



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BKFA**  
**held at Lamb Inn, Lambs Conduit Street, London**  
**on 2 December 2012, commencing at 2 pm.**

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

**1. Welcome**

The chairman welcomed members to the meeting, and in particular to the new members.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Peter Heayns, Derek Kuhn, David Elkin, Diane Butler, Vee Griffiths, Gareth Williams. An email of resignation had been received from Derek Kuhn and was read out, and the secretary was asked to send him a letter thanking him for his contribution to BKFA over the years.

**3. Minutes of the last AGM**

Ernie Williamson pointed out that he was in fact present at the last AGM but was not so recorded. John Dobson apologised for the error. With this correction, the minutes were). There were no other matters arising.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Jon Caton gave the Chairman's report. This had been a quiet year for the Association. He noted that there had been a return during the year to events focussed on kitefliers rather than public displays, but the perennial problem of getting younger people into the activity remained. The highlight of the year had undoubtedly been the presentation to the KARA team from RAeC. The year had been generally disappointing with the absence of a number of longstanding events, though there were indications of new smaller events. We must all hope that 2013 will be a better year.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Jerry Swift gave the Treasurer's report. He noted that unfortunately Suffolk Kite Fliers found that the insurance policy did not meet their requirements, but a number of other clubs had joined. A copy of the accounts is attached to these minutes. The financial statement was accepted.

Membership Fees.

It was agreed that these should remain at present levels.

**6. Affiliations to Other Institutions**

a) Sport and Recreation (formerly CCPR).

Sport and Recreation provide a lot of information to its member bodies, some of it very relevant to the BKFA. Their information on current and changing legislation on health and safety matters is very useful. 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 agreed a reduction in membership fees to £75 in view of our small membership and limited resources. It was agreed to continue our subscription.

**7. BKFA Competitions**

The Committee was asked to consider this matter, and make an approach to Old Warden for an event. Bill Souten volunteered the assistance of MKF in mounting something if required.

**8. Risk Assessment and Reporting**

The risk assessment register was presented by Jerry Swift and noted by the meeting. The problem of getting the public to pull down their kites rapidly and immediately in the event of an approaching storm was noted. Event organisers should be aware of this and encourage fliers to assist where necessary.

John Dobson reported that he had been approached by an organisation representing overhead electric power line safety on behalf of electricity distributors to publicise the problems and had responded by pointing out that this was covered in our risk assessment and the problem was well known to all event organisers. Jerry Swift asked for a copy of the correspondence for the records.

**9. Insurance**

Jerry Swift stressed that we are not allowed to offer insurance to individuals who are not members of a member club. He would change the website to make this clear, and the affiliate form would be removed.

**10. Election of Committee**

The following nominations to the Committee were accepted: Vee Griffiths (STACK) subject to consent, John Dobson (NEKF), Jerry Swift (MKF), Jon Caton (MKF), George Webster (NEKF), Gareth Williams (KKF), Doug Jones (WHKF), Mike Lowe (SKF), Bill Souten (MKF). However, Vee Griffiths declined the invitation due to pressure of work.

**11. Any Other Business**

a) Conserving Kite History

John Dobson undertook to start creating a collection of images of kites of historical interest which would be available from the BKFA website.

b) KITE Flying Hall of Fame

In view of the lack of interest from KSGB, this idea has been dropped.

**12. Date of Next meeting**

The next AGM would take place on Sunday 1 December 2013 at London venue to be decided by the Committee.

The meeting then closed at 3.35 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 3 December 2012, commencing at 3.40 pm.**

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

**1. *Appointment of Officers***

The following officers of the Committee were appointed:

Chairman: Jon Caton  
Secretary: John Dobson  
Treasurer: Jerry Swift

**2. *Next Meeting***

It was agreed that the next meeting would be electronically mediated by Skype. All the members undertook to have Skype installed on their computers if they had not already done so. John Dobson would circulate Committee members by email to agree a date in the second half of January.

**3. *Old Warden***

Jerry Swift undertook to get in contact with RAeC to find a contact name so that discussions on the proposed event could begin.

The meeting then closed at 3.50 pm.