

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of The Northern Kite Group

Held on 16 February 2020 at St Thomas's Church Hall, Moorside, Oldham

Present:

Len Royles (Chairman), Sarah Kay (Secretary), John Whymark (Treasurer); Keith Proctor (Membership Secretary)

Ian Abell, Kathryn Akers, Angela Bennett, Dave Bleasdale, Lynn Bleasdale, Gill Burls, Mick Burls, Simon Cooper, Bernard Crick, Ian Duncalf, Sarah Duncalf, John Ellerton, Flo Forwood, Yaz Forwood, Steve Grimwood, Craig Harby, Peter Hartt, Sheila Hartt, Lee Hewitson, John Houghton, Sally Humpage, Mary Jones, Sue Kennedy, Zoe Lee, Graham Marshall, Jim Potts, Vanessa Potts, Dorothy Rourke, Mike Rourke, Arthur Ronald, Deborah Savage, Johnny Savage, Daryl Smith, John Welborn, Mark Welborn, Jan Whymark, Gwen Williams

(This is the list of members who signed in. The 41 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, Duncan Brown, Ann & Dave Buckland, Claire & Dave Chadwick, Marie & Tony Dane, Roger Dawson, Dave Holt, Tony Kidd, Diane Mottram, Ken Paulls, Carol Royles, Caroline Senior, Sue Storey, Fiona & Graham Wilkinson, Brian Williamson

1 Minutes of AGM held on 17 February 2019

Minutes from the 2019 AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Daryl Smith Seconded: Ian Duncalf Passed: Unanimously

"The minutes were a true and accurate record of the 2019 AGM"

2 Matters arising (from the last AGM minutes)

Keith Proctor reported that progress had been made with finding alternative ways of paying membership subscriptions, and he hoped that this will be in place later in 2020.

Supply of embroidered/woven NKG badges: Keith Proctor will progress this.

3 Chairman's Report

Sadly we had again lost three members of the NKG in 2019. In July we lost Peter Leonard and later in October long time member Mike Lewis also passed away. Both of these fliers had dropped their membership latterly but when still flying were regulars at Otterspool. Then in November we lost Marie Welborn. Marie was well liked by all who met her and will be sadly missed. Our condolences go out to John, Mark and Zoe.

In December we heard that Caroline Swift, a member of the NEKF had also passed away. Jerry and Caroline were well known for their Teddy Bear Drop and Chinese Dragon kite flying and flew at several of our festivals.

We had yet another successful festival year with the usual weather foibles making our lives difficult at times. Looking back the Chairman thought we had more than our fair share of wind issues with some rainy days as well.

The Chairman thanked all those who set up and helped run the festivals in 2019, and said that although wind and weather were not always perfect, there were still some fantastic displays. Well done to all who took part. He went on to say that the membership can all play a part by supporting the events throughout 2020.

The Chairman reminded everyone that he was standing down from office at this AGM, and thanked all those who had helped and supported him. He would still be taking an organising role with the RNLI Open Day

Event at Hoylake and also with Beacon, and asked for anyone willing to take on a liaising role for Beacon to let him know.

4 **Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts:**

The Treasurer apologised that it had not been possible to have the accounts audited in time for the AGM, and therefore presented the unaudited accounts for 2019 which he expected to remain largely unchanged. A copy of the balance sheet was provided to each person attending.

He reported that it had been a good year generally, and that the small deficit of around £32 was in keeping with trying to avoid increasing the Group's bank balance. Membership fees continued to cover the cost of public liability insurance, with a little left over. Thanks were expressed to Karen George for agreeing to audit the accounts.

Proposed: Mary Jones **Seconded:** Mike Rourke **Passed:** Unanimously
"The unaudited accounts be accepted as a true and accurate record"

The Treasurer announced that he would be standing down at the 2021 AGM.

5 **Events:**

a. **Location for LUTS, OSOW and Christmas Fly-in (in light of reduced numbers of fliers at Otterspool)**

The Chairman said that very few people now flew at Otterspool, and as far as he knew no current members flew there. As a result of this, he asked the meeting to consider whether these events should move to another location. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Christmas fly-in would remain at Otterspool, and that the location of LUTS, and the question of A Christmas meal, would be looked at in the future.

Propose: Craig Harby **Seconded:** Sarah Duncalf **Passed:** Overwhelming majority
"That One Sky One World would move to Fleetwood"

b. **Update on Events Organisation from Jim Potts**^{9th} Newbiggin by the Sea Kite Festival – All members welcome.

Middleton Park Kite Festival – Insufficient volunteers to run, so not happening.

5th Bridlington Kite Festival – In association with NKG. One of our flagship events.

2nd Rossendale Kite Festival – A very friendly event; invited back at the end of the 1st festival.

2nd Barnoldswick Kite Festival – A small festival with restricted space and very limited camping (hardstanding, so no tent pegs). Good support from the local Council.

c. **St Anne's Kite Festival, Countryfest and possible St Anne's "Kite Maynia" from Craig Harby**

Countryfest – Thanks to over 100 people who registered to fly in 2019. All members invited to register in 2020.

St Anne's International Kite Festival – Big thanks to the local Council for agreeing to reschedule after the cancelled festival, and thanks to all those who helped the rearranged 2019 festival to be successful. Registration for 2020 event goes online by the end of March (and closes end of May).

