



New Forest & District Sailability
 Minutes for the Committee Meeting
 held at
 Spinnaker Club House
 Friday 7 September at 4pm



1. <u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
Eric Blyth, Tom Glasson, Rory Morrison, Xavier Champeau, Irene Hincks, Rodney Woods, Spike Spencer	
2. <u>APOLOGIES</u>	
Roger Druce	
3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</u>	
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 August 2007	
4. <u>CURRENT PROJECTS</u>	
4.1. Project Pontoon The new pontoon is now successfully in position. However there are a few items which Eric will 'chase' Walcon to rectify including: the curved metal tread plate connecting the pontoon to the wall, which needs to be replaced with a flat one, the split planking and those that appears to have woodworm, and the gap between the first and second pontoon. Eric pointed out that Walcon are fully committed with the Boat Show at this moment, so it's possible that the work will not be started until early next month.	Eric
4.2. Rob and Eric will investigate the options available at the Boatshow for suitable fenders.	Rob Eric
4.3. Eric will attend Spinnaker committee and get their comments on new Pontoon	Eric
4.4. A special thanks was given to Rob, who was our man on site, overseeing the wall work and the installation of the pontoon. POST MEETING Spinnaker are very happy with the pontoon, including the fixed hand rails, but still what the cleats changed for rings, they also indicated they may meet the cost of the fenders or at least go halves with us, we are to get quotes	
5. <u>MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Xav)</u>	
5.1. Eddie Brown has been advised that there are some volunteers who are willing to assist her in and out of her car. However, NFDS cannot guarantee these volunteers will always be available. 5.2. The picnic tables have been made stable and Xav expressed thanks to Rob and Peter for all their help with maintenance and repairs. POST MEETING Spinnaker are very happy with the addition and also express their thanks	
6. <u>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Eric)</u>	
6.1. HRH Princess Royal's Visit The committee decided not to apply for a visit form HRH in 2008. Irene will send letter.	Irene
6.2. Geoff Holt's Success The committee expressed their congratulations on Geoff's achievement of his <i>Personal Everest</i> and agreed it was a privilege to have the Trimaran Freethinker at NFDS, if only for a short time. 6.3. Eric suggested and it was agreed that Geoff should be made an honorary member.	

<p>6.4. Launch of Pontoon Eric will approach Geoff to see if he is willing to officially open the new pontoon – ideally before the end of this season.</p> <p>6.5. Community First Volunteers Information Day at Trinity Church Ringwood was attended by Roger and Eric today, this was the first event of this type that C.F. have done, although it was poorly attended by the public both Roger and Eric feel it was a very worth while day.</p>	
<p>7. <u>TREASURER’S REPORT (Tom)</u></p>	
<p>7.1. Current Finances Current Account: £12,660.55 Bonus Saver: £8321.00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently awaiting invoice from Walcon • Groundwise have been paid £2103.25 <p>7.2. Boat Insurance Our current policy for the Pioneer not only covers its to be use as a safety boat, but also includes,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The carrying of disabled people in wheelchairs • Passengers on pleasure trips, there are no age restrictions for passengers • Also for none qualified drivers to familiarizing themselvies with the boat, prior to taking a power boat courses, providing a qualified RYA 2 power boat drivers is on board <p>The three points above are providing another boat with qualified driver is the ‘appointed’ safety boat.</p> <p>POST MEETING Spinnakers committee endorsed all in 7.2 above and <u>NO ONE</u> has the authority to over ride this endorsment or to question these activities</p>	
<p>8. <u>SAILING CAPTAIN’S REPORT (Rory)</u></p>	
<p>8.1. Access Traveller Event (ATE) Wednesday 15 August 2007 at Spinnaker Ron Sawford and George Baker had both expressed how successful the day was. Rory read a letter from Ron Sawford saying “ <i>...a huge thank you...for running the event</i>” and hoping to join us next year. This letter has been placed on the receptionist’s board for all to read.</p> <p>8.2. John Clarke’s debrief stating that the weather presented very testing conditions, comparable to those at Frencham and Burfield.</p> <p>8.3. Recommendations from John Clarke to be submitted to ATE Technical Committee by Keith Harris who has been appointed to the Technical committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In mixed handicap races, the slow boats should go first • The staring procedure should be 3,2,1 <p>8.4. Recommendations from John Clarke for NFDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more spotters with binoculars to take note of hull colour and sail numbers. • There should be a trial run, so that spotters can practice • As some boats did not have sail numbers, we should have self-adhesive numbers • Competitors need to be aware that they will be disqualified if they do not go through the marks at the start line on each lap. • A large sign should be displayed stating the start time of the first race. • All participants should be notified in advance that the start time will be strictly adhered to. • As the safety boat must be last off the water and first on, the duty crew(s) should be allowed to go to the front of the refreshments queue, so that they can be back on the water ready for the next race before the sailors. <p>8.5. RYA have sent the banner recognising us as a Centre of Excellence</p>	
<p>9. <u>Head Receptionist’s Report (Roger)</u></p>	
<p>9.1. There are two new receptionists: Mona and Liz</p>	

