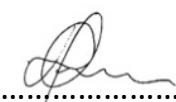




MEETING OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Date & Time:	Thursday 2 nd October 2025 at 2:00pm
Address:	Clubhouse, Dolphin Boatyard, Galmpton
Signed:	 Neil Strevens, Chair Dart Sailability Group

Minutes		Action by
Attendance and apologies		
Present Neil Strevens (NS) Chair Ian Wakeling (IW) Principal Paul Wyman (PW) Derek Lowe (DLo) Chris Wood (CW) Nick Lane (NL) Chris Tamlyn (CT) Chris Smith (CS) Stuart Saunders (SS)		
Apologies Jo Heaton (JH) Trustee Secretary Kate Graeme-Cook (KG-C) Richard Tonks (RT) Charlie Hindley (CH) Nick Woodward (NW)		
1. Minutes of previous meeting (Thursday 17th July 2025)		
Trustees approved the minutes. Proposed: Paul Wyman Seconded: Chris Smith		
2. Matters Arising		
4.2	There had been some misunderstanding regarding RT's role in the electrical safety of the Piggery. This was being addressed through the Safety Officer and Engineering Manager. NFA	

4.1	NS has initiated contact with Postcode Lottery in an attempt to appeal the contradictory refusals of two bids in FY 2025. Still awaiting a response.	NS
4.3	Despite the weather, the Galmpton Festival seemed to be a moderate success, with £60 donated on the day, and some good contacts made. The Trustees expressed their thanks to Dawn Ravenhill for organising our participation and to those volunteers and sailors who turned out.	
6.1	Although local MP Caroline Voaden was unable to make any of our sessions this season due to commitments, her office have requested next year's dates as soon as they become available. CT is requested to forward the proposed schedule to NS as soon as available for onward transmission.	CT NS
3. Safety Officers Report		
3.1	IW requested that the Trustees make an urgent decision whether to spend money to reduce the risk from using 240v equipment in the Piggery. The equipment comprised a petrol jet-washer (£835), battery charger (£104.39) and additional power tool batteries (£8.99). KG-C was requested to seek donations to cover the cost of the petrol washer, if possible.	TK KG-C
3.2	The Trustees also discussed returning the second hoist to a serviceable condition to back up the one in operation. The spare parts would cost up to £600 and would have to come from Australia, therefore there was some urgency to ensure availability before next season. It was agreed that, while research into a hoist capable of lifting a greater weight would continue, the complexities of the purchase and using our existing pontoon precluded an early decision. Actions The Trustees approved £1,600 to be spent on these items. Proposer: Stuart Saunders Seconder: Paul Wyman	TK
4. Principal's Report – Ian Wakeling IW had previously circulated his report to Trustees.		
4.1	IW reported that the weather had impacted on many sessions this season, resulting in more being lost, than in previous seasons. Replacement sessions did not attract much interest. Use of the ARC was also reduced for reasons unknown. The number of sailors was 50 and volunteers 76, down slightly on the previous year: due to finance, transport problems and changes in personnel, the number of group attendances was also much lower than in previous years. The Meeting was informed that Visual Eyes, a local charity and frequent user had been dissolved during the year.	
4.2	IW reported that he is now the Chair of Dart Leisure Users' Group, which has replaced ADRUC.	

5. Fund Raising Report – Kate Graeme-Cook		
5.1	While still robust, fundraising this FY has only amounted to £32,000. The Chair noted that this would barely cover operating costs and urged caution and frugality over the next year to avoid eating too far into reserves. PW suggested that Match Funding might be considered in certain instances.	
6. Treasures Report Nick Woodward		
6.1	The Chair commented that FY 2024-5 had seen the first use of Liberty Accounting software running alongside previous ExCel spreadsheets. Having briefly noted the balance of the accounts in CAF, he observed that there had been a relatively small discrepancy which he was confident would be rectified before the closure of the FY accounts. Use of this system should improve access to specific totals and allow the annual Accounts to be produced more rapidly. IW suggested that reduced membership might have had an effect, and it was agreed that the subject of a small increase in fees could be floated at the workshop in November and at the AGM in April. PAYG was considered too difficult to administer and might have a detrimental effect on the overall income from membership, particularly during bad weather.	
7. Weather Station		
7.1	NS had offered to purchase a weather station to be positioned in the creek and accessed through the Dolphin website, with the object of helping OODs and Cis to make weather decisions prior to sessions. IW explained that there were so many other factors not captured by such a device which influence a decision that it would probably be of little use. NS decided to withdraw his offer.	
8. Any other business		
8.1	DLo requested that bilge pump systems on Support Boats be included in the annual servicing provided by Tonto	IW
8.2	It was suggested that the Workshop be used to encourage the establishment of a WhatsApp group to help sailors lift share to sessions, as several have either had to stop self-driving or cannot afford taxi fares on a regular basis.	
8.3	Both the Chair NS, and IW reminded the meeting that they are both seeking replacements, having held their positions for over seven years.	
8. Date of future meetings		
The next meetings of Trustees will take place on:		
- Thursday 15th January 2026 - Thursday 9th April 2026		

The meeting closed at 1455

Future meetings to be held at 2pm in DSG Clubhouse, Dolphin Boatyard.