

## **Dart Sailability Group (DSG)**

### **Annual General Meeting 2021**

**Meeting held electronically on TEAMS at 6.00pm on Wednesday 05 May 2021**

### **Minutes**

<p>1.</p>	<p><b><u>Attendance and Apologies</u></b></p> <p><u>Present</u> Neil Strevens (Chair) Robert Boyd Mike Pleass Kate Graeme-Cook Chris Sumner Paul Wyman Derek Lowe Stuart Saunders Juliet Prentice Jo Heaton David Pendlebury Roger Marsden Dolly Marsden (Secretary)</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Anne Blood Phil Key Paul Stannard</p>	<p>Ian Wakeling (Principal) Bob Miller Graham Gardner Ian Cottey Janet Cottey Andrew Cushen Claire Carter Keith Cockburn Carrie Sawyer Claude Cazzola Maureen White Don Fallon</p> <p>Adrian Greenwood Luana Winston RogerWhitton</p>
	<p>Neil Strevens, Chairman, introduced the meeting and thanked those members attending. He confirmed that in future years the AGM would be held in April.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><b><u>Approval of Minutes of previous AGM of 15 September 2020</u></b></p> <p>The minutes had been circulated to the membership and published on the DSG website.</p> <p>Proposed: Ian Wakeling Seconded: Keith Cockburn Agreed unanimously</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>3.</p> <p>i.</p>	<p><b><u>Chairman's Report 2019-20 – Neil Strevens, Chair</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman's Report for the year to 30 September 2020 is available in full on the DSG website along with the Annual Accounts.</p>	

<p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p>2020 was a different and difficult year.</p> <p>Immediately after the AGM of 2020 DSG started the search for new operational premises. Trustees were aware that moving to new premises would require substantial funding and had increased reserves over previous years so that finances were in good order by September 2020. More support would be needed, however.</p> <p>The Covid19 pandemic dominated activities in summer 2020. Ian Wakeling, Principal, with support from the RYA, organized carefully managed sailing sessions during July, August, September and October. The Chair expressed his gratitude to Ian and the other volunteers who took part.</p> <p>Winter maintenance was almost complete before the 2020 lockdown so boats were mainly ready for use.</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p><b><u>Presentation and Approval of Annual Accounts</u></b></p> <p>The accounts for the year to 30 September 2020 had been circulated previously and were published on the website.</p> <p>The Principal confirmed that any member who had enrolled for membership in 2020 would have their fee rolled over to 2021 whether they had attended sailing or not.</p> <p>By 30 September 2020 there was a surplus of £5000.00.</p> <p>Proposed: Jo Heaton  Seconded: Robert Boyd  The accounts were approved unanimously</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p><b><u>Membership fees</u></b></p> <p>The Principal had researched fee structures at other Sailability operations. The current DSG fee of £35.00 for sailing members is below average. He proposed an increase of £5.00 a year for three years from 2022, rising to £50.00.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that cases of hardship would be considered.</p> <p>Fees for Groups were also under review. Andrew Cushen suggested DSG try to raise funds to help with transport costs for Groups</p> <p>Don Fallon asked how the extra income from membership fees would be spent. The Chair explained that income is always put towards the running costs of the Group and that boats cost a lot to maintain and replace. Operating from MDL Galmpton will incur an extra £3,500.00 in annual rent. The contribution by sailing members should be proportionate to what they receive. The Chair noted the amount of work put in by volunteers and the Management team. Funds will be used wisely and appropriately, not frivolously.</p>

<p>v.</p> <p>vi.</p> <p>vii.</p>	<p>Janet Cottey pointed out that individuals as well as groups can pay significant sums of money to get to sailing sessions. Several examples were quoted. There are volunteers as well as sailing members who require transport to the venue.</p> <p><b><u>ACTION</u></b> Management team will review the cost of transport as a separate issue.</p> <p>Increase of membership fees to £50.00 over 3 years from 2022 Proposed: Robert Boyd Seconded: Ian Cottey There were no objections. Motion carried.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b><u>Departing Trustees</u></b></p> <p>Neil Hockaday, Kit Noble and Jeremy Randall have stepped down as Trustees. The Chair offered them his thanks, on behalf of Dart Sailability, for their contribution towards the successful running of the Group.</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p><b><u>Election of Trustees</u></b></p> <p>Biographies of new Trustee candidates had already been circulated to the membership. Juliet Prentice had applied for re-election.</p> <p>There are currently 3 disabled Trustees plus one disabled new candidate; potentially 35% of Trustees.</p> <p><b><u>Election of trustees</u></b></p> <p>Names: Juliet Prentice Stuart Saunders Paul Wyman Kate Graeme-Cook David Lewis Chris Sumner Derek Lowe</p> <p>Proposed: Janet Cottey Seconded: Graham Gardner No objections Motion carried</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p><b><u>Relocation to Galmpton</u></b></p> <p>The Principal thanked the many people forming the teams that have facilitated DSG's move to Galmpton. The Group is nearly ready to start sailing operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. - The Clubhouse is almost complete, although out of use at present due to Covid 19.</li> <li>ii. - All boats are launched.</li> <li>iii. - The hoist mount failed testing so has been returned to the manufacturers to be corrected.</li> <li>iv. - Induction training for new volunteers and refresher training for existing</li> </ul>

<p>v. vi. vii. viii.</p>	<p>volunteers is complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is an option to provide ARC trips for Groups from Greenway Quay.</li> <li>- It is hoped that Royal Dart Yacht Club will occasionally host sailing operations on alternate Mondays when Galmpton is unavailable.</li> <li>- A full trial of operational processes will take place before sailing sessions commence.</li> <li>- The programme for the whole season is published on the website.</li> </ul> <p>The Principal gave an explanation of the sailing programme and the varying locations and times required to take account of the tides.</p>
<p>9.  i.  ii.  iii.</p>	<p><b><u>Fundraising Campaign</u></b></p> <p>The cost of re-locating the DSG operation to MDL Galmpton was estimated to cost in excess of £25,000. Premier Marinas and The Wellcome Trust, DSG's previous host at Noss Marina, both rejected an appeal for financial support.</p> <p>Kate Graeme-Cook took on fund-raising for the re-location and achieved the target amount within three weeks. Thanks to the significant generosity of a number of people and organizations the cost of re-location has not impinged on DSG's funds.</p> <p>The Chair offered thanks to all involved in fundraising, in particular Kate Graeme-Cook and Mike Pleass.</p>
<p>10.  i.  ii.  iii.  iv.  v.</p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>The Chair reported the sad loss of five DSG members since the AGM in September 2020:</p> <p>Johnathan Miles Aaron Schemberi Richard Ward Mike Matthews Richard Fellender</p> <p>Only one of these deaths was due to Covid19. The first Tom Glomb award will take place at the next annual dinner.</p> <p>Roger Marsden suggested a vote of thanks to Bob Miller for being the driving force behind the relocation to Galmpton.</p> <p>The Principal asked the membership for their ideas for the Development Plan which will be prepared once DSG is settled at Galmpton; for example, new boats, canoeing etc.</p> <p>Keith Cockburn thanked the Chair for the work he has done over the past year.</p> <p>Ian Cottey also thanked the Management team and Trustees.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 7.00pm.</p>

