presented by Enid
Open Altitude Sprint (Beacon Park)	Simon Tebbutt	Presented by Aled Lewis
Ladies altitude Sprint (Beacon Park)	Gwen Williams	Presented by Enid

**Present**

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

Gillian & Phil Ashton , Stuart Baldwin, Joe and Flo Barnes, John Braidwood,  
Gina & John Bellis, Josie Bretherton, John Braidwood, Rodney Burrows,  
Paul Catchpole, Dennis Chappell, Bernard Crick, Rodger Dawson,  
Alan and Carol Doncaster ,Neil Edwards, Frank & Jennifer Hardman, Dave Holt, ,  
Phil and Lynn Howden, Sally Humpage, Fiona & Aled Lewis, Mike Lewis,  
Peter & June Lightfoot , Elsie Ogden, Ian Parkes, Jim & Vanessa Potts, Peter Fisher,  
Stephen and Dorothy Ransom, Colin Savage, Dave Stead, Jim & Carol Simpson,  
Raymond & Sheila Smith, Simon & Julia Tebbutt, Marie Welborn,  
Margaret & Gene Watson, Gwen Williams,

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 54 present met the quorum required to conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of the quorum)

**Apologies**

Chrissy and Nigel Bailey , Alan Bole , Dave Bleasdale, Paul and Jacqueline Batstone ,  
Nigel Beard and Michelle Darren, Danielle, Louise and Lauren ,  
John & Barbara Baker, Jack & Mary Cunningham, Selwyn and Joan Forster ,  
Dave Green , Tony Kidd , Di Mottram, Steve Palmer and Lynne Robinson,  
Sue Ryder and Dale, Liam and Luke , Tony Slater, Steve Robinson , Mark Welborn  
and Zoe Lee, Gwil & Lena Williams , Bri Williamson,

**Report of the Committee**

Enid outlined the years' activities and how successful the Festivals had been, especially the small but excellent one at Silloth.

The Scout Group local to Beacon park had loaned us a large tent , erected it and took it away afterwards. They have asked us to help with a kite activity . Enid agreed and asked for some members to assist on 23<sup>rd</sup>. February 2008 . Scout Leaders will be taught how to make a simple sled and then how to run a workshop for their own scouts .

Due to the clash of dates for the Wirral and Beacon Festivals and the fact that a number of our members are committed to the Wirral Festival the commentary at Beacon will have to be done by a rota of members this time. Please volunteer for this nearer the time . Neil Edwards and Phil Howden offered to act as auctioneers.

Enid asked **Jim Potts** to report on the Harewood Events for 2008

The Festival is on for 17<sup>th</sup>.& 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 with camping on the North Lawn from Friday. The NKG will receive £200 for attending this event.

The Club has been asked also to fly on 14<sup>th</sup>. March on Friday night at 6-0pm with lights on kites as part of the house opening . An invitation to drinks in the house is extended to members afterwards. Camping is allowed on the North lawn Friday night Saturday night and Sunday.

The house is having a Chinese theme and some Chinese kites should be flown.

The club may also be asked to attend an event on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2nd November to mark the closure of the season at Harewood.

Enid asked **Dave Holt** to report on his Festivals.

The Last Drop Village event, near Bolton is on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. (Easter Sunday)

Morecambe is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>. July

Bolton in August

Moss Bank Park is still being arranged, it could be May Day , Spring Bank or August Bank and camping will be available

Halewood and Blackpool will not be on this year. Halewood has no external funding and Blackpool are having an air race this time.

Dave explained the organisational problems over foreign flyers for Bedford and Wirral causing the clash with Beacon Park . Bedford were the lead Council and were unable to move their dates. Dave assured us that everything possible is done to avoid clashes and that he always budgets for a donation to the NKG for supporting his events. Members were reminded by Enid that the donation depends upon sufficient members being present .

Ian Parkes – the NW Stack Representative – gave an update on Stack events that had taken place during 2007 and proposed events for 2008.

Proposals for 2008 include ‘Better Flying Days’ focusing on tricks, precision flying etc. Suggested they take place and link into NKG Fly-in’s at Leeds and Pontefract.

### **Editor’s Report**

Dazz gave a short report and apologised for the lack of advertising in the last magazine, he had damaged his computer in a flood losing many of his files. He thanked all those who contributed articles and photos over the year.

### **Annual Accounts**

Mary reviewed the accounts. The healthy state of the finances was due to the donations received by the Club . She explained that the short version in the magazine had formatting problems with an extra figure (£ 825 ) appearing in the expenditure column, this was a sub total of the donations and should have been hidden. Reserves are very healthy and are needed to keep the club sustained.

The full audited accounts version was available for inspection at the meeting.

The accounts had been audited by Karen George

**Proposed:- Frank Hardman**

**Seconded:- Dave Stead**

The Accounts for 2007 be adopted.

