

Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group

Held on 18th February 2018 at St Thomas's Church Hall, Moorside, Oldham

Present

Len Royles (Chairman), Dave Bleasdale (Secretary), John Whymark (Treasurer), Keith Proctor (Membership Secretary).

Janis Whymark, Jim Potts, Lynn Bleasdale, Yasmin Forwood, Flo Forwood, Pam Evans, Dorothy Rourke, Mike Rourke, Tony Kidd, Sheila Hartt, Peter Hartt, Steve Grimwood, Caroline Senior, John Ellerton, Sue Kennedy, Craig Harby, Carol Royles, Marie Welborne, John Welborne, Mark Welborne, Gwen Williams, Sally Humpage, Dave Holt, Daryl Smith, Debbie Savage, Johnny Savage & Mark Jones

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 31 present met the quorum required to conduct business. Members who are under 18 are not counted in the determination of the quorum).

Apologies

Harry & Pat Allick, Sue Storey, Ken Paulls, Peter & Sarah Bindon, Sue Button, Pete Nelson, David & Ann Buckland, Colin Graham, Jock Walker, David Stead, Tony & Marie Dane, Graham & Fiona Wilkinson, Sarah Kay, Vince Wilson, Roger Dix, Mary Jones, Steve & Lynne Palmer, Joyce Davis, Vanessa Potts, Simon Cooper, Bernard Crick.

Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 2017 AGM were accepted as a true & accurate record.

Proposed: Daryl Smith **Seconded:** Dave Holt

“The minutes were a true & accurate record of the 2017 AGM”

Passed: Unanimously

Chairman's Report

The Group attended a number of successful flying events throughout this last year. I was unable to attend a number of our earlier festivals so am unable to give a view on how successful they were. Our main festival season began in May with the Bridlington Kite Festival. This was followed by the festival at Middleton Park.

In June we were again at Westmorland for CountryFest. Unfortunately Beacon was demoted to just a fly-in but a small group of fliers were in attendance. June also found us at Morecambe where some interesting tidal conditions contributed to the proceedings.

There were no festivals in July this year, with a gap till the August Bank Holiday seeing a repeat of the Hoylake RNLi Open Day. This was well attended on a beautiful sunny day.

St Anne's had moved to September and started with a wonderful illuminated Night Fly on the Friday evening, followed by a spectacular Fireworks display. The good winds of Friday were disappointingly followed by very light winds on the Saturday. Sunday followed windy but wet, very wet.... Such is a kite fliers life!

September's Hoghton Tower was cancelled due to the wet but Taylor Park went ahead and was again amazing due to the sheer number of workshop kiddies kites made and flown. The Friends of Taylor Park do a fantastic job and the local folk came out in force to support the event. A highlight this year was the large superlight Manta kite that made an appearance and flew well in the changeable wind.

In October we had the usual One Sky One World and Light Up The Sky events. Again this year for LUTS we supported Cancer Research UK and we raised £305 for this charity.

October finished with another great End of Season week-end up at Westmorland.

I've missed out lots of fly-ins as well as some other events that took place, sufficient to say that we had a great year and let's hope that this may continue.

Lastly, may I take the opportunity to thank all those who have set up and run festivals this last year and they and their assistants and all those that have helped, are to be thanked for their efforts. We too can do our bit by supporting the festivals whenever possible.

Treasurers Report / Annual Accounts

John presented the audited accounts for 2016 & 2017 to the meeting. (The 2016 accounts were included as they could not be audited in time for last year's AGM due to personal circumstances). 2017 had been a successful year with a income from the membership fee's covering the group's annual insurance premium. There were some additional outgoings this year, including the fees for the web site hosting. There were also some changes to the expenses for the End of Season week-end at Westmorland. In previous years, Sue Kennedy had incurred some of the expenses, but this year these were covered by the group. To summarise, John said the group finished the year with a deficit of approximately £80. Karen George was thanked for auditing the accounts

Proposed: Peter Hartt

Seconded: Mike Rourke

“The audited accounts for 2017 be accepted”

