

Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group

Held on 15th January 2012 at The St Thomas's Church Hall Moorside, Oldham

Present

Gwen Williams (Chairman), Dave Bleasdale (Secretary), Mary Jones (Treasurer), Daryl Smith (Editor)

Fred Kaczalski, Jock & Peter Walker, Dave Stead, John Braidwood, Sally Humpage, Peter & June Lightfoot, Jim & Vanessa Potts, Keith Proctor, Jennifer & Frank Hardman, Colin Savage, Pam Evans, Ken Savage, Barb Savage, Marie & John Welborn, Josie Bretherton, Rodney Burrows, Tony Kidd, Denis & Janet Riley, Steve Ransome, Bernard Crick, Carol & Len Royles, Simon Cooper, Kevin Mullarkey, Joe & Flo Barnes, David Green, Edward Pugh.

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 38 present met the quorum required to conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of The quorum)

Apologies

Harry Allick, Peter Heayns, Josh Mitcheson, Sue Storey, Pete Nelson, Diane Mottram, Tony & Marie Dane, Colin Perry, Stuart Baldwin, Roger Dawson, Mark & Zoe Welborn, Mike Lewis, Ken Caine, Selwyn Forster, Dave Holt, Peggy Lever, Dorothy Ransome, Craig Harby, Sue Kennedy.

Previous Minutes

Copies of minutes from the previous AGM were circulated around the room & they were accepted as a true & accurate record.

Proposed: Frank Hardman

Seconded: Jock Walker

“The minutes were a true & accurate record of the 2011 AGM”

Passed: Unanimously

Chairman's Report

Gwen welcomed all the members to the 9th AGM & introduced the committee to any new members followed by a report on the group's activities over the past 12 months. It has been a sad year with the loss of Gina Bellis, Denis Emslie, Alan Bethune, & Mary Cunningham, all will be sadly missed.

Members had attended many events around the country throughout the year along with our own events at Beacon & Chester and the new Western Lake District Event which was a great success. Auctions were held at Beacon & Light Up the Sky with some of the proceeds being donated to Children in Need. Light Up The Sky was a great success with a record number of families attending. Thanks to Colin Savage for his homemade sled kites that were very popular with the children.

With 2012 being the year of the Olympics & the Queens Diamond Jubilee Gwen asked the members to think how we can mark these occasions at our events in the coming year.

We should also use these events to boost the popularity of kiting as a hobby/sport to all ages & again asked for ideas on how we can promote kiting.

Treasurers Report / Annual Accounts

Mary reviewed the accounts. The group finished the year in a better financial position than the previous year, part of the reason for this was the increase in money we received for attending events. The money raised at Light Up The Sky plus half the proceeds from the auction at

Beacon came to a total of £1066 donated to children in need. Membership numbers were roughly the same as last year.

The full audited accounts version was available for inspection at the meeting. The accounts had been audited by Karen George.

Proposed: Dave Stead **Seconded:** Dave Green

“The accounts for 2011 be adopted”

Passed: Unanimously

Editors Report

Dazzz reported that the position of NKG editor is still open & would help anyone wishing to take over the position. The newsletter had now moved into an e-mail format with those not on e-mail getting a paper copy. Dazzz apologised for missing the summer Newsletter. Members were reminded to let the secretary know if they changed their e-mail address. Members were also encouraged to provide articles, reports etc for the newsletter no matter how small. Tony Kidd thanked Dazzz for all his effort on the magazine over the last 7 years.

Club Fly In List for 2012 – 2013

2011

19 th February	New Brighton / Pontefract
18 th March	Roundhay / Beacon
15 th April	Crosby
19 th /20 th May	Harewood
16 th /17 th June	Beacon Park Festival
15 th July	Ainsdale
19 th August	Fleetwood
22 nd /23 rd September	Chester Kite Festival (to be confirmed)
14 th October	Otterspool / Pontefract – One Sky One World
21 st October	Otterspool - Light Up The Sky
18 th November	Roundhay / Beacon
9 th December	Stainland / Otterspool – Xmas Fly in

2013

20 th January	AGM – Oldham
17 th February	New Brighton / Pontefract
17 th March	Roundhay / Beacon

