



EGM

Minutes of the Meeting held on Sunday 17th October 2011

Location	Hayling Island Sailing Club
Attendees	<p>HKA Committee: Martin Evans (ME) Caroline Wilkinson (nee Litchfield) (CW) Mark Clark (MC) Stuart Layton (SL) Dave Parker (DP) David Robertson (DR)</p> <p>Resigned HKA since AGM 2011: Guy Lymn, Chairman (GL) Ian Griffiths, Vice Chair (IG) Luke Davies, General Committee (LD) Gemma McIntyre, Safety (GM)</p> <p>Guests: BKSA – Richard Gowers, Chairman (RG) BKSA – Peter Shaw, Vice Chairman (PS) HKA Members (M) Ian Ravanshear (IR) Ben Kelliher (BK) Minutes – Caroline Wilkinson (CW)</p>
Apologies	None Known

Introductions		<p>ME welcomed everybody and introduced himself as the current Chairman of HKA. Thanking everyone for coming at relatively short notice. ME filled in the HKA committee history following the elections in the previous AGM. GL and IG were thanked for their input and as chair and vice at the beginning, also GM was thanked for setting up duty man and fulfilling the role of safety while the licence went to tender.</p> <p>ME gave the explanation of the licence being awarded to CBK, and at the end of the day it was the (Golf Club) GC decision to award the licence to CBK and withdraw all tenders. This left the HKA no-where to manoeuvre with West Beach (except financial negotiation with CBK to get the best deal for the HKA membership) and gave them 3 weeks to approach the council for an alternative site.</p> <p>With the Survey Monkey e-mail it showed approximately 60% of the HKA would join CBK and 40% would kite else where. Therefore the HKA committee felt it was imperative to set up another kite area on Hayling Island.</p> <p>Ben Keliher (CBK) confirmed numbers that they have over 300 members and of that 250 are HKA Members (broadly 60%). He also confirmed that CBK are keeping the negotiated prices of £85 with duty and £120 without duty for 2012.</p> <p>The HKA treasurer Dave Parker is stepping down from the committee and so we have a minimum of 2 posts to fill to meet our statutory requirements, which are Secretary & Treasurer. No offers have been forthcoming to fill either role although Bill Mason has been asked and may be willing to stand as Treasurer.</p>	
No	Issue	Comments	
1	New Website	DR	Introduced the new website that contains all kitesurfing on Hayling Island and the committee wanted feedback regarding contents.
		IR	Feels that social media is the way forward and that the website was a waste of money.
		M3	Was the membership asked whether they wanted a website, or if someone would build it for free? Lots of members have different skills.
		CW	An e-mail went out to all members requesting help for the building of a website, NO ONE came forward and offered their services, so the committee decided to approach a known graphic designer and web builder who was a member of the HKA. DR has also agreed to be on the committee and update the website FOC.

		M1	Feels the website is very CBK weighted with CBK listings always on the left side of the page. Need to slant it more towards HKA
2	Committee Changes		<p>SL has stepped down MC has stepped down DP has stepped down Need a new treasurer – Bill Mason, an HKA member & a qualified accountant has accepted to be the new treasurer until the AGM 2012 Need a new secretary – Caroline Wilkinson has accepted to be Secretary until the AGM 2012.</p>
3	Role of the HKA		<p>Overall mediation of kiting on Hayling as EGM Agenda proposals?</p> <p>ME ME and SL now have set up meetings with CBK and GC 3x per annum to discuss the running of West beach and any complaints/ problems. It is also to discuss costs incurring to the membership. One has already taken place and was felt to be really useful for all parties.</p> <p>MC Mark Clark confirmed that he'd decided that he doesn't have the time to be on the committee and therefore resigned from the HKA Committee.</p> <p>MC originally opened up communications with the council and between Coral (Beachlands) and the HKA a trial free kiting zone was opened a week after West beach licence expired. Many thanks to all involved with their hard work. Now any body can kite on Hayling Island and it is no longer a closed shop which it was for many years.</p> <p>Natural England had the final say in location of the new kite beach due to the beach cabbage growth (SSSI) PLEASE KEEP OF THE CABBAGE!!</p> <p>There initially was discussion that the trial zone could move in the winter to the skate park, however the council have reconsidered following consultation with other beach users and have asked all kites to remain at the original 'kite beach' throughout the year. The trial period is extended to March 2012.</p> <p>There is a meeting with the council in November 2011 regarding the use of the beach and location. As yet the HKA or BKSA have not been invited, but we need to try and send some representatives along. General consensus in the room was that everybody wanted to continue to push for the council site to be relocated to the skate park.</p>