St Anne's – possible new event "Kite Maynia" – Unconfirmed at present, but a possible low key 2 day event.

d. **Morecambe's Catch the Wind Festival from Craig Harby**

The event is not quite confirmed yet, but assuming it runs, all members are invited to fly.

e. **End of Season Do from Mark Jones**

Mark thanked all who attended in 2019, and John Welborn invited the members present to thank Mark for arranging it. Mark had provisionally arranged the 2020 do at the same venue.

Proposed: Craig Harby **Seconded:** Keith Proctor **Overwhelming majority**

“The EOS do to be held at Whittingham & Goosnargh Social Club on 7/8 November 2020”

f. **Group Fly-in/Events List 2020/2021 from the Secretary - April 2020 onwards:**

April 11/12	9 th Newbiggin Kite Festival (invited)
April 18	Otterspool – Fly-in (changed to Sat, so flying on same day as Roy Castle Lung Foundation Children’s Day – but NOT part of their event)
April 19	Roundhay Park, Leeds - Fly-in
May 2/3	St Anne’s Kite Maynia? (may or may not happen; Craig’s event; NKG invited)
May 3	St Anne’s Fly-in (or Day 2 of St Anne’s Kite Maynia event)
May 16/17	5 th Bridlington Kite Festival (in association)
May 30/31	Westmorland Country Fest (invited)
June 14	Fleetwood - Fly-in
June 21	Beacon Park Kite Day (fly-in)
June 27/28	Morecambe Catch the Wind Kite Festival (invited) NOT YET CONFIRMED
July 11/12	2 nd Rossendale Kite Festival (in association)
August 1/2	Sunderland Kite Festival (invited)
August 31	RNLI Open Day @ Hoylake (in association)
September 11/12/13	St Anne’s International Kite Festival (invited)
September 19/20	2 nd Barnoldswick Kite Festival (in association)
September 27	Wakefield Kite Festival (in association)
October 4	Hoghton Tower Kite & Craft Day (In association)
October 11	OSOW @ Pontefract Racecourse & Fleetwood
November 7/8	End Of Season Bash @ Whittingham & Goosnargh Sports & Social Club
November 15	Worden Park - Fly-in
December 13	Otterspool Xmas Fly-In
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January 10	Roundhay Park, Leeds
January 17	New Brighton Dips
February 14	AGM
March 14	Crosby Fly-in
March 21	Fleetwood & Pontefract Racecourse - Fly-ins

“Acceptance of the list”:

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

6 **Newsletter**

Peter Hartt was thanked for his continuing contribution as newsletter Editor. Peter thanked all contributors, and said that unsolicited articles were particularly heartwarming. Thanks to the Chairman and Secretary for guidance and helping Peter keep the newsletter varied. More contributions are sought from 2 and 4 line fliers. Pieces for inclusion can be anything from a photo with caption, short half page articles and longer articles. Peter plans to produce 3 newsletters in 2020, around April, middle of summer and autumn.

7 **Library**

The Chairman reported that Tony Kidd was standing down from the role of librarian for health reasons, and the entire meeting thanked Tony for all his work as caretaker of the library. John Welborn reminded the meeting that Tony Kidd was a founding member of NKG. The Chairman would send a card to Tony expressing these thoughts on behalf of the members.

8 Update on sale of kites donated by Leslie Dodds (Flying Empress)

Len Royles reported that £502 had been raised originally and sent to Cancer Research. A further £233 had since been raised and also sent to Cancer Research. Len had now removed the sales link from the NKG website. In 2019 around £300-400 had also been raised for Cancer Research via ebay sales of the kites.

9 Website

Len Royles reported that he had continued to keep the website ticking over, and was pleased to announce that Ian Duncalf had offered to take over as webmaster. A handover would take place shortly.

10 AOB

Rainbow Deltas – Len Royles and Peter Hartt would be sharing the responsibility of the Group's set of 20 rainbow delta kites during 2020.

11 Kite Building Competition

There were six entries for the kite building competition: Ian Duncalf put forward a red rokaku (which had won the rok competition at St Anne's in 2019) as well as a dual line Gizmo kite from Stunt Kites I book. Mike Rarke put forward 1 of 12 swallows that he had made, based around a Spirit of Air red kite, and also a green and pink pelebox scaled up from a design by Peter Lynn. Sarah Kay put forward a pink and blue Urban Ninja and a highly vented four line "string" based around the design of a Revolution kite.

After a show of hands by members, the Mary & Jack Cunningham Kite Building Cup was presented to Mike Rourke.

12 Election of Officers:

Treasurer & Secretary stood for re-election. Proposed that these officers be re-elected en block:

Treasurer: John Whymark

Secretary: Sarah Kay

Proposed: Mary Jones **Seconded:** Daryl Smith **Passed unanimously**

The Chairman and Membership Secretary stood down.

Keith Proctor offered to stand as Chairman, and Ian Duncalf offered to stand as Membership Secretary. It was proposed to elect these officers en block:

Chairman: Keith Proctor

Membership Secretary: Ian Duncalf

Proposed: Craig Harby **Seconded:** John Whymark **Passed unanimously**

13 Presentation

Keith Proctor made a presentation to the retiring Chairman.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman.