

Dart Sailability Group (DSG)

2019 Annual General Meeting

South Devon College on Thursday 21 March 2019 at 5.30pm

Minutes

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Attendance and Apologies</u></p> <p><u>Present</u> 25 members</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Paul Stannard Keith Cockburn Steven Sedgewick David Heaton Jo Heaton Judith Smith Colin Smith Julie Holland Neil Strevens</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Trustee Elections</u></p> <p>Tom King (Chair) and Keith Cockburn stepped down having completed the three year term.</p> <p><u>Resolution 1</u> Re-election of trustees, appointed during the year:</p> <p>Kit Noble and Jeremy Randall (appointed 27 June 2018) Neil Strevens (appointed 24 January 2019)</p> <p>Proposed Tom King, seconded Richard Fellender. Approved unanimously</p> <p><u>Resolution 2</u> Re-election of Mike Pleass who will stand down after one further year.</p> <p>Proposed Tom King, seconded Bob Miller Approved unanimously</p> <p>Tom King continued to Chair the meeting as the incoming Chair, Neil Strevens, was unable to attend.</p>

3.	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of previous AGM</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous AGM on 28 October 2017 were approved. There were no matters arising.</p>
4.	<p><u>Annual Report</u></p> <p><u>Successes</u> The Chair offered huge thanks to Mike Pleass for his fundraising successes during the year. A donation from the Essex Trust has enabled the Group to purchase the new Brig RIB and the Hansa fleet has received new sails.</p> <p><u>Challenges</u> Work on the marina redevelopment at Noss has resulted in a shorter sailing season for 2019. The Chair congratulated the Management Team who has nevertheless managed to arrange a busy schedule of activities for the 2019 sailing season.</p> <p><u>Thanks</u> The Chair thanked all volunteers for their contribution over the year. Thanks in particular were offered to the winter maintenance team, working on the fleet in poor conditions this year.</p> <p>Thanks were also offered to:</p> <p>Keith Cockburn, retiring trustee, for his energy and commitment, particularly on the water with the Sonar fleet</p> <p>Janet Cottey who retired last year as Membership and Social Secretary</p> <p>Steve Watkin who retired as Principal last July</p> <p>Mike Pleass for agreeing to remain as trustee for a further year and for his superb fundraising efforts.</p>
5.	<p><u>Treasurer's report</u></p> <p>The Chair explained the out of sequence relationship between the AGM and the accounting period. The accounts formally presented to the AGM were those for the year ending 30 September 2017 and are available to view on the Dart Sailability website. The accounts for 2018 will be ready later in 2019.</p> <p>Nick Woodward, Treasurer, reported fundraising income: 2017 - £28,000 2018 - £40,590</p> <p>He described this as the result of an extraordinary effort which has enabled expenditure in 2018 on the new Brig RIB, new outboards and new sails for Hansa dinghies. Other outgoings remain similar year on year. A surplus of approximately £4,000 has been added to the reserves.</p>

<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Pleass offered a vote of thanks to Tom King for stepping in as Chair in difficult circumstances and doing a good job. 2. Andrew Cushen reminded the meeting that Dart Sailability faced significant funding challenges in the future. The Chair commented that he believes the Group will rise to the challenge. 3. Ian Cottey expressed concerns about parking issues. The new car parks are scheduled to be in operation by the start of the sailing season. The distance between car parks and pontoons will be an issue for all stakeholders. Ian Wakeling, Principal, is in ongoing discussions with Premier to find solutions. 4. Robert Boyd expressed concern over the difficulty of access to the cabin in the Quarry boat park. The Principal confirmed he is in discussions with Premier to supply a suitable pathway to the cabin. 5. Tom King said that as the situation at Noss will be fluid during the redevelopment period Dart Sailability will have to be prepared to accommodate changes as they occur. 6. Ian Wakeling informed the meeting that Darthaven marina has agreed to a hoist as an option if their engineers are able to install it. The location of Dart Sailability's existing hoist may also change. Information will be posted on the website. Ian asked members to raise any concerns with the management team.
<p>7.</p>	<p>Tom King handed over to the new Chair, Neil Strevens. He thanked members, saying he has greatly enjoyed his role as trustee and Chairman.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 6.00pm.</p>