

Dart Sailability Group (DSG)

Annual General Meeting 2022

Churston Golf Club, Brixham, TQ5 0LA

Thursday 7 April at 5.30pm

Minutes

1.	Apologies were received from Neil Strevens, DSG Chair. Mike Pleass, Acting Chair, introduced the meeting and welcomed members.
2.	<u>Minutes of previous AGM 5 May 2021</u> The minutes had been circulated to the membership and published on the DSG website. Proposed: Anne Blood Seconded: Stephen Oakey Agreed unanimously
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u> 5.v. Transport costs: To date there had been no requests for support with the cost of transport to sailing sessions. Mike Pleass invited members to apply should they experience difficulty.
4.	<u>Chairman's Report 2020-21 – Neil Strevens, Chair</u> i. The Chairman's Report for the year to 30 September 2021 is available in full on the DSG website along with the Annual Accounts. ii. Mike Pleass announced that Marina Developments Ltd (MDL) had offered DSG a 4 year lease at the Dartside Quay site in Galmpton. Subject to review by Trustees, a lease would offer a level of security and enable forward planning for the Group.
5.	<u>Principal's Report – Ian Wakeling</u> i. Ian Wakeling, Principal, thanked everyone who made the relocation to Dartside Quay and DSG's first season there so successful, despite the additional challenges of Covid. ii. An excellent winter maintenance season had been enhanced by the acquisition of two large workshop tents and by Colin Whymark's baking. iii Following the membership survey a Development Plan reflecting members' priorities was to be published shortly. Many items had already been achieved. iv.

<p>v.</p> <p>vi.</p> <p>vii.</p> <p>viii.</p>	<p>New format more accessible Operating Procedures would be made available shortly.</p> <p>DSG had taken delivery of 2 new Hansa Liberty boats. These are single handers: larger and faster than the Hansa 303's with a view to match racing.</p> <p>Following trials the previous year the RS Venture was due for delivery once suitable modifications had been carried out. This bigger boat would provide a different experience for sailors and would be ideal for racing at Dittisham and in the Dartmouth dinghy regatta.</p> <p>Kanata, the Drascombe longboat, has been invited to enter the Dittisham gaffer races.</p> <p>The Principal referred members to the sailing programme on the website. Social events, along with formal training and certification in sailing and power-boating were part of the programme.</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p>	<p><u>Fundraising – Kate Graeme-Cook</u></p> <p>The relocation appeal had been very successful with the added benefit of highlighting DSG within the local community and beyond. The fundraising team was now working on sustainable long term funding and a new campaign to attract more members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A quarterly newsletter to be emailed to members and stakeholders. - A business plan - A more user friendly website - A regular update of the database of contacts <p>DSG's inclusion in events and regattas would continue to keep the Group in the public eye.</p> <p>Thanks to a stream of successful grant applications and donations the relocation appeal exceeded its target. DSG had been able to purchase maintenance tents and planned to improve wheelchair access to the clubhouse, install wifi and provide a water supply to the piggery. Members were encouraged to send any ideas for improvement to the Chair.</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p><u>Presentation and Approval of Annual Accounts - Nick Woodward, Treasurer</u></p> <p>The accounts for the year to 30 September 2021 had been published on the website.</p> <p>The Treasurer confirmed that DSG held a cash reserve over six figures, much of which was specifically for the relocation to Galampton.</p> <p>By 30 September 2021 there was a healthy surplus compared with the previous year, putting the Group in a strong position for the next 12 months.</p> <p>Proposed: Roger Marsden Seconded: David Pendlebury The accounts were approved unanimously</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Re-election of Trustees</u></p> <p>Three Trustees stood for re-election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neil Strevens, Chair - Anne Blood - Mike Pleass <p>There were no objections Proposed: Andrew Cushen Seconded: Stephen Oakey</p>
<p>10.</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>Keith Cockburn offered thanks to Trustees and wanted to let them know that their work was valued.</p> <p>Don Fallon had expressed an interest in kayaking. Roger Holroyd had examined feasibility and concluded that DSG would not be able to offer kayaking. Locally, SW Kayaks had been keen to help. Any interested members should make themselves known to Roger.</p> <p>Gig racing for people with disabilities had not been investigated.</p> <p>Andrew Cushen asked whether a Trustee had assumed specific responsibility for the Development Plan. Ian Wakeling explained that the Plan was a live document being actively run by Neil Strevens and would be available to view on the website.</p> <p>Ian Wakeling appealed for help with DSG IT which required upgrading and managing.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Mike Pleass thanked the membership and closed the meeting at 6.30pm.</p>