**Passed** unanimously



<b>Contacts</b>	Banners, Falcons, Workshop	Dazzz
	NKG Clothing	Enid
	NKG Logo Kite	John

John Welborn to co ordinate full list of names

### **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. The proposed events for this year is as follows

Events at Moss Bank Bolton	April
Morecombe	July

### **Festivals 2008**

**Beacon Park Festival -7/8 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.

Enid reported that the committee had agreed that Russell Kirk prepare an "Awards for All" submission for funding for both the Beacon Park and the Chester Festivals - £10,000 over 2 years. It is hoped that this will ensure the future of the Festivals for another two years. The Councils will still provide the necessary infrastructure for the Festivals .

### **Festivals NKG Have been asked to attend**

**Wakefield Festival 2008** ( organised by Faceless )

**Taylor Park 2008** the date to be fitted in with Wakefield and Chester Festivals

**Harewood House 2008**      **March and May**      **Jim Potts**

### **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

An evening drinks and nibbles in the new farm café can be arranged.

The tides are unsuitable for the usual dates in July so it is proposed to change to August

### **Club Fly In List 2008 - 2009**

#### **2008**

20<sup>th</sup> . Jan      AGM

17th Feb      Roundhay ParkLeeds

- 14<sup>th</sup>/ 15<sup>th</sup> . /16th Mar Harewood House asked for Friday night fly with lights on kites camping is available over the weekend.  
The house is having a Chinese theme this year.
- 20th April Pontefract Race course STACK to include a better flying day
- 17<sup>th</sup> . / 18th May Harewood House Festival week end
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June Beacon Park Festival
- 15th June Fleetwood
- 13th July Morecombe Festival to be the Fly in
- 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup>.August Bolton le Sands two day fly in ( tides not suitable in July )
- 14<sup>th</sup> . Sept Wakefield Kite Festival (To be confirmed)
- 20<sup>th</sup> . / 21<sup>st</sup> . Sept Chester Festival to be confirmed
- 5<sup>th</sup> October Taylor Park, St Helens
- 12<sup>th</sup> .Oct OSOW Otterspool and Pontefract
- Light Up The Sky ( date to be Confirmed) possibly 18<sup>th</sup> . October
- 16th Nov New Brighton
- 14<sup>th</sup> . Dec Xmas Fly-in Stainland & Otterspool - change in dates from 21st Dec. Proposed by Mary Jones, Seconded by Marie Welborn

## **2009**

- 18th Jan AGM Newton Heath
- 15th Feb New Brighton
- 15 / 22<sup>nd</sup> . Mar Pontefract Racecourse or Harewood if requested

The acceptance of the list was

**Proposed by:-**Roger Dawson      **Seconded by:-**Flo Barnes

**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.

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.  
Zurich have been asked if cover can be extended for small R/C helicopters  
John will follow up on this

## **The Secretary made the following Statement on Safeguarding Children**

### **Secretary's Statement on Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006**

*The Club will be affected by this Act and Children are defined in the Act as persons under 18.*

*The Act requires anyone carrying out activities with children such as teaching, training, instruction or caring, paid or unpaid to register for continuous monitoring. Proof of identity will be required and Criminal Records Bureau checks may also have to be carried out.*

*Application will be through the existing CRB umbrella bodies. Registration will be free for volunteers but the umbrella body can charge an administration fee as now. Applicants will be given an Independent Safeguarding Authority registration number.*

*The Act defines Regulated activity and also a Regulated activity provider and it creates a new body called The Independent Safeguarding Authority .*

*There will be a long transitional phase for implementation beginning in Autumn 2008 but people wanting to carry out activities with children must register then unless they are already employed or active with a volunteer group carrying out on those duties. New applicants or those changing groups or employer must register in Autumn 2008*

*The Act creates several new **criminal offences** with a £5000 fine and / or prison. The most relevant are*

- 1 Carrying out a activities with children , when not subject to monitoring.*
- 2 Providing someone to carry out activities with children i.e. acting as a Regulated Activity Provider but not checking the individual's status. .*
- 3 A Provider failing to refer relevant information to the Safeguarding Authority.*
- 4 Carrying out activities with children **or** applying to do so when barred .*

*These rules still apply even if parents are accompanying the child*

*The committee members are jointly and severally liable for the offence in 2 & 3 above. Individuals are personally liable for offences **1.& 4***

*The committee will have to change some of the Club rules when more is known about the implementation of the Act next year.*

*The committee is asking for enabling powers from the AGM to make rules . Such rules to be ratified or otherwise at the next AGM or a Special GM . Any breach of the new rules could result in the member being expelled from the Club and reported to the Independent Safeguarding Authority .*

**Proposed Dave Stead Seconded Josie Bretherton that**  
The committee be given special powers to change the Club rules as they believe necessary to comply with the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 .

The changes made under these powers will only continue until the next AGM, or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, where the rules will be ratified, amended or withdrawn. If necessary legal advice will be sought.

**Passed** overwhelming majority

### **Amendment to the Constitution**

John explained the reasons for the amendments and it was proposed that they be agreed en bloc

*restriction on foreign members*

#### **Paragraph 2.0 Membership**

2.1 Membership is open to all who are permanently resident in Great Britain and not in breach of the British immigration laws.

