



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BKFA
held at Lamb Inn, Lambs Conduit Street, London
on 1 December 2013, 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 Peter Heayns, Ernie Williamson, Malcolm Goodman, Diane Butler, Francesca Caton, Vince Wilson, David Elkin.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

There was a typo in Item 3 of the previous minutes. A “)” had replaced the intended word “accepted”. With this correction, the minutes were accepted. It was noted that Old Warden (Item 7) had not come to fruition. There were no other matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Jon Caton gave the Chairman's report. A copy is appended to these minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jerry Swift gave the Treasurer's report. A copy is appended 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 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. Their information on current and changing legislation on health and safety matters is very useful, as a lot of red tape has been removed. 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

After some discussion, it was agreed that the best way ahead was to explore involving children in various ways. It would be interesting to know if any clubs had any experience in organising children's events. George

Webster and John Dobson would draft a letter which could be sent to all clubs. Jerry Swift would try to find out more about the Sport and Recreation Alliance's relationship with schools. John Dobson would have a chat with Pauline Taylor.

8. Risk Assessment and Reporting

In view of a concern raised by Andrew Beattie concerning the risk associated with the use of road pins to mark out arenas and the risk that a large kite could detach a pin and wave it around in the air, the risk assessment had been modified to take account of this hazard. A revised copy is attached to these minutes for ratification.

9. Insurance

Jerry Swift noted that we had received approaches through the website from other brokers touting for business. These had not been followed up. Our current broker is a specialist dealing with sports business and in particular sports governing bodies.

10. 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).

11. Any Other Business

Future Kite Festivals

It was noted that Weymouth Kite Festival had been cancelled although a local *ad hoc* committee had been set up to see if anything realistic could be done. George Webster thought that nothing would happen, and it was agreed that this need not be pursued any further.

John Dobson would write an article to be submitted to *The Kiteflier* on his experience with the Prudhoe Kite Festival this year as an alternative format in response to the decline in kite festivals of the large public spectacle type.

12. Date of Next meeting

The next AGM would take place on Sunday 30 November 2014 at a 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.

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held at Lamb Inn, Lambs Conduit Street, London
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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. John Dobson would circulate Committee members by email to agree a date in the second half of January.

The meeting then closed at 3.50 pm.