

Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the Northern Kite Group

Held on 17th February 2019 at St Thomas's Church Hall, Moorside, Oldham

Present

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

Janis Whymark, Vanessa Potts, Jim Potts, Lynn Bleasdale, Yasmin Forwood, Flo Forwood, Dorothy Rourke, Mike Rourke, Sheila Hartt, Peter Hartt, Steve Grimwood, Caroline Senior, Sue Kennedy, Craig Harby, Carol Royles, John Welborn, Gwen Williams, Sally Humpage, Dave Holt, Daryl Smith, Debbie Savage, Johnny Savage, Mark Jones, Gavin Druce, Ian Duncalf, Sarah Duncalf, Simon Cooper, Ann Buckland, David Buckland, Sarah Kay, Sue Storey, Ken Paulls, Bernard Crick & Mary Jones

(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

Peter & Sarah Bindon, Brian Williamson, Pete Nelson, Graham & Fiona Wilkinson, Vince Wilson, Tony Kidd, Diane Mottram, John Ellerton, Duncan Brown, Becky & Alan Poxon, Jenny & Pat May & Marie Welborn

Previous Minutes

Minutes from the 2018 AGM were accepted as a true & accurate record.

Proposed: Daryl Smith **Seconded:** John Whymark

“The minutes were a true & accurate record of the 2018 AGM”

Passed: Unanimously

Chairman's Report

Sadly we lost three long time members of the NKG earlier in 2018. In April we said goodbye to Ken Cain. Ken was getting on and his failing eyesight and later lack of mobility reduced his visits to Otterspool but when he was able to visit he was always cracking jokes and reminiscing about the old times. In June we also lost Alan Bloom. Alan was another regular at Otterspool and was still a frequent flyer up until his passing. Both were part of what made Otterspool a great place to fly. Then in October we heard that Phil Ashton had also passed away. Phil will be remembered as a lovely man with a great sense of humour.

We have a new Newsletter Editor, and the Chairman thanked Simon Cooper for producing some wonderful newsletters but reported that he had found his personal commitments have prevented him from continuing with the role.

Peter Hartt, our new editor, produced an excellent Autumn Kite Newsletter and has agreed to continue with the role. He is preparing another Newsletter for publication this spring and would like people to keep him supplied with material.

The Chairman thanked all those who set up and helped run the festivals this last year. We may not always get the perfect wind and weather but we still managed to put on some fantastic displays. Well done to all who took part and we the membership can play our part by supporting the events throughout the year.

Treasurers Report / Annual Accounts

John presented the audited accounts for 2018 to the meeting and reported that the group was on a sound financial footing. Membership levels remained fairly stable with the income from the membership fees covering the group's annual insurance premium. The accounts show a small profit over the year, but a recent purchase of some enamel badges had yet to be accounted for. The expenses for the End of Season week-end at Westmorland were slightly less than in previous years. Karen George was thanked for auditing the accounts

Proposed: Keith Proctor **Seconded:** Jim Potts

“The audited accounts for 2018 be accepted”

Passed: Unanimously

Club Fly-In / Event List for 2019-2020

2019

April 14th	Otterspool & Roundhay Park, Leeds - Fly-ins
April 20th/21st	Newbiggin Kite Festival
April 28th	St Anne's - Fly-in
May 18th/19th	Bridlington Kite Festival
May 25th/26th	Middleton Park Kite Festival
June 1st/2nd	Westmorland Country Fest
June 16th	Beacon Park Kite Event
June 23rd	Fleetwood - Fly-in

June 29th/30th	Morecambe Catch the Wind Kite Festival
July 13th/14th	Rossendale Kite Festival (New Event)
July 21st	Garstang Ice Cream Festival (To be Confirmed)
August 9th	St Anne's Kite Festival Night Fly
August 10th/11th	St Anne's Kite Festival
August 26th	RNLI Open Day @ Hoylake
September 7th	Barnoldswick Kite Festival (New Event, Final Confirmation Required)
September 22nd	Hoghton Tower
September 29th	Wakefield Kite Festival (To be Confirmed)
October 13th	OSOW @ Pontefract Racecourse & Otterspool
October 20th	Light Up The Sky @ Otterspool
November 2nd/3rd	End Of Season Bash @ Whittingham & Goosnargh Sports & Social Club
November 17th	Worden Park - Fly-in
December 8th	Otterspool Xmas Fly-In

2020

January 12th	Roundhay Park, Leeds
January 19th	New Brighton Dips
February 16th	AGM
March 8th	Crosby Fly-in
March 15th	Fleetwood & Pontefract Racecourse - Fly-ins

"Acceptance of the list" was

Proposed: Mark Jones

Seconded: Mary Jones

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 three years the NKG have again been asked to attend the event in 2019. There will be free camping next to the arena with a full programme of events with commentary.

NKG Middleton Park Kite Festival - After the success of the last 4 years the NKG have been invited back for 2019, 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.

Haslingden Kite Festival - A new event with the NKG. Camping will be available on site. More detail to follow at a later date.

Update from Dave Holt

Morecambe Catch the Wind Kite Festival - Arrangements will be the same as in previous years, the renovation of the promenade is now finished. The music event will again be on at the Railway Station across the road. All NKG members are welcome.

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 Rok fighting was a great success and hoped to repeat it again this year.

St Anne's Kite Festival - Craig thanked those who supported helped at last year's event, making it the best event in the UK. Craig said there had been some doubt about the future of the event as it had become too big for the team who organise it. Fortunately the council have now agreed to take over some of the event organisation, reducing the work load on the event organisers. There will again be a night fly on Friday evening followed by two full days on Saturday & Sunday. Registration for the event will open towards the end of March and all are welcome. There will be a new website for the event.

Kite Magazine:

Peter Hartt thanked members who contributed to the last newsletter but reminded everyone that the success of the newsletter was dependent on members submitting articles. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is the end of March.

NKG Website:

Len is currently acting as the webmaster. It is ticking over ok with regular software updates and nothing really has been changed on the basis that if it isn't broken then don't fix it. The website remains a useful conduit for people wanting to contact the group.

Kite Donation

A number of kites have been donated to the NKG by Lesley Dodds, formerly of Flying Empress Kites. There is a large number of soft foil type kites, winders, line etc. Len has set up a website listing all the items that will be for sale with all proceeds being donated to Cancer Research UK. Len showed the members a typical example of the type of kite that will be available. In the near future members will be sent detail of the website and details on how to purchase an item.

Embroidered NKG Badges:

The committee were asked for an update on the embroidered badges that were discussed at the last years AGM. The committee apologised that this had been overlooked and Keith Proctor agreed to investigate the options.

Kite Building Competition

We had four entries for the kite building competition, there was a four line sports kite built and Urban Ninja kites built by new member Ian Duncalf and two 'Beach Hut' inspired kites built by Len Royles. After a show of hands by the members, the Mary & Jack Cunningham Kite Building Cup was presented to Ian.

Election of Officers

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

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

Chairman	Len Royles
Treasurer	John Whymark
Membership Secretary	Keith Proctor

Proposed: Mary Jones

Seconded: Daryl Smith

Passed: Unanimously

The Secretary stood down.

It was proposed that Sarah Kay be elected Secretary

Proposed: Craig Harby

Seconded: Dorothy Rourke

Passed: Unanimously

Presentation

There was then a presentation to the retiring secretary Dave Bleasdale who had carried out the role of secretary for the last 10 years. Dave's wife, Lynn was also presented with a bouquet of flowers.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.