



**New Forest & District Sailability**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**Held at Spinnaker Club House**  
**21 November 2008**



<b>1. ATTENDANCE</b>	
Eric Blyth, Rory Morrison, Tom Glasson, Keith Harris, Spike Spencer, Roger Jenkins, Rob Biddle, Irene Hincks	
<b>2. APOLOGIES</b>	
Pam Druce, Xav Champeau	
<b>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>	
Rory pointed out one error on the minutes otherwise they were approved. The minutes will be amended and signed by Eric.	
<b>4. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
<b>4.1. Pam and Xav's resignation from committee (Eric)</b>	Irene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam resigned from the committee. She will continue as a receptionist and with managing the website, sale of clothing and photography.</li> <li>• Xav has also resigned.</li> <li>• The committee expressed their thanks to both Pam and Xav for all their hard work and look forward to seeing them at future NFDS Events. Irene will write <i>Thank You</i> letters.</li> <li>• Keith Harris volunteered to take over Xav's role as Sailor's representative.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.2. Telecom from Andy Sheath of the ATA (Do we want to change to 26<sup>th</sup> August?)</b>	Eric
For the past two years NFDS has run the Access event in August. However, some sailors from other clubs have found it difficult to find suitable accommodation for the disabled; we live in such a popular tourist area and hotels tend to be fully booked in August. Consequently, it was agreed that 20 <sup>th</sup> May would be preferable. Eric will inform Andy Sheath that we do not wish to change to 26 <sup>th</sup> August.	
<b>5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b>	
<b>5.1. Rory's Award as Outstanding Sailability Volunteer 2008</b>	
The committee congratulated Rory for her RYA award. Rory thanked the committee and explained that she could not have achieved this without the huge amount of support she has from all volunteers. Eric has arranged for this to be published in the local press.	
<b>6. SECRETARY'S REPORT</b>	
<b>6.1. Charity Commission's Report</b>	Rory Irene Roger
The annual returns are due. Irene will forward the relevant documentation to Rory so that she can arrange for Mike Shand and Mike Pemberton to complete by 20 December 2008. Roger Jenkins agreed to complete the Trustee's report.	
<b>7. TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
<b>7.1.</b> Tom distributed a copy of the draft accounts and asked everyone to approve these by <b>28 November</b> , so we can arrange for Mike Shand to check the accounts before submitting to the Charities Commission.	All
<b>Year End Accounts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Account = £3,538.79</li> <li>• Bonus Saver = £19,400.32</li> <li>• Grand Total = £22,939.11</li> </ul>	
<b>8. SAILING CAPTAIN'S REPORT</b>	
<b>8.1. Racing Committee for next season</b>	Irene  Rory
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee agreed that Irene can go ahead with organising <i>Better Sailing</i> and <i>Race Training</i> for our sailors who wish to develop their skills. This will take place on Fridays from 4pm. Graham from Spinnaker has agreed to help with these sessions. Irene expressed concern that she felt a suitably qualified Sailability member should be present as Rory is not always available - Spike agreed to help. Irene will announce next year's training programme at the AGM and liaise with Rory about organising</li> </ul>	

