

## Dart Sailability Group (DSG)

Extraordinary Meeting of Trustees Thursday 11 December 2020 at 17.45.

Held electronically on Zoom

### Minutes

1.	<p><b><u>Attendance and Apologies</u></b></p> <p><u>Present</u> Neil Strevens (NS) Chair Ian Wakeling (IW) Principal Nick Woodward (NW) Treasurer Neil Hockaday (NH) Jeremy Randall (JR) Kit Noble (KN) Mike Pleass (MP) Robert Boyd (RB) Stuart Saunders (SS) Bob Miller (BM) Dolly Marsden (DM) Secretary</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Juliet Prentice (JP) Anne Blood (AB)</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Introduction</u></b></p> <p>The Chair, NS, welcomed Trustees to the meeting and introduced Stuart Saunders, prospective new Trustee attending as an observer. NS thanked Neil Hockaday, who will step down in March 2021, for his services to DSG.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to discuss offers from Marina Developments Ltd (MDL) and others following negotiations with Bob Miller (BM) as set out in an email from NS to Trustees.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Presentation by Bob Miller</u></b></p> <p>BM displayed a Google Earth aerial view of Galampton Creek. He identified the MDL boatyard, the slipways and pontoon, portacabins, the parking area and the 'piggery' area and container at the back of the site. He also showed a view of the slipway and pontoon at 4m of tide, Dolphin Haven on the other side of the creek and Greenway Quay.</p> <p>Alex Warner of MDL has offered DSG the following facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- use of the pontoon for mooring one boat</li><li>- a small lock up unit close to the slipway to store equipment used for sailing sessions such as lifejackets and safety boxes</li><li>- use of the secondary slipway</li><li>- a large portacabin for use as a club house and for storage, with a</li></ul>	

	<p>grassy area nearby suitable for social events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- use of a small container in the piggery for storing maintenance equipment with outside space for carrying out winter maintenance activities and storing boats and trailers ashore.</li> <li>- boat lift-outs and spray-offs as required</li> <li>- a hoist installed on the pontoon or the option for DSG to purchase an addition pontoon to attach to the existing pontoon and install the hoist there.</li> <li>- car parking</li> </ul> <p>Ben Morris of Dolphin Haven has offered his pontoon to moor all DSG boats.</p> <p>There are tidal limitations to DSG operations from Galmpton Creek. Sailing would be restricted to neap tides every other week, 2.5 to 3 hours either side of high water. Hansas, which have deep keels, might be restricted to slightly less time on the water. To make use of spring tides BM has negotiated with the National Trust and Greenway for DSG to launch sailing groups from the slipway at Greenway Quay. Their minibus will be allowed to drop off at the quay and then park in the car park.</p> <p>NS hopes that MDL will become a permanent base for engineering operations but that a different sailing base, possibly the Royal Dart Yacht Club (RDYC) might be preferable in the future. The RDYC expect to obtain grants, with DSG assistance, to make disabled adaptations.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Costs</u></b> MDL has asked for an annual sum of £3300 or £275 monthly. Alex Warner would prefer to take payment monthly for trial period. DSG has a surplus of £60,000 which will enable the Group to purchase items while waiting for grants.</p> <p>Trustees agreed to earmark a restricted fund of £10,000 to cover relocation costs with individual purchases up to £1000 not requiring three quotes or prior authorisation. NW will set up the fund and liaise with IW on requirements, ensuring appropriate transparency.</p> <p>JR is preparing a letter to the Wellcome Trust to request a grant to assist with re-location costs.</p>	<p><b>NW, IW</b></p> <p><b>JR</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p>The Trustees agreed unanimously to accept the offers from MDL, Dolphin Haven and Greenway.</p> <p>NS will write to Alex Warner to formally accept his offer with a view to taking it up on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021. He will ask Alex Warner to set out ground rules for DSG with a view to establishing a good relationship and security of tenure with MDL. In due course NS hopes to erect a suitable shelter for winter engineering operations and arrange water and electricity supplies.</p> <p>IW will continue to consider the pros and cons of the two locations (MDL</p>	<p><b>NS</b></p> <p><b>IW</b></p>

	<p>and RDYC) KN suggested DSG hold some events at RDYC to embed the Group there.</p> <p>Trustees discussed the options for remaining at Noss Marina. From the communication received to date Premier do not appear to want DSG at Noss.</p> <p>The lease at Noss Marina expires on 23 May 2021 and the ARC must be moved by the end of March. The existing container and hut will be left at Noss Marina.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p>NS closed the meeting at 18.45.</p>	