



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BKFA**  
**held at Lamb Inn, Lambs Conduit Street, London**  
**on 4 December 2016, commencing at 2 pm.**

Present: John Dobson (Herrington, chair), Jerry Swift (NEKF, treasurer), George Webster (NEKF), Bill Andrews (KKF), Michael Lowe (SKF), Bill Souten (MKF), Gareth Williams (KKF, secretary).

**1. Welcome**

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from George Webster, Malcolm Goodman.

**2. Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were accepted (proposed Jon Caton, seconded Bill Souten). It was agreed that Jerry will get in touch with HMRC concerning the Corporation Tax situation for an unincorporated association and profits arising from public events.

**3. Chairman's Report**

John Dobson gave the Chairman's report. A copy is appended to these minutes. In the subsequent discussion, John Dobson and Jerry Swift agreed to investigate the possibility of a BKFA facebook page.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jerry Swift gave the Treasurer's report. A copy is appended to these minutes. It was agreed to accept the statement (proposed Bill Souten, seconded Jon Caton).

**4. Membership Fees**

It was agreed to continue membership fees at their current level (proposed John Dobson, seconded Jerry Swift).

**5. Affiliations to Other Institutions**

a) Sport and Recreation Alliance (formerly CCPR).

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. Jerry Swift will follow up on an invitation to talk to the RAeC about kite flying.

**6. BKFA Competitions**

It was agreed to drop this as a standing item. BKFA is not an event or competition organising body.

**7. Risk Assessment and Reporting**

There have been no incidents noted during 2016. John Dobson and Jerry Swift would revise the risk assessment plan to include the possibility of interference at an event by flying drones.

## **8. Changes in Air Regulations**

New versions of the Air Navigation Order 2016 and Regulations (referred to as CAP 393) were published in August 2016. These have been examined by Jerry Swift. In summary, the regulatory burden on kites weighing less than 2 kg. has been lifted (e.g. no need for the line to carry lights), but the regulations on heavier kits have been strengthened. Jerry will pass his comments and queries for clarification to CAA and will report back to members once a response has been received.

It was noted the members should be aware of local bylaws which in places (e.g. the New Forest) can be more restrictive than the CAA standards.

## **9. Insurance**

The insurance situation is now stable. It is arranged through Perkins Slade and underwritten by Hiscox. Premiums will rise slightly in 2017 due to the increase in Insurance Tax.

## **10. Election of Committee**

Mike Lowe offered his resignation from the Committee because of the winding up of Solent Kite Fliers. We thank Mike for his long standing contribution to BKFA and hope that we will keep in contact on a personal basis. The remaining Committee members present agreed to continue. John Dobson will check with Doug Jones and George Webster.

## **11. Any Other Business**

The approach from Burnham on Sea festival to be regarded as a kite club (for insurance purposes) was discussed. Jerry will confirm with the club that only kite flying aspects of any festival will be covered by any BKFA insurance.

## **12. Date of Next meeting**

The next AGM would take place on Sunday 3 December 2017 at the Lamb Inn.

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

**Minutes of the Committee of the BKFA**  
**held at Lamb Inn, Lambs Conduit Street, London**  
**on 7 December 2014, commencing at 4.10 pm.**

Present: John Dobson, Jerry Swift, Jon Caton, Gareth Williams, Mike Lowe, Bill Souten.

**1. Appointment of Officers**

The following officers of the Committee were appointed:

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

The Committee accepted the resignation of Mike Lowe and thanked him for his contributions over the years.

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 <sup>st</sup> 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