Passed: Unanimously

Club Fly-In / Event List for 2018-2019

2018

March 31st	April 1st	Newbiggin Kite Festival
April 15th		Otterspool & Roundhay Park, Leeds - Fly-ins
April 22nd		St Anne's - Fly-in
May 12th/13th		Middleton Park Kite Festival
May 19th/20th		Bridlington Kite Festival
June 2nd/3rd		Westmorland CountryFest
June 17th		Beacon Park Kite Festival
June 23rd/24th		Morecambe Catch the Wind Kite Festival
July 15th		Fleetwood - Fly-in
August 27th		RNLI Open Day @ Hoylake
August 31st		St Anne's Kite Festival Night Fly
September 1st/2nd		St Anne's Kite Festival
September 9th		Hoghton Tower
September 16th		Taylor Park Kite Day (To be Confirmed)
September 23rd		Wakefield Kite Festival (To be Confirmed)
September 29th		Halifax (Event to be confirmed)
October 14th		OSOW @ Pontefract Racecourse & Otterspool
October 21st		Light Up The Sky @ Otterspool
October 27th/28th		End Of Season Bash @ Westmorland County Showground
November 18th		Worden Park - Fly-in
December 9th		Otterspool Xmas

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January 13th	Roundhay Park, Leeds
January 20th	New Brighton Dips
February 17th	AGM
March 10th	Crosby Fly-in
March 17th	Fleetwood & Pontefract Racecourse - Fly-ins

The acceptance of the list was

Proposed: Daryl Smith

Seconded: Gwen Williams

Passed: Unanimously

Update from Jim Potts

Newbiggin Kite Festival - On the beach at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, in front of the maritime centre. All members are welcome. There is no camping.

NKG Bridlington Kite Festival - After the previous two years events the NKG have been asked again to organise the event in 2018. There will be free camping next to the arena with a full programme of events with commentary. This is an NKG organised event.

NKG Middleton Park Kite Festival - After the success of the last 3 year's events the NKG have been invited back for 2018, again there will be 3 nights on site camping available, a marked kite flying

arena with commentary. The funding the NKG receive for this event is used to pay for the end of season bash, so again members are asked to support if they can.

Update from Dave Holt

St Anne's Kite Festival - The Al-Farsi Kite display will again be in attendance, along with John Barresi from the USA. There will again be a night fly on the Friday evening. Camping will be available at the school as last year with the Saturday evening meal being held in a hotel on the sea front. Pat May sent his thanks to all the members who supported the event last year and looks forward seeing you all this year.

Morecambe Catch the Wind Kite Festival - Arrangements will be the same as in previous years and Dave promised the tides will be ok this year.

Update from Craig Harby

Westmorland Country Fest - Arrangements will be similar to last year, Craig thanked the members who supported the event last year and said the display on Saturday was probably one of the best.

Kite Magazine / NKG Website:

Unfortunately Simon wasn't able to attend the AGM, so Len gave a brief update on the Website. The website has now been transferred from Peter Bindon to Len & Simon, It was decided to leave the website as it was pending Simon designing an alternative & Len is currently acting as web-master. The secretary thanked Peter Bindon for looking after the website for many years and his assistance in transferring the website over.

Embroidered NKG Badges:

Keith Proctor has sourced a supplier of embroidered badges. It was agreed to put it to the membership to come up with a design for the badge, details will be sent out at a later date. The cost of the badge will be approximately £2.

Election of Officers

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

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

Chairman	Len Royles
Treasurer	John Whymark
Secretary	Dave Bleasdale
Membership Secretary	Keith Proctor

Proposed: Jim Potts

Seconded: Dorothy Rourke

Passed: Unanimously

Kite Building Competition

We had two entries for the kite building competition, there was a mega vented four line sports kite built by John Ellerton and a Japanese themed Roller Kite built by Mike Rourke. After a show of hands by the members, the Mary & Jack Cunningham Kite Building Cup was presented to John Ellerton.

Photo Competition

The competition was cancelled due to Simon being unable to attend the AGM

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.