

Dart Sailability Group (DSG)

Trustee Meeting Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 5.00pm

Held electronically on Zoom

Minutes

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Attendance and Apologies</u></p> <p><u>Present</u> Neil Strevens (NS) Chair Ian Wakeling (IW) Principal Nick Woodward (NW) Treasurer Neil Hockaday (NH) Anne Blood (AB) Jeremy Randall (JR) Mike Pleass (MP) Juliet Prentice (JP) Stuart Saunders (SS) Kate Graeme-Cook (KG-C) David Lewis (DLe) Christopher Sumner (CS) Paul Wyman (PW) Derek Lowe (DLo) Dolly Marsden (DM) Secretary</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Kit Noble (KN) Robert Boyd (RB)</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Minutes of previous meeting 18.01.21</u></p> <p>The minutes were agreed with no amendments</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p><u>13.01.20 - 5.c.2</u> The hoist at Darthaven is now in use</p> <p><u>3.</u> Claude Cazzola has withdrawn his application to the board of Trustees. Mike Pleass is currently standing in as fundraiser.</p> <p><u>5.</u> Membership fees have been rolled over for those members who paid last year. NS requested approval of an increased budget of £20,000 to cover the move to Galmpton. Trustees were referred to the spreadsheet giving details of spending. He suggested that while funds were available DSG should invest in good quality buildings and equipment. A robust system for monitoring purchases is in place. Proposed MikePleass Seconded Anne Blood</p> <p><u>8.</u> Hansa trolleys have been purchased and are in place at Galmpton</p> <p><u>8.2</u> The Tom Glomb trophy will be awarded this year.</p>	

	<p><u>8.5</u> The DSG site at Noss is now mainly clear apart from the removal of rubbish. The marina wants to start work in the boatyard on 1 May. IW has informed the marina manager that he can't guarantee DSG property will be removed by then.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Approval of Trustees</u></p> <p>NS expressed his appreciation and acknowledged the caliber of the five new applicants for Trustee positions:</p> <p>Kate Graeme-Cook David Lewis Christopher Sumner Paul Wyman Derek Lowe</p> <p>The applicants outlined the qualifications and experience they hope to bring to their work as Trustees. Trustees will discuss Trustee applications at a later date before nominations are put to the AGM for ratification.</p> <p>Chairman's Note: Following an email discussion post-meeting, no objections were raised to the above five candidates, plus Stuart Saunders, being proposed to the Membership at the AGM. Juliet Prentice also offered herself for re-election as her term was also due.</p>	NS
5.	<p><u>Fundraising Campaign</u></p> <p>5.1 For some years DSG has been accumulating reserve funds either to start paying fees at Noss Marina or move and pay fees elsewhere. The fees introduced at Noss for 2021 were found to be prohibitive. Bob Miller, DSG Training Officer, approached Marina Developments Ltd (MDL) at Galmpton Quay on the Dart. MDL have been able to offer DSG a wide range of facilities, better than those at Noss.</p> <p>5.2 The cost of relocating to Galmpton, fitting out the facilities and purchasing a pontoon extension with a hoist was expected to be £25,000. New member, Kate Graeme-Cook, launched a media and fundraising campaign which proved to be extremely successful so that the target was achieved within three weeks.</p> <p>Trustees offered thanks to the generous donors and to all who helped with the fundraising campaign.</p> <p>5.3 NS confirmed that names of donors will be displayed on the outside wall of the clubhouse, listed alphabetically There will also be events, such as launches, to which donors will be invited.</p>	IW
6.	<p><u>Annual Report and Accounts</u></p> <p>Trustees unanimously approved the Annual Report and Accounts.</p>	

<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.5</p> <p>7.6</p> <p>7.7</p> <p>7.8</p> <p>7.9</p>	<p><u>Principal's report, including move to Galmpton</u></p> <p>All boats have been moved to MDL at Galmpton and will be launched on 19 April 21.</p> <p>The ARC will be moved to Old Mill Creek. The latest lease will be forwarded to NW.</p> <p>The mooring for the Safety boat will be retained at Darthaven</p> <p>IW will meet with the Royal Dart Yacht Club to organize dates for sailing sessions from their site.</p> <p>The contents of the workshop container at Noss have been decanted into a container at Galmpton. The small container by the slipway has been fitted out ready to hold sailing equipment. The clubhouse portacabin has been painted, re-floored and is awaiting delivery of floor covering.</p> <p>The 2021 sailing programme is published on the website.</p> <p>Groups will sail from the Greenway ferry Quay by kind permission of the National Trust. Permission has been given for a minibus to park in the staff parking area. Discussions with sailing Groups are in progress.</p> <p>Dates are arranged for induction and training of new volunteers. Existing volunteers have been offered refresher training in boat handling and man-overboard skills. There is an ongoing programme to refresh and train volunteers.</p> <p>On 8 May IW will run a trial sailing session to identify and resolve any issues. The first operating day will be 17 May 21, or 18 May in case of adverse weather. DSG is not constrained by the Government's current rule of 30. The Group is operating within the guidance of the RYA which provides regular Covid guidance updates. These include safe procedures for hoisting disabled sailors.</p> <p>IW has re-written the Handbook of Operating Procedures. He is planning an introductory video of the DSG operation at Galmpton and Greenway to familiarize members with the new location.</p> <p>DM will arrange for Bob Miller's introductory presentation to be circulated to new Trustee candidates.</p> <p>MP asked whether a minibus should be added to the Group's wish list. IW suggested the possibility of sharing ownership and use with another organization. SS runs a fleet of minibuses for Mayfield School. Each costs £7,000 pa to run.</p>	<p>IW</p> <p>DM</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p>	<p><u>Membership Fees</u></p> <p>DSG's annual fees are currently low in comparison with other Sailability groups while operating costs have increased significantly. Volunteers currently pay £1.00 and sailing members pay £35.00 per annum. Groups are charged so that any six sailors from an organization can attend an</p>	

	arranged sailing session.	
8.2	Increased fees for volunteers are controversial. Volunteer donations have proved more successful.	
8.3	Trustees discussed a range of options for individual sailing membership fees and agreed that an incremental increase of £5.00 annually from 2022 would be proposed to the AGM.	NS
9.	<u>Policy statement on the recruitment of ex-offenders</u> Trustees reviewed and agreed the policy which will be added to the DSG website.	DM
10.	<u>Date of AGM</u> The AGM will be held electronically on Teams on 5 th May 2021 at 1800 The Chair called for items for the agenda.	NS/DM
11.	<u>AOB</u>	
11.1	NS announced that the following Trustees were stepping down: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jeremy Randall - Neil Hockaday - Kit Noble He thanked outgoing Trustees for their help and support and invited them to the opening ceremony at the new location at Galmpton.	
11.2	PW suggested that along with an incremental increase of fees members could be invited to donate via a donation button	MP
11.3	CS asked about the procedure for following up legacies with executors. The Treasurer confirmed he deals with these.	NW
12.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> The next meeting of Trustees will be held on Wednesday 14 July at 2.00pm at the DSG clubhouse at Galmpton.	