

# **Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group**

Held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at The St Thomas's Church Hall, Moorside, Oldham

## **Present**

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

Tony Kidd, Rodney Burrows, Peter Hartt, Len Royles, Peter Leonard, Pam Evans, Daryl Smith, Sally Humpage, Brenda & Alan Horrobin, Jan & John Whymark, Jock & Peter Walker, Steve Ransom, Simon Cooper, Vanessa & Jim Potts, Lynn Bleasdale, Stuart Baldwin, Jennifer & Frank Hardman, David Holt, Mark Jones, John Casson, John Welborn, David Stead & Bernard Crick.

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 32 present met the quorum required to conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of the quorum)

## **Apologies**

Dot Mansley, Peter Heayns, Josh Mitcheson, Dave & Angela Green, Craig Harby, Sue Kennedy, Pat & Jenny May Dorothy Ransom, Karen George, Carol Royles, Ray & Beryl Black, Ray Smith & Sue Storey.

## **Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the previous AGM were accepted as a true & accurate record.

**Proposed:** Daryl Smith                      **Seconded:** Frank Hardman  
"The minutes were a true & accurate record of the 2013 AGM"

**Passed:** Unanimously

## **Chairman's Report**

Gwen welcomed the members to the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM & followed with a report on the group's activities over the past 12 months.

2013 had been a year of high winds with Millom, Beacon & Morecambe having to be finish early on the Sunday due to the conditions. The membership had supported a large number of events including Harewood, Morecambe, Silloth, & St Anne's, unfortunately the Autumn Glory event at Harewood was cancelled. We already have a good number of events confirmed for the coming year.

Neil Edwards who took up position of editor this time last year has since stood down due to poor support from the members, the position of editor is still vacant.

The group are often asked to support small events & Gwen asked if members could let the committee know if they can support these events when details are sent out. Gwen informed the members that she would not be standing for re-election as chairman & thanked the members & committee for their support in the past 4 years, and that she will continue to support the group at festivals & events.

## **Treasurers Report / Annual Accounts**

Mary reviewed the accounts. The income from the membership fees just about covered the cost of the groups insurance & that without income from festivals & events the group would have lost money over the year. Due to a mix-up not all the money raised at the Beacon auction was donated to Children in Need. The committee had decided not to put up the membership fee as agreed at last year's AGM due to the healthy state of the accounts & the fact that members were not currently receiving a magazine

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

**Proposed:** David Stead                      **Seconded:** Jock Walker  
"The accounts for 2013 be adopted"

**Passed:** Unanimously

### **Updates from Jim Potts & Dave Holt**

Jim confirmed that there will be no Woodvale for the foreseeable future and a new event at Mansfield in July would not be going ahead. There will be no Festival at Harewood this year, there has been a change in staff and the new management currently have no interest in a kite festival. Jim confirmed the Western Lake District Kite Festival is on again this year.

Dave informed the members that Wirral Festival will not be going ahead again this year due to lack of funding. The good news is that the Morecambe event is on and it will be a 2 day event again. Dave also informed the members that St Anne's will be on again after last year's success & that the budget has actually been increased. This year the event is going to be linked with a music festival.

Members were encouraged to support all these events & Dave reminded the membership there is a donation to the group for attending & supporting the Morecambe event.

The secretary reminded the membership that the Western Lake District event is an event organised by the NKG and again urged members to support it.

### **Club Fly In List for 2014-2015**

#### **2014**

April 13th	St Anne's & Roundhay Park Leeds
April 20th	Otterspool
May 10th/11th	Western Lake District Kite Festival
May 18th	Crosby
June 8th	Hoghton Tower
June 14th/15th	Beacon Park Kite Festival
June 21st/22nd	Morecambe Catch the Wind Kite Festival
July 19th/20th	Silloth Kite Festival
July 26th/27th	St Anne's Kite Festival
August 17th	Fleetwood
September 14th	Worden Park Leyland
September 21st	Taylor Park Kite Day
September 28th	Wakefield Kite Festival
October 12th	OSOW @ Pontefract Racecourse & Otterspool
November 16th	Fleetwood
December 14th	Otterspool Xmas

#### **2015**

January 11th	Roundhay Park Leeds
January 18th	Newbrighton Dips
February 15th	AGM
March 8th	Crosby
March 15th	Fleetwood & Pontefract Racecourse

The acceptance of the list was

**Proposed:** Dave Holt                      **Seconded:** Mark Jones

**Passed:** Unanimously

### **Personal Public Liability Insurance:**

The secretary told the members that we have been informed by Zurich Insurance that they will not be offering renewal of the insurance when it becomes due in July of this year. Some enquiries have already been made to find an alternative insurance company. It was agreed by all that the insurance was something that the group should be able to offer its members. The committee will continue to seek a new insurance company, & some good sources were discussed that are to be looked into. The Secretary told the members that the group insurance is unaffected by this change.

A brief reminder about safety whilst flying kites was given to the members.

### **Change to Constitution:**

Currently membership renewal is due on 1st of March but members have until 31st May to renew until their membership is terminated. The committee felt that this was too long & the secretary suggested that the date be changed to 31st March.

**Proposed:** Frank Hardman

**Seconded:** Daryl Smith

“Anyone who fails to renew their membership subscription before the 31st March, will be deemed to have terminated their membership”

**Passed:** Unanimously

### **Kite Workshop:**

Gwen asked if there was any interest in a kite workshop, quite a few members registered an interest & Dave Holt offered to run the workshop. The committee will look into the costing, venue & date, and will come back to the members when we have details.

### **Beacon Kite Festival:**

Gwen reminded the members that once again there is no funding for the event & asked if everyone was happy with last year's format/arrangements. Everyone agreed to leave things as they are.

### **Buying & Selling Kites:**

Members were reminded that any transaction between members was a private matter between the individuals concerned and in no way involved the group, even if the kites have been advertised on the NKG forum.

### **Any Other Business.**

### **Wakefield Kite Festival - Safety Issues:**

Concerns were raised about the safety aspect at the Wakefield event last year. There were concerns about the number of public & public flying their own kites in the kite "display area". The secretary will talk to the organisers about the safety issues prior to this year's event.

### **Samuel Franklin Cody Memorial**

Tony Kidd asked what progress had been made after it was agreed at last year's AGM that the committee would look into buying an engraved brick for the Cody Monument outside Farnborough Airport. The secretary had contacted the organisers on several occasions but had no response. Tony offered to make further investigations on behalf of the group.

### **Election of Officers**

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

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

Secretary Dave Bleasdale

Treasurer Mary Jones

Membership Secretary Keith Proctor

**Proposed:** Daryl Smith **Seconded:** Frank Hardman

**Passed:** Unanimously

The Chairman stood down.

It was proposed that Len Royles be elected Chairman

**Proposed:** Dave Holt **Seconded:** Keith Proctor

**Passed:** Unanimously

The secretary thanked Gwen personally & on behalf of all the members for all the work she had done for the group in the position of Chairman over the past 4 years.

### **Kite Building Competition**

The Mary & Jack Cunningham Kite Building Cup was presented to Len Royles for his NKG Delta Kite.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.