



Minutes of the  
**New Forest & District Sailability**  
 Committee Meeting, held at Spinnaker Club House  
 On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 4.000pm



<b>1. ATTENDANCE</b>		
Eric Blyth, Rory Morrison, Keith Harris, Rob Biddle, Irene Hincks, Spike Spencer, Mary White		
<b>2. APOLOGIES</b>		
Tony Ryle, Tom Glasson, Roger Jenkins		
<b>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</b>		
3.1. The minutes were approved by the committee and signed by the Chairman		
<b>4. CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
4.1. Eric has confirmed that it is all right for Debbie Blachford (Sailability Manager) to bring Connie Lebrun's temporary replacement as Sailability Project Assistant along to meet NFDS members on Tuesday 8 September.		
<b>5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT</b>		
5.1. <b>NFDS' members' entitlements at Spinnaker Sailing Club</b> The committee agreed with Rory's suggestions and she will type them up so that Eric can submit them to the Spinnaker Committee.		<b>Rory</b>
<b>6. SECRETARY'S REPORT (Trustees, Charity Commission, Website)</b>		
6.1. <b>NEW Website</b> The committee agreed that we will use the new website address of <a href="http://www.newforestsailability.co.uk/">www.newforestsailability.co.uk/</a> Irene will email the committee when this is 'live'.		<b>Irene</b>
6.2. <b>NFDS Constitution</b> The committee agreed with Roger's suggestions, about how our constitution should be updated. These will be submitted at the AGM so that the constitution and the situation regarding Trustees can be approved by members.		
6.3. <b>Irene's replacement</b> Eric will contact Rowena Marsh to see if she would be interested in becoming the committee secretary.		<b>Eric</b>
<b>7. TREASURER'S REPORT &amp; DONATIONS</b> (Major expenses, Donations, Grants Received, Insurance)		
7.1. <b>Current Finances</b> Current Account = £3,937.96 Bonus Saver Account = £18,519.46 <b>Total = £22,457.42</b> Full reconciled version of accounts can be found at <a href="http://www.catalysthrd.co.uk/20NFDS/NFDS20Accounts.htm/">http://www.catalysthrd.co.uk/20NFDS/NFDS20Accounts.htm/</a>		
7.2. Tom requested that all committee members submit their expenses before mid October		<b>All</b>
<b>8. SAILING CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Sailing, Volunteers)</b>		
8.1. <b>Sailing Control Board</b> The Sailing Control Board is now being used effectively on Tuesdays and Fridays. The committee thanked Rob Biddle for all his hard work in developing the system.		<b>Rory</b>
8.2. <b>Dorset Volunteer of the Year Award</b> The committee proposed that Mags and Tony Ryle should be nominated for this award. Rory will find out whether it is possible to nominate a couple as volunteer of the year. She will also return the slip saying NFDS are interested in attending the function on Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October at Dorford Hall, Dorchester and wish to make a nomination. Please put this date in your diary.		<b>All</b>

<b>9. MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT</b>	
<p><b>9.1. Suggestions 'Book'</b> There was one request in the suggestions' book that we have hot chocolate available to purchase on sailing days. Mary will organise this.</p> <p><b>9.2. Members' Representative</b> As Keith is unable to attend many NFDS sailing days, he feels he is not able to undertake the full duties required of the Members' Representative. Consequently, David Kenyon is willing to be nominated at the next AGM. Keith would still like to serve on the committee. Everyone agreed he gives an invaluable insight and is a valued member and would like him to be on the committee next year.</p>	<b>Mary</b>
<b>10. BOATS, EQUIPMENT, SITE &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	
<p><b>10.1. Eric's Bahia:</b> Rory is now advertising this boat; the road trailer is missing. <b>Post Meeting</b> - The Bahia road trailer has been found - with <i>Spinnaker Club</i> painted on it.</p> <p><b>10.2. Boat with electrically controlled jib and mainsail</b> The committee agreed that it might be worth purchasing a new 303 with fully fitted electrical controls. Rob will investigate the price</p>	<b>Rob</b>
<p><b>10.3. Trial of Multihull</b> Eric will ask Spinnaker if we would be able to use a Multihull on the lake and if we can organise a trial.</p>	<b>Eric</b>
<p><b>10.4. Orville</b> Spike will rebuild the electrical controls for Orville</p>	<b>Spike</b>
<p><b>10.5. Radios</b> The committee agreed that we purchase four more radios. One to replace one which has been lost, one which is damaged, plus an additional two. This will mean that there is enough time to re-charge the batteries and ensure we have a set of 4 radios for Tuesdays and a set of 4 radios for Fridays, with spares available.</p> <p><b>10.6. Safety Boat Driver or Crew Wearing ear Pieces</b> From next year it will be compulsory for the safety boat skipper or crew to wear a head set as often messages are being missed with hand held radios.</p>	<b>Rob</b>
<p><b>10.7. Personal buoyancy aids</b> We currently have 48 buoyancy aids. As we are often short of the 'Large' size, it was agreed that we would purchase 6 new ones. However, as we have limited storage space, 4 of the big, orange, bulky, 'Extra Large' sizes will be scrapped but cut down to use as waterproof support/cushions. This means in future we will have 50.</p>	<b>Rob</b>
<p><b>10.8. Waterproof cushions and seats</b> Irene will organise the purchase of two vinyl covered seats for the 303 with wooden seats from Chris Clegg, Aquamarine Upholstery.</p>	<b>Irene</b>
<b>11. CURRENT PROJECTS AND FUNDING</b>	
<b>11.1. n/a</b>	
<b>12. EVENTS (Report on recent events, next event, additional info on future events)</b>	
<p><b>12.1. Trimaran Experience 19 August</b> This was a very successful day. A report from Jenny Monger has been emailed to NFDS race team and the committee. The seven people who attended made a voluntary contribution. Rory has proposed that similar visits to other clubs should be done on a reciprocal basis, without payment.</p> <p><b>12.2. Access Travellers Event Weds 26 August</b></p>	

<p>This was an excellent day. The committee thanked Rob for all his hard work.</p> <p><b>12.3. Sailing for the Blind 27 August</b>          Sadly, only 3 children attended, and only one of them was visually impaired. Dominic Everett, the organiser, also came. All 4 were taken out in the Sailability boats for a day of sailing, racing and games. The children also went out in the Stratos. Volunteers were Rory, Maurice, Charles, Ray &amp; Chris Wales</p>	
<p><b>12.4. Dibden Monday Club 2nd visit - 14 September</b>          We are short of volunteers so Rob will organise</p>	<b>Rob</b>
<p><b>12.5. Winter Programme:</b> Tom has suggested that we should ask volunteers if they would give a short talk about their other hobbies. This could be combined with coffee and lunch at the Alice Lyle. Sub-committee of Rory and Rob.</p>	<b>Rory Ron</b>
<p><b>12.6. 2011 Access Nationals</b>          NFDS has been asked if we would like to host this, so Eric will ask Spinnaker</p>	<b>Eric</b>
<p><b>12.7. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20 October</b></p>	<b>All</b>