Neil Strevens, Chair Dart Sailability Group

Dart Sailability Group (DSG)

Meeting of Trustees on Wednesday 18 January 2023 at 2.00pm

At the DSG Clubhouse, Dartside Quay, Galmpton.

<u>Minutes</u>

1.	Attendance and Apologies	
	Present Mike Pleass (MP) Acting Chair lan Wakeling (IW) Principal Paul Wyman (PW) Derek Lowe (DLo) Chris Sumner (CS) Kate Graeme-Cook (KG-C) Anne Blood (AB) Stuart Saunders (SS) Robert Boyd (RB) Dolly Marsden (DM) Secretary Apologies Neil Strevens (NS) Chair Juliet Prentice (JP) Nick Woodward (NW) Treasurer David Lewis (DLe)	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting (12 July 2022)	
	Trustees approved the minutes Proposed: CS	
	Seconded: SS	
3.	Matters Arising	

	3.6.3 Wifi installation has been ordered from Openreach who have to date failed to complete the installation. Bob Miller has lodged a formal complaint with Openreach.	
	3.6.3 Following consultation with the RYA DSG will not proceed with an electronic wellbeing survey. KG-C and MP proposed reinstatement of 'suggestions box'.	IW
	5.9 An I-Phone was donated for use with the Sum Up card machine which has been in use very successfully, taking payments at events.	
4.	Principal's Report – Ian Wakeling	
4.1	IW had previously circulated his report to Trustees.	
4.2 4.3	Group Sessions and Pricing The range of pricing options are set out so that Groups can discuss and agree their requirements in advance of each season, thus accommodating those Groups who only want dedicated trips as well as those who want to sign up for the whole season. The cost to Groups will be similar to previous pricing, but more flexible. Proposed: DLo Seconded: AB	
4.3	KG-C has identified a charity that enables disabled children to swim; Level Water, which operates at Dartmouth indoor pool. She is discussing a joint project with Trustee Gordon Coutts where groups of children might attend sailing sessions. For safeguarding reasons only children over 8 years old would be eligible for sailing.	KG-C
4.5	IT IW has been liaising with 3 people who might be interested/able to take on the work of consolidating and managing DSG's existing IT systems.	
4.6	Website Trustees agreed that the Group website requires professional redesign and improvement. The RYA can arrange for a website accessibility assessment if required.	
	The cost of website re-design could be a suitable item for grant funding such as the unrestricted donation of £4,000 from the Handley Trust. KG-C pointed out that there would be further costs associated with website maintenance that would not be	All

eligible for grant funding. Trustees will look out for good charity websites to help identify a designer	
Fund Raising – Kate Graeme-Cook	
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Treasurer's Report – Nick Woodward	
NW is still away. There are no current issues with DSG finances.	
Charity Commission – Changes to Charities Act	
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DSG Constitution Review	
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9.	Dartside Quay - Change of Ownership	
9.1	Ben Morris will take ownership of MDL at Dartside Quay in the next month. He plans to make the Quay a destination for local people. There is no apparent risk to DSG.	
	The Group will need to wait until the transaction is complete before asking permission to install a floating mooring pontoon for 4 Hansa dinghies. Meanwhile the Hansa storage area will be concreted to facilitate access.	
10.	Tom Glomb Award	
10.1	MP will compose an email to the membership requesting nominations for this year's volunteer of the year award. IW will send it out, response deadline 28 February 23. Trustees will make a final decision at their next meeting in April.	MP,
11.	Social Prescribing	
11.1	CS will approach a Practice Manager contact who might be able to identify one or two GP surgeries interested in social prescribing. DSG could then make presentations to them.	cs
11.2	RB will approach Compass House in Brixham AB will approach Leatside in Totnes	RB AB
12.	Trustee Re-election	
12.1	DLe will stand down and require replacement. DLo and RB will stand for re-election	
13.	<u>AOB</u>	
13.1	WeSup portacabin purchase IW has told MDL that DSG would like to buy it if appropriate when it becomes available. SS might have means of contact with WeSup in order to get a bid to their administrators. Until the sale of MDL to Ben Morris is complete DSG won't be able to make a bid.	SS
13.2		
	Road Closure update The road closure is not causing problems with traffic at present.	
13.3	Fishing Trips	
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13.4	DSG will not become involved in arranging fishing trips. There are various local organizations who can take disabled passengers fishing, eg. Horizons in Plymouth.	
13.5	10 Year Award Bob Miller received the award at the 2022 Christmas meal. Some other eligible volunteers have been identified. They will be presented at the AGM in April 23.	
13.6	Access to the ARC CS reported that some Visualise sailors were anxious about accessing the ARC over the ramp. As a handrail would not be practicable Trustees suggested that anxious sailors make use of the DSG wheelchair.	IW
13.7	Social Event pricing To support essential fundraising efforts Trustees agreed DSG should consider a minimum charge for events.	АВ
13.8	Exeter Chamber of Commerce AB reported that Exeter Chamber of Commerce is excellent at fund raising. AB will talk to them with a view to making a formal presentation.	
	MP offered a vote of thanks to the Maintenance Team	
14.	Date of future meetings.	
14.1	The next meetings of Trustees will take place on	
	Wednesday 5 th April 2023 Wednesday 5 July 2023 (tbc)	1
14.2	Meetings to be held at 2pm in the DSG clubhouse, Dartside Quay.	
14.2	The AGM and Annual Dinner will be held on 19 April 2023 at Churston Golf Club	