The acceptance of the list was

Proposed: Mary Jones **Seconded:** Tony Kidd

Passed: Unanimously

Updates from Jim Potts & Dave Holt

Jim informed the membership that the 1st Western Lake District Kite Festival had been a great success last year & we have been asked to do it again this year. There will be free camping, a full programme of events & commentary by George Webster. For those camping once again the Natural England camping guide lines MUST be followed. Harewood arrangements will be same as previous years, but this year they have also asked if members would fly kites with lights on Saturday night. We have also been invited to the Autumn Glory event at Harewood with the possibility of it being a week long event with camping available for the entire week. Woodvale same again as previous years, Jim did stress that it was one pass per application & that a condition of getting this pass was that you did contribute to the kite display.

The Secretary thanked Jim for all his help & assistance organising the NKG events.

In Dave Holt's absence Dazzz reported that the budget for Wirral had been cut in half so there will be far less international fliers there this year & that only the centre dip will be used this year.

Public Liability Insurance/Safety

The Zurich Public Liability Insurance for Individuals had been taken up by 72 members in 2011. The renewal date for the policy is July 2011 the members were asked to respond quickly when the renewal notice was sent out.

Height Limits & Rules

General Rule	Maximum height 60 meters
5km from an Airport	Maximum height 30 meters (otterspool is less than 5km)

The Secretary informed the members about CAA regulations regarding the use of Sky Lanterns

After a short discussion it was proposed that Sky Lanterns are banned at all NKG events & festivals.

Proposed: Dave Bleasdale **Seconded:** Steve Ransom

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Passed: Unanimously

Any Other Business from Members.

Use of Arena Space

Gwen said there was concern from some members who fly smaller traditional single line kites about the amount of space they have in the arena at certain events due to the growing number of large inflatable kites. The committee all agreed that fliers of all size, shape & type of kite are welcome at all NKG events & will endeavour to ensure that space is provided for everyone. All fliers were also asked to be considerate to other fliers when setting up/launching a kite

Forum & Gallery Usage

Gwen encouraged members to use the excellent forum & gallery facilities we have on the NKG website. Both the forum & Gallery are great places to share information on anything kite related.

It was also agreed to set up a “Northern Kite Group” Facebook page for a trial period, as this is another method of communication for NKG members. Dazzz agreed to look into this.

Disabled Toilets

Concern was raised about the lack disabled toilets or distance they are from the flying arena at some NKG events. The committee agreed to discuss this with event organisers.

NKG Library

Tony Kidd has very kindly offered to take over the running of the NKG library.

Kites For Sale

Sadly Sharon & Liam Waring and John Braidwood will be leaving the club and will be selling all or some of their large collection of kites in the near future.

Election of Officers

Mary Jones the Treasurer did not wish to continue in the role as Treasurer in its current format and suggested that the additional position of "Membership Secretary" be created to deal with new memberships & membership renewals & Mary would continue in the role as Treasurer looking after the groups accounts.

It was agreed that this would be a good idea but to allow this the constitution needed to be changed to include the position of "Membership Secretary". The secretary outlined the changes required.

It was proposed that the new position of Membership Secretary be created & that the constitution be changed to accommodate this.

Proposed: Dave Bleasdale

Seconded: Jim Potts

Passed: Unanimously

Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer offered to be re elected
The Editor resigned

No one stood for position of Editor

It was proposed that the rest of the existing officers be re elected en block:

Chairman	Gwen Williams
Secretary	Dave Bleasdale
Treasurer	Mary Jones

Keith Proctor offered to stand for position of Membership Secretary

Proposed: Jim Potts

Seconded: John Welborn

Passed: Unanimously

As no one had stood for the position of editor Dazzz kindly offered to keep the newsletter ticking over until a permanent Editor came forward.

Kite Building Competition

The results for the Mary & Jack Cunningham Kite Building Cup were:

First:	Flo Barnes
Second:	Gwen Williams

The kite for next year can be any style & size but it must have an "OLYMPIC" theme.

Altitude Cup Presentation

Open Altitude Sprint Winner:	John Welborn
Ladies Altitude Sprint Winner:	Gwen Williams

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.