10. BOSUN'S REPORT (Spike)	
10.1. NFDS Operating Guidelines Spike will organise a ring binder to collate relevant information for volunteers. This will be kept on the receptionist's desk. Any decisions made at committee meetings will be transferred into relevant section. Irene will help with this.	Spike Irene
10.2. Buoyancy for 'Jessie' There is no buoyancy in Jessie. (post meeting – sorry, Irene does not have a spare buoyancy) therefore, Rob to organise.	Rob
10.3. Usage of Sailability boats by volunteers. Volunteers are allowed to use the NFDS boats on the days when we are operating namely Tuesdays, Fridays and Wednesday race nights. They could also use them on other days provided they are a member of Spinnaker.	
10.4. Boat purchase by Barbara Houston Barbara is intending to purchase her own electric boat. NFDS will support Barbara wherever possible. She will need to become a Spinnaker member and apply for a parking space. She can use the NFDS hoist on non-Sailability days provided Spinnaker approve. Eric will raised the issue at next Spinnaker meeting. POST MEETING the above was confirmed at Spinnaker Committee Meeting and they will endeavour to allocate the space next to Keith's	Eric
10.5. Force 4 purchases. Rob has negotiated preferred supplier rates from Force 4 for zero rated VAT and 10% discount. It would be easier for Rob if he had a NFDS Debit card; Tom will investigate this.	Tom
10.6. Future Purchases to be considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sails for Access 303s • 2.4 covers 	
11. PUBLICITY CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT (Rob)	
11.1. Free Thinker Eric has notified the Press that Freethinker is at the lake. Rory will write an article on this.	Rory
12. OFF WATER EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT (Rod)	
12.1. Ringwood Carnival Day Keith's boat to be used on the Bickerley morning & afternoon. Keith wishes to use the event for personal publicity. Evening: Lights from Eric. Peter to tow New Forest boat in the procession 12.2. Lights from Eric. Peter to tow in the carnival. 12.3. New Forest D.C. event at Appletree Court. We will use the New Forest boat in the procession. Rory will rig. Peter will tow it to site Friday night; Rory will rig it Saturday morning, and together with Sheila and Eric man the stand throughout the day. 12.4. Southampton boat Show. The organisation of stand has been handed to the Trustees of RYA Sailability. We have been asked to help with staffing the stand, ideally two people a day from 14 th to 25 th September, doing two, 2-hour duties a day, leaving them the rest of the time to look around the show. 12.5. Christmas Lunch. Booked with David Rogers for Monday 17 th December at Ferndown Golf Club. 12.6. AGM To be held on Tuesday 8 January 2008	Eric
12.7. Barbershop Mike Golden has volunteered his choir for a NFDS social event, possibly in November. Tom will investigate if Greyfriars is available and the cost	Tom
13. SECRETARY'S REPORT (Irene)	

13.1. Charities Commission

Rory asked why Lynn Jones was not on the completed documentation. Irene explained that when she took over the Charities Commission documentation in February 2007 the only person registered as a trustee was Andrew Bates. Lyn had already retired and it was not possible for Irene to adjust this oversight for the 2006 documentation retrospectively. Irene has entered our three current trustees on the 2007 registration (which was completed 63 days before the deadline). The details of our entry can be found by clicking on the last link of the Charities Commission page of our committee website.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Friday 12th October 2007