		M1	Some disagree with the relationship of the committee with CBK – its too cosy, 1 st thing you notice on the website is CBK, it seems an advert for them and they should be promoting themselves and not HKA!
		M2	Should we not just be council beach? No overarching of all kiting on Hayling & forget about CBK and West Beach?
		M3	If I am an HKA and CBK member, why should I join HKA again next year?
		ME	This is a new proposal for the HKA, we haven't been in this situation before. We have called this meeting to discuss the members needs, and what they would like to get out of the HKA. Ran through the reasons to represent the whole membership and the benefits of HKA membership eg discounts for kite equipment at Andy Biggs, Bracklesham Board Riders and CBK
4	Proposed webcam on funfair	ME	One possibility is to install a webcam and weather station for the HKA members to look at and assess if they would like to ride. This webcam would be set up to look at both beaches
		IR	Offered his balcony which is opposite the free beach and good internet connection to stream the data. Some of the members think this is a waste of money as the inn on the beach webcam is now back up and running.
5	Back to role of HKA	M4	Who will join the HKA next year? And why would you join it? Only recommended to but not a necessity regarding either kite beach on Hayling.
		BK	CBK will not be offering insurance next year with their membership, so will need to join BKSA or other 3 rd party. They will encourage the members to join HKA in drop down box also.
		PS	To be an affiliated club of the BKSA then ALL members must be BKSA members. The room discussed the proposed charge for HKA next year and general consensus was perhaps to move it to the £5 rebate in the BKSA membership joining and leave it at that. Rather than the initially proposed £10.
		DP	The HKA has approximately £21,000 and so for the time being can afford membership to be nominal It was also suggested that we should update the constitution and include details of capital expenditure

		<p>levels that can be made without reverting to the membership. Also that all plans can be made public on the HKA web site so there is full transparency of plans to spend money. All agreed a good idea.</p> <p>ME So there are 3 options for the HKA:</p> <p>I: Represent kiting on the whole island both west beach and council liaisons</p> <p>II: HKA is ONLY the free council beach, severing all ties with the golf club and also CBK</p> <p>III: Disband and all go home & give the balance of funds to charity</p> <p>To gain consensus of opinion a show of hands was taken. Results were 18 votes for I, 6 votes for II and 0 votes for III; some chose not to vote.</p> <p>The intention is to put these options to the membership to obtain a clear majority vote and then implement the result. The next formal AGM would be around April 2012.</p>
5	Summary	<p>A quick summary was that the members present were a mix of HKA only and CBK/HKA members. Both parties were interested in keeping the HKA going for various reasons.</p> <p>Even the very anti CBK members were open to keeping channels with the GC and CBK open; but primarily wanted to focus on getting the free beach a permanent feature, and then negotiate moving the council beach to other areas such as the skate park.</p> <p>Most agreed that the CBK and GC ties should not be severed, and it was a good constructive relationship for those members who chose the West Beach option and for everyone in the long-term; the Council beach needed more attention and nurturing at the moment as it is still early days. As confidence grows and we can demonstrate a good record then more options may become possible.</p> <p>LUNCH :0) and informal chat about progress. A summary of the lunchtime debate was that a number of the mysteries and myths of the past were at least openly debated and some resolved. A more general consensus is appearing that the first option outlined above, to represent kitesurfers anywhere on Hayling is the right route and offers something for all our members.</p> <p>We also have asked Caroline if she will take up the secretarial role until the next AGM which she has kindly</p>

agreed to do. Bill Mason has agreed he will take up the Treasurers post on an interim basis up to full elections at the next AGM as well.

Lou Mason knows Coral from Beachlands well. Although not a kitesurfer herself (Lou is an avid windsurfer), she would be willing to form part of our council liason team.

Gez has also exchanged ideas following the meeting and has offered his help in bringing the Lancing experience to the HKA and we look forward to working with him either as a member or possibly on the committee.

These issues to be resolved at the next HKA meeting as it is urgent that we fill the constitutionally required roles.

ANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR ANY ROLES ARE ENCOURAGED AND WOULD BE AND GRATEFULLY RECEIVED – PLEASE STAND UP AND BE COUNTED, YOUR HKA NEEDS YOU!