

Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group

Held on 10th February 2013 at The St Thomas's Church Hall Moorside, Oldham

Present

Gwen Williams (Chairman), Dave Bleasdale (Secretary), Mary Jones (Treasurer), Keith Proctor (Membership Secretary)

David Stead, Sally Humpage, Peter & June Lightfoot, Vanessa & Jim Potts, Jennifer & Frank Hardman, Colin Savage, Ken Savage, Marie & John Welborn, Tony Kidd, Janet & Denis Riley, Carol & Len Royles, David Green, Edward Pugh, Lee Simpson, Sarah Hemsley, David Holt, Lynn Bleasdale, Pat May, Mark Jones & Bernard Crick.

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 30 present met the quorum required to conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of The quorum)

Apologies

Jock & Peter Walker, Harry & Pat Allick, Peter Heayns, Josh Mitcheson, Sue Storey, Pete Nelson, Nicola Robertson, Tony & Marie Dane, Mark & Zoe Welborn, Mike Lewis, Steve & Dorothy Ransome, Craig Harby, Sue Kennedy, Simon Cooper, Dot Mansley, Richard Greenwood, Kevin Mullarkey, Angela Green & Roger Dix

Previous Minutes

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

Proposed: David Stead **Seconded:** John Welborn
"The minutes were a true & accurate record of the 2012 AGM"

Passed: Unanimously

Chairman's Report

Gwen welcomed the members to the 10th AGM & followed with a report on the group's activities over the past 12 months.

2012 had been a bad year with the cancellation of events including Drifffield, Chester, Woodvale & Taylor Park. The membership numbers were down in 2012 & Gwen said we need to look at ways to revitalise the group & encourage new & younger members. Neil Edwards has now taken on the position of editor, Gwen thanked Dazzz for the years he had been editor & his work as a committee member. People were encouraged to use the forum as it was a good means to communicate news about events & many other things.

Treasurers Report / Annual Accounts

Mary reviewed the accounts. Due to a fall in the membership numbers the groups income had fallen compared to previous figures. The figures Mary presented did not include the insurance for 2013 or the secretaries expenses which totalled approx £880. Due to the fall in membership fees & increase in insurance premium the insurance plus the committee expenses are now more than membership fees. Mary said if this was to continue an increase in membership fees would have to be considered. At this point a proposal was made from the floor that Individual member fees be increased from £7 to £10 in 2014

The full audited accounts version was available for inspection at the meeting & Mary thanked Karen George for auditing the accounts.

Proposed: Dave Green

Seconded: Mark Jones

“The accounts for 2011 be adopted & Individual Member fee's be increased to £10 in 2014”

Passed: Unanimously

Editors Report

Neil Edwards introduced himself to the membership & outlined his aims for the newsletter. There will continue to be 4 newsletters per year in electronic format emailed to the members, January, April, July & October with the deadline for articles being a month prior. Neil encouraged the members to submit articles for the magazine & thanked Pam Evans who had volunteered to print & post the magazine to those not on email.

Club Fly In List for 2013 – 2014

2013

April 14th	Otterspool
April 21st	Fleetwood
May 11th/12th	Western Lake District Kite Festival
May 18th/19th	Harewood House Kite Festival
June 22nd/23rd	Beacon Park Kite Festival
July 20th/21st	Silloth Kite Festival
July 27th/28th	St Anne's Kite Festival
August 11th	Otterspool
August 18th	Fleetwood
September 15th	Worden Park Leyland (Wakefield + Taylor Park)
September 22nd	Wakefield Kite Festival (Provisional)
September 29th	Taylor Park Kite Day
October 13th	OSOW @ Pontefract Racecourse & Otterspool
October 20th	LUTS @ Otterspool
November 2nd/3rd	Harewood House Autumn Glory
November 17th	Beacon Park
December 8th	Otterspool Xmas

2014

January 12th	Pontefract Racecourse
January 19th	Newbrighton Dips
February 16th	AGM
March 9th	Middleton Park Leeds
March 16th	Crosby

The acceptance of the list was

Proposed: Len Royles

Seconded: David Stead

Passed: Unanimously

Updates from Jim Potts & Dave Holt

Dave informed the members that the budget for the Wirral festival had been cut & would hopefully know in the next weeks if the event can go ahead. The Catch the Wind Festival at Morecambe is on again this year & is an event the organisers would like to grow. Dave said the event had been poorly supported by the NKG members in the past but if sufficient members did support it he would be able to make a significant donation to the group. There is no date as yet for Moss Bank park in Bolton, he again urged the membership to support the event to justify a financial donation to the group.