volunteers.	
<p><b>8.2. Race training with George Barker</b>  George Baker is the Sailability national coach and has offered to give a day's race training at Sailability. The committee agreed that this is a wonderful opportunity and should not be missed. However they could not agree when would be the best time. Three options were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First</b> – have it the day before the Access event on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (Access will be 20<sup>th</sup> May). This has the advantage that people who are travelling to the event could arrive one day early and benefit from a day's coaching. The disadvantage is that our normal sailing day would have to be cancelled.</li> <li>• <b>Second</b> – We hold it on Tuesday 19 May and allow our normal Tuesday sailing day to go ahead but this would mean we would not have boats available for NFDS members who want to participate in the race coaching.</li> <li>• <b>Third</b>  We ask George to deliver the coaching later in the year – perhaps at the weekend- so that our sailors could participate, it would not intrude on our normal sailing days and sailors from other clubs could participate.</li> <li>• Rory will contact George to discuss</li> </ul>	Rory
<p><b>8.3. Michael Gilchrist, Sussex Sailability, Shoreham</b> wants to form a racing team with NFDS to enter the Ben Ainsley Trophy. This would involve sailing throughout the winter. The committee decided that we probably would not have suitably qualified sailors this year, but hopefully could do in 2009. Rory will inform Michael of this decision.</p>	Rory
<b>9. MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>	
<b>10. BOATS, EQUIPMENT, SITE AND MAINTENANCE</b>	
<p><b>Purchases</b>  The committee agreed the following purchases:</p> <p><b>10.1. New Access 303</b>  To trade in one of the 2.3 dinghies which should raise about £700 - £800. Then purchase a new 303 from the funds donated by Geoff &amp; Jean Brown. This will cost about £4.000 from Steve Sawford. Rory (?) to organise. Irene to write to Jean and Geoff's explaining the purchase and asking them to name the boat.</p>	Rory Irene
<p><b>10.2. Road Trailer</b>  Chris and Chris Cuthbertson will be making a donation of approximately £1.000 and want to purchase something specific. The committee agreed a double ACCESS road trailer would be a valuable addition to our inventory. Rory to let them know</p>	Rory
<p><b>10.3. Sewing Machine</b>  Rory to purchase a second hand 'industrial' sewing machine from Flexigoods for £100. She has already purchased the material to make new sail covers for all our boats.</p>	Rory
<p><b>10.4. Three boat covers for 303s</b>  The price for canvass covers from Steve Sawford is £250 + VAT each. The price for plastic covers from Flexigoods is £150+VAT for one; 2 for £140+VAT each; 3 for £130 + VAT each. The committee agreed to purchase three plastic covers from Flexigoods as the canvass ones are more prone to rotting and Flexigoods are cheaper.</p>	Rory
<p><b>10.5. Clothes Rail</b>  Rob to purchase a clothes rail for our life jackets/buoyancy aids. This means they can be hung to dry, wheeled into the clubhouse and kept in size order on wooden hangers labelled small, medium, large etc. The total costs for rail, brackets, 20 hangers and size labels = £54.25 + VAT</p>	Rob

<p><b>10.6. Professional Report on Automatic Life Jackets.</b> Rob to organise.</p>	Rob
<p><b>11. CURRENT PROJECTS &amp; FUNDING</b></p>	
<p><b>11.1. Resurfacing drive &amp; car park</b> To re-surface the area proposed by Spinnaker and Sailability would cost £8,000. So far we have raised £1,000 towards this, from Tarmac. If further funding is not available by the next meeting then it was proposed that NFDS pay approximately £3,000 to re-surface the area which impacts most on NFDS members.</p> <p><b>11.2. Clubhouse alterations</b> No progress.</p> <p><b>11.3. NFDS - Where do we go from here?</b> Delayed until next meeting.</p> <p><b>11.4. Spike's Donation</b> Spike has arranged with Spinnaker that instead of receiving wages for the powerboat training he is providing to Canford School, the equivalent amount will be paid directly to NFDS. The committee thanked Spike for his generosity.</p>	
<p><b>12. EVENTS</b></p>	
<p><b>12.1. Barn Dance</b> This was extremely successful and raised £475. Eric has sent letters of appreciation to those involved in organising the event.</p>	
<p><b>12.2. Konigsberg Talk</b> This was very well received by the 22 people who attended. After payment of £30 to Kevin Patience, the talk generated £17.50 for NFDS. Kevin has offered to deliver Part 2 of the talk which he assures us tells the true story behind the film of the African Queen. Rob will decide whether we want to add this to the winter programme.</p>	Rob
<p><b>12.3. Bransgore Fun Day - 29 November</b> Rob now has six volunteers including Eric, Sheila and Irene.</p>	
<p><b>12.4. Community First</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM – 25<sup>th</sup> November. Eric is attending and will need the banner and a few leaflets.</li> <li>• <b>Pre-Christmas Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December at Lyndhurst.</b> Rory, Eric and Sheila will be attending. Please let Rory know if you wish to attend.</li> </ul>	All
<p><b>12.5. December 15, Christmas Lunch &amp; tombola (Rob)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rob reminded everyone that we need prizes for the Tombola.</li> <li>• We currently have 100 people booked for Christmas lunch with 10 more places available. Verwood and Southampton have not booked.</li> <li>• Irene will invite Pat Dodd, Trustee for Sailability</li> </ul>	All  Irene
<p><b>12.6. Future winter events</b> The committee agreed that Rob should organise another <i>Disability Awareness</i> training. Rory to contact RYA and pass info to Rob</p>	Rory Rob
<p><b>12.7. AGM 13 January 2009</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rory needs to distribute paperwork on <b>1<sup>st</sup> January</b>, so please forward all items to her before then.</li> <li>• There will be a First Aid course in the morning followed by shared lunch.</li> </ul> <p><b>12.8. Item 12.8 Gifts of bottles</b> It was agreed that we should purchase 'Thank You' gifts for John Noble, Graham Stones and Xav's friends who provide toys for various fairs. Please advise Spike of quantity, type required and for whom.</p>	All  Spike All
<p><b>13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p>	
<p>13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 AFTER AGM</p>	