



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BKFA
held at Lamb Inn, Lambs Conduit Street, London
on 7 December 2014, commencing at 2 pm.

Present: Jon Caton (MKF, chair), John Dobson (NEKF, secretary), Jerry Swift (MKF, treasurer), George Webster (NEKF), Bill Andrews (KKF), Michael Lowe (SKF), Doug Jones (WHKF), Phil Scarfe (WHKF), Bill Souten (MKF), Gareth Williams (KKF).

1. Welcome

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Arthur Dibble, Ernie Williamson, Pete West, David Elkin.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the 2013 AGM were accepted.

4. Chairman's Report

Jon Caton gave the Chairman's report.

Jon thanked Jerry Swift and John Dobson for their support during the last three years. He noted that increasingly clubs were beginning to encounter difficulties with their insurance policies, and pointed out that BKFA was in negotiation with Perkins Slade to provide a comprehensive policy for member clubs that would alleviate these difficulties. Jon noted two other challenges facing clubs: the decreasing funding available for kite festivals and the possible danger to kites posed by drones, should they start appearing at kite flying events. Although BKFA cannot directly help with the first of these, the second falls under CAA regulation (though it is currently not effectively enforced) and the BKFA risk assessment will be reviewed to take account of the presence of drones. We maintain a watching brief of amendments to CAA regulations as they occur.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jerry Swift gave the Treasurer's report. A copy is appended to these minutes.

Jerry added that since the closing date of the accounts, WHKF and Brighton had paid their subscriptions. The financial statement was accepted.

6. Membership Fees

Discussion of membership fees was deferred until after the report of negotiations with Perkins Slade had been reported to the meeting (Item 10).

7. Affiliations to Other Institutions

a) Sport and Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR).

The Sport and Recreation Alliance provide a lot of information to its member bodies, some of it very relevant to the BKFA, such as the fact that lot of red tape has been removed in various pieces of regulation. The annual subscription is considered value for money. It was agreed to continue our subscription.

b) RAeC.

RAeC are still keen, for historical reasons, to keep us in membership, and have in previous years agreed a reduction in membership fees to £75 in view of our small membership and limited resources, which we hope will continue. Subject to this reduction, it was agreed to continue our subscription.

8. BKFA Competitions

It was agreed that in view of the changing nature of kite festivals, this should be deferred for a year.

9. Risk Assessment and Reporting

There was one serious accident report following an incident at Malmesbury when a tent was blown over by a sudden gust of wind, resulting in a litigation claim. The risk assessment should be extended to cover risks to event structures and point out that manufacturer supplied bracing is often inadequate to deal with gusty winds, and that should an incident occur, the event organiser should immediately check that no-one has been injured.

10. Insurance

Our insurance position will be untenable at the end of the current period of contract (May 2015). This is because Zurich Insurance (where Tennisons have placed our risk) do not wish to insure us other than insuring clubs for club events, as they believe they are not licensed for issuing the kind of insurance they have in fact issued us with. Jerry Swift asked the Sports and Recreation Alliance for advice, and they recommended us to Perkins Slade (a large broker specialising in sports insurance). Perkins Slade have made a proposal at a cost of £25 per club plus £8 per member. However, the insurer will not touch power or traction kiting, and it was suggested the Scottish Power Kiting Association might be able to help in this respect. Jerry noted, however, that currently this affects only 6 individuals.

After some discussion, Jerry was asked to investigate further (i) exactly who is going to have to pay £8 (e.g. children?) (ii) individuals who are members of more than one club (iii) what exactly is meant by power and traction kiting for the purpose of excluding it. It was agreed that subject to such clarification, we were happy with the principle of excluding traction from any cover we agree to accept on behalf of our members.

Perkins Slade also recommended that BKFA should be insured (i) in its own right, for professional and public liability at an annual cost of £400 (ii) employers liability, at an annual cost of £200 (iii) management liability at an annual cost of £350. After discussion, it was agreed that (i) was probably necessary, (ii) was not needed and (iii) did not clarify what exactly would be covered over and above what was covered under (i). Jerry would take up these points with Perkins Slade and keep the committee informed on progress. He would also ask member clubs to give him dates of their current policy renewals.

In the light of these discussions, it was agreed to keep current subscription rates but charge individuals £9.50 for individual insurances.

11. Election of Committee

The following nominations to the Committee were accepted: John Dobson (NEKF), Jerry Swift (MKF), Jon Caton (MKF), George Webster (NEKF), Gareth Williams (KKF), Doug Jones (WHKF), Mike Lowe (SKF), Bill Souten (MKF), Bill Andrews (KKF).

12. Any Other Business

(i) Jerry Swift showed a new membership form which would be circulated to all clubs by the (new) secretary.
(ii) Bill Souten showed a draft award certificate which would recognise outstanding contributions to British Kiteflying. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the next AGM, as there were sensibilities that might have to be considered in relation to any proposed individuals.

13. Date of Next meeting

The next AGM would take place on Sunday 6 December 2015 at a London venue to be decided by the Committee.

The meeting then closed at 4.10 pm and was immediately followed by a short Committee meeting.

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1. Appointment of Officers

The following officers of the Committee were appointed:

Chairman: John Dobson
Secretary: Jerry Swift
Treasurer: Gareth Williams

The Committee thanked Jon Caton for the three years of his chairmanship.

2. Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be electronically mediated by Skype.

The meeting then closed at 4.15pm.

British Kite Flying Association

Income & Expenditure to September 2014

Income

White Horse Kite Flyers	50.00
Midlands Kite Fliers	75.00
STACK	25.00
Solent Kite Fliers	25.00
North East Kite Fliers	50.00
Essex Kite	100.00*
Kent Kite Flyers (part year)	50.00
Loddon Valley Kite Flyers	75.00*
Herrington Kite Club	25.00
Great Ouse Kite Fliers	50.00
Brighton Kite Fliers	17.00
Insurances from Clubs	1645.00

Total income 2187.00

Balance bought forward 870.86

Total income 3057.86

Expenses

Royal Aero Club	75.00
CCPR membership	156.00
Tennyson Insurance	1630.50
Young & Co – room hire	50.00

Total expenditure 1911.50

Cash in hand and at bank 1146.36

Creditors

Overpayments on Insurances (STACK – Radley)	10.50
Tennyson Insurance (due at 1 st May 2015)	1024.50
Loddon overpayment	1.00

Debtors

Brighton Kite Fliers - insurance	315.00
Mike Stevens WHKF – insurance	10.50

* Includes outstanding years subs

Jerry Swift

Treasurer

28th November 2014