#### **Paragraph 2.7 when membership starts**

2.7 Club membership begins when a prospective member has signed the application form, paid the appropriate fee and handed the form and the fee either to a committee member or to a person authorised by the committee to receive it . For applications by post, membership starts when the Treasurer receives the application form and the fee. A dishonoured cheque renders membership void from the date the form was signed.

#### **Paragraph 11 Leaving the Club**

##### **Add to Paragraph 11.1**

When a full member relinquishes membership then all associated joint members must also relinquishes membership, unless one of them who is 18 or over becomes the full member and has the other joint members associated with them.

**Add 11.4** A person who was a full or joint member but now resides outside the UK and wishes to maintain contact with the club may request to be sent a copy of the Club magazine. The appropriate fee to cover the costs of doing so will be determined on a case by case basis by the committee and reviewed annually.

#### **Paragraph 6 Special General Meetings**

**6.1** Twenty Club members aged 18 or over can instruct one of the officers to call a Special General Meeting or any two of the officers can call a Special General Meeting. The meeting to be held at a suitable location at a specified time, giving at least four weeks notice. ( The notice can be issued via the magazine )

**6.2** The main business to be transacted will be that notified in writing to the committee , by the members or officers requiring the meeting.

#### **Paragraph 8.1 Expulsion**

**Add to 8.1** A member expelled from membership by the committee loses all rights and responsibilities of membership from the date of the committee's decision. The member is no longer covered by the Club policy . The personal liability cover

administered by the Club is also withdrawn. An associated Joint member over 18 can take over the Full membership to allow associated joint members to retain membership. If there is no such member all associated joint members must relinquish membership.

If an appeal to the Annual General Meeting is successful then all rights and responsibilities are restored from the date of the Annual General Meeting decision.

### **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 definition of child as under 18**

Paragraph 2.2 amend to over 18

**Paragraph 10** Replace existing heading with **Safeguarding Children** and replace existing wording with the following

**10.1** Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who is a Club member at all Club activities including Club attended events.  
**or** Close family members who are Club members can have close family children under their care and supervision.

**10.2** Children under 18 can only be joint members and can be associated with a parent or legal guardian who is a Club member **or** a Close family member who is a Club member.

The child under 18 must be under the care and supervision as above **at all times** during their attendance at Club activities . Teaching , training or taking care of Club members' children under 18 by other Club members is forbidden at Club activities, unless it is done as a friend of the parents as defined by the **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006** .

**10.3** For the avoidance of doubt the Club does not accept a duty of care to any children accompanying or associated with Club members at Club activities.

The above amendments be agreed en bloc

**Proposed** by Rodney burrows  
**passed** by an overwhelming majority

**Seconded** by Dave Holt

### **British Kite Flying Association**

It has not made appropriate changes to its organisation and the committee recommend that the Club does not join.

Proposed 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.

**Proposed** by Rodney Burrows **Seconded** by John Welborn  
**Passed** with an overwhelming majority

### **Safety statement by Enid**

Enid reminded members to be diligent about safety even when attending an event run by another organisation.

Members were reminded of the need to have a Flying Safety Officer of the day at fly ins to satisfy the insurers.

Enid asked members to make sure they mark stakes and lines when tethering Kites especially at fly ins. Enid also asked that tethered kites are kept under observation at all times.

A safety statement by Enid will be included in the next Kite magazine.

### **Any Other Business from members**

#### **Library**

**Neil Edwards** thanked members for donations and asked for any members with kites or books they no longer use to consider donating them to the library.

He also thanked Di Mottram for the generous donation of the kite arch made by Helen Howes of Raindrops kites to be known as the DonandDi arch.

It was agreed that the committee would consider requests for the purchase of items for the library.

**Neil Edwards** raised the matter of weekly flying at New Brighton. It was considered that it would be more appropriate for those flying there to have personal insurance (through Zurich or otherwise ) than to add it to the official flying list. Request also made that Fano be nominated as a foreign site for insurance.

#### **NKG 30<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary**

**Ron Ogden ( Honorary President )** told the meeting that the Club is 30 years old on 25<sup>th</sup>. November 2008

The Committee will decide what to do to celebrate this birthday . It could be an embroidered badge or a special edition of the magazine or even a birthday cake .

#### **Special Altitude Sprint**

John Welborn said that a trophy had been found and could be used for a special altitude sprint competition.

A few members had talked about a special altitude sprint where all competitors used the same type of kite e.g. all box kites or all fighter kites or even first to reach the height of an existing kite .

A competition will be organised for the trophy at a Festival this year to see if members wish to take it up the idea . The kite type will be announced on the day to suit wind conditions.

#### **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** – Simon Tebbett                      **Secunder** – Frank Hardman  
That the existing officers be re elected en bloc

### **Passed by an overwhelming majority**

The officers are as follows

<b>Chairman</b>	Enid Knowles
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mary Jones
<b>Secretary</b>	John Welborn
<b>Editor</b>	Daryl Smith (Dazzz)

**Honorary Auditor**    Karen George

**Passed** by overwhelming majority

**The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman**