



## **Minutes of the Council Annual General Meeting**

**held on 15 October 2006  
at the Lamb Tavern, Lamb's Conduit Street, London WC1**

### **1 Welcome by the Chairman**

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from John Arnott, Neil Harvey, Colin Jackson, Doug and Linda Richardson.

### **3 Minutes of the Previous Council Meeting**

The minutes of the reconvened Council Meeting held on 5 February 2006 were accepted as a true record.

### **4 Matters Arising**

The chairman reported that attempts to communicate with KSGB were largely unsuccessful. Messages do not get returned. All expressed a wish to work with KSGB - the organisations are seen as complimentary rather than competitive and Jerry Swift remarked on the service that KSGB had give UK kite fliers for over 25 years.

It was noted that the BKFA banner had been completed, and a vote of thanks was given to Francesca Caton for her work. A 3-fold A4 handout was also available.

Jerry Swift apologised to Simon Hennessey for not being able to attend the Brighton kite festival as promised. Simon emphasised that what was required was a BKFA presence, not an individual presence. Jerry accepted that there were lessons to be learned.

In response to a question about entrants for the prize at the Bristol kite festival, George Webster confirmed that all entrants who announced themselves as such to the judges were in fact judged, despite the fact that only one of the entrants had previously submitted a written resumé as required. A vote of thanks was give to the judges and to Avril Baker.

It was agreed that the competition would be run again, though not necessarily annually. It was resolved by vote that it would take place biannually. A board containing a display of entries and entrants would be a useful addition next time. It was also emphasised that there was no conflict with the Eddie Megrath award at Cleethorpes since entries for that were restricted to being British and being kites, whereas the BKFA award was open to all and included other aspects of kite design.

## **5 Chairman's Report**

The chairman reported on BKFA activities in connection with bans, DEFRA, education, communication and the Bali kite festival. These have all been recorded in the news updates, of which there have been five during the season.

## **6 Treasurer's Report**

A copy is appended. It was noted that Association currently has £545 in the bank.

## **7 Insurance**

Jerry Swift presented a reply (appended) from an insurance firm. It was agreed the Jerry Swift and John Dobson would prepare a document explaining the details and circulate it to all clubs for their comments. A number of issues were raised about the quote and Jerry Swift agreed to take these up with the insurer.

Concern was expressed about individual 'members' of BKFA benefiting insurance and therefore potentially impacting on club membership.

Jerry Swift stressed that as had been stated in the past, because the issue was recognised insurance would not be offered to such individuals. He suggested that the term 'members' in this context was misleading, and that 'supporters' would be a better term.

**ACTION Jerry Swift and John Dobson**

## **8 Accidents and incidents reported**

A document from Hugh Blowers (appended) was presented and discussed. It was noted that the risk assessment needs to be revised in the light of Hugh's comments. Jerry Swift and John Dobson would prepare a document and circulate it to all clubs for comment.

**ACTION Jerry Swift and John Dobson**

## **9 Risk Assessment and Code of Practice**

This had been adequately covered under the previous agenda item.

## **10 Report on Affiliation to Royal Aero Club**

It was noted that the affiliation has given BKFA some credibility with other RAeC member clubs. BKFA would again be looking for sponsors for the 2007 membership fees. It was noted that RAeC had had problems with their website but would gladly publicise BKFA events and insert a link to [kitecalendar.co.uk](http://kitecalendar.co.uk). We have an invitation to mount some sort of presentation in conjunction with their next annual dinner.

**ACTION Jerry Swift**

## **11 BKFA electronic presence**

Andrew Beattie would consider how best to use the kind offer of support made by Dave Coombes..

Andrew would however, set up a proper list server for the email lists.

### **ACTION Andrew Beattie**

It was agreed to discontinue the BKFA Forum, but to include a feedback mechanism to any particular officer or to everyone on the new website.

## **12 Publicity**

The importance of communication with clubs and encouragement of them to join was agreed and emphasised.

## **13 Questions to the Committee**

In response to a question about the clarification of “individual” membership, it was agreed that an application form for individual membership would be made available on the website.

### **ACTION John Dobson**

## **14 Review of Constitution**

No proposals had been received.

## **15 Membership Fees**

It was agreed that these would be held in abeyance until the responses to the proposed insurance deal had been received. For the time being, Jerry Swift would send out invoices making it clear that there might be subsequent adjustments.

### **ACTION Jerry Swift**

## **16 Election of New Committee**

The following were elected to the Committee for 2006:

Andrew Beattie (individual section)

Jon Caton (MKF)

John Dobson (NEKF)

Jill Ferrer subject to consent (GOKF)

Michael Lowe (SKF)

Jerry Swift (MKF)

STACK would nominate a committee representative.

[Note: at a subsequent meeting of the new Committee, the following officers were appointed: Chairman Jon Caton; Secretary John Dobson; Treasurer Jerry Swift.]

## **12 Any Other Business**

The importance of the news updates was recognised as providing regular communication with other clubs.

It was noted that the relationship with power kites needs some renegotiation.

The issue of a kitemark standard for kites was discussed and it was suggested that a kitemark standard be written. It was agreed to consider means of inserting a copy of the new code of conduct, once agreed, into every pack of an approved kite.

It was agreed to publicise more the success of the educational work of Steve Sutton.

### **13 Date of Next Council Annual General Meeting**

This was set for the Sunday after One Sky One World Day 2007 (i.e. the meeting will be on 21 October 2007)