Jim informed the membership that both Harewood events & the Western Lake District were confirmed events with the same format as previous years. The event organisers are still trying to get Woodvale back on this year but it is looking unlikely. Jim reported on the Middleton Park site in Leeds & the possibility of a one day event there later in the year.

Pat May also said a few words about the St Anne's Kite Festival. The event was revived last year by Pat & is on again this year. There is only a small budget available but Pat was looking at ways to help fund peoples travel costs. NKG members were encouraged to attend the event.

Any Other Business from Members.

Change to Constitution

To remove position of "Editor" from the constitution.

Proposed: Neil Edwards **Seconded:** Jim Potts

"the position of Editor be removed from the constitution"

Passed: Unanimously

Future of Light Up The Sky event

The Chairman pointed out that the amount raised for Children In Need at the light up the sky event was dropping every year & that the event was only being supported by the Otterspool regulars & not by the group in general. It was agreed to go ahead this year & review after the event if we are to continue.

Beacon Festival Funding.

This year there is no financial funding for the event from the rangers, we can have toilets, an arena, camping & a PA system, but they have no "cash" funding for the event. Gwen asked the membership if they would support the group spending a small amount on advertising for the event.

Proposed: Jim Potts **Seconded:** Dave Holt

"the committee to fund some advertising for Beacon Park Festival if necessary"

Passed: Unanimously

NKG Website

The secretary felt that the work that Peter Bindon does looking after the website should be recognised & suggested that Peter be made an Honorary member & a kite store gift voucher be given as a sign of our appreciation.

Proposed: Keith Proctor **Seconded:** John Welborn

"Peter Bindon be made honorary member"

Passed: Unanimously

NKG Event Arena Safety.

Neil Edwards raised concerns about the apparent lack of a senior safety officer "who has absolute rule of the kite field". The secretary reminded Neil that all NKG events/fly in's the "senior safety officer" for the day is the secretary of the group or in his absence, a suitably experienced person chosen by those members wishing to fly. It was agreed to remind members of this at future events.

Use Of Kevlar Flying Line

Concern was raised about the use of Kevlar flying line at NKG events. It was agreed by the members present that the use of Kevlar line would not be allowed at NKG events.

Proposed: Neil Edwards

Seconded: David Stead

"the use of Kevlar Line is not allowed at NKG events & NKG members are to be encouraged not to use it at other events"

Passed: Unanimously

NKG 35 Years Old

This year is the 35th anniversary of the NKG. Bernard Crick made some suggestions as to how the group could mark the occasion. These included members making a 35 kite line, 35 NKG kites flying at Beacon Festival, commemorative key rings to be given at Beacon Festival, NKG 35 year banner & production of an information pad that could be handed out to members of the public. Neil Edwards agreed to look into arranging a workshop to make the 35 kite line.

Invited / Paid Fliers @ NKG Events

Bernard Crick asked the committee if NKG members should be paid to attend NKG events. The committee explained the reason for paying certain individuals to attend events, they are expected to fly throughout the day & perform routines etc as requested, it also guarantees that we have fliers at the event.

Samuel Franklin Cody Memorial

John Welborn asked that the membership were informed about an article in the Kite Society of Great Britain about a proposed memorial to Cody. Members of the public can make donations to help fund the memorial & can also purchase an engraved brick.

The committee are going to investigate the possibility of having an engraved brick from the NKG.

Proposed: Tony Kidd

Seconded: David Stead

"the committee look at buying a single engraved brick for the Cody monument"

Passed: Unanimously

Election of Officers

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Secretary offered to be re elected

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

Chairman	Gwen Williams
Secretary	Dave Bleasdale
Treasurer	Mary Jones
Membership Secretary	Keith Proctor

Proposed: David Stead

Seconded: John Welborn

Passed: Unanimously

Kite Building Competition

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

First: Frank & Jennifer Hardman

Altitude Cup Presentation

Open Altitude Sprint Winner: Gwen Williams

Ladies Altitude Sprint Winner: Gwen Williams

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.