

# North East Kite Fliers

## AGM Meeting

6 Feb 2022

By Zoom



### Minutes

#### Present

Jerry Swift, Duncan Brown, Kate Hinton, John Dobson, Fiona Wilkinson, Graham Wilkinson, Jim Potts, Colin Weber, Jo Byrne, Mike Brown, Shirley Heron

#### Apologies

Malcolm & Jeanette Goodman, Chris Gage

The committee decided to do the AGM by Zoom as it was successful last time but for a quorum we must have 25% of the full membership present plus 2 committee members. The current membership is 47 so we do not have a quorum for this meeting. We will go back to having a physical meeting next time.

It was decided to continue with the meeting to discuss matters on the Agenda but no decisions can be made. The committee will call an EGM on Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm which needs only 5 members to be present. Members need 21 days notice. **Action: KH – send out notice to all members**

#### Minutes of the last meeting 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 & Matters arising

Not discussed

#### Reports

Chairman (Jerry Swift): Not a lot to say in view of the lack of flying events last year. Hopefully 2022 will turn out better.

He did follow up as Chair of BFKA in trying to get kite flying recognised by Sport's Council England as a 'sport'. Some success but ultimately there are not enough officially recognised club members. There have also been some changes to the Civil Aviation rules ref kite clearance and we now need to apply on-line.

Secretary (Kate Hinton): Already sent a sheet to members summarising this year's events. Lack of wind was a problem last year. Jim commented that Newbiggin was a nice site and had been a success. Duncan said Ushaw was a good site and they are keen to have us back.

Treasurer (John Dobson): Club financial info has been sent out to all members. No income last year other than £50 from Ludworth but we still had to pay insurance so our club funds have decreased.

#### Election of Officers & Committee Members

Cannot be done at this meeting but the current officers are all willing to continue. Jerry says he will stand down at the next AGM, also from BFKA.

#### Subscriptions

We must charge a subscription this year and it is proposed it remain at £12 per individual adult.

#### Document changes

Constitution: Need to clarify the definition of a 'Junior' and the date this applies to. Currently there is some inconsistency in this in the Constitution and Application Form. It is proposed that a 'Junior' be

defined as someone who is under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> March, the date our club year begins. Everyone present agreed this was sensible. Proposed changes to the Constitution must be agreed at an AGM/EGM and must be circulated to Members at least 7 days beforehand.

The changes required are:

Clause 3b point 2 – change ‘Junior member up to the age of 18 on the date of the AGM’ to ‘Junior member (under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> March)’

Clause 3d – change ‘Members in each category will pay membership fees.....’ to ‘Full members will pay membership fees .....

Membership Application Form: A few changes needed, including definition of a ‘Junior’. If the above definition of a ‘Junior’ is accepted, the form can be changed so it is no longer necessary to update it each year.

Club Safety: This document is very out of date and needs reviewing. **Action: JD – bring revised document to the EGM**

### **Club Assets**

Duncan and John now have all the Air Gallery apart from the one with Claudio. Duncan will be doing some maintenance on the AG and the Friendship kite tail. Malcolm Goodman and Jerry are likely to be going to Italy this year so could collect the kite Claudio has but it might be better to leave it with him as it is more likely to get flown. We need to decide if we are going to keep the AG but first we need to get confirmation from Sunderland City Council that it belongs to us. A few years ago they apparently said that as far as they were concerned we owned it but we need this in writing so no come back if we give it away. **Action: JS/DB – Duncan to give Jerry his contact info for SCC and Jerry to follow up with them.**

### **Club Events 2022**

Most of the following are not NEKF events but are supported by NEKF so our insurance will cover members attending them.

Penshaw Bowl – Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April

Newbiggin – 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Apr (meal & drinks vouchers available on 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis)

Bridlington – 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May (camping available)

Rosendale (nr Accrington, Lancs) – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July

St Anne’s – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

Filey – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Sept

Ushaw – they want us back so we will try and arrange a couple of visits. **Action: DB**

Fly-ins – at the last committee meeting it was decided we should try to arrange a fly-in once a month. **Action: Discuss at EGM**

Jim Potts has organised events for Northern Kite Group for the past 20 years and this year they generated £12,000 of income for the club so they are in a strong financial position and have 180 individual members. Jim is stepping down from this job in a couple of weeks. NEKF does not have the resources to arrange larger events but if we can find anyone willing to have a go at organising a larger event, Jim has offered to help them with advice on how to do it. **Action: Sound out our members**

### **AOB**

None