

**New Forest & District Sailability
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Spinnaker Club
On Thursday 19 September 2013 at 10 am**

<p>1 Attendance.</p> <p>1.1 Malcolm Bentley, Eric Blyth, Tom Glasson, Rory Morrison, Andrew Allen, Mary White, Spike Spencer, Rowena Marsh. Jenny Monger joined the meeting at 10.30am</p>	
<p>2 Treasurer's report.</p> <p>2.1 Calendars. Tom reported that Gino had ordered 150 calendars at a cost of around £500. Rory confirmed that she had authorised it. Agreed that such expenditure needed to be authorised by the committee.</p> <p>2.2 Access Travellers event. We had a minor deficit of £3 on the event.</p> <p>2.3 Tom reported balances as follows: Current account £18,155.78 Deposit account £46,563</p> <p>2.4 The above amounts include a donation of £10,000 received recently from a donor who wished to remain anonymous. The donor had also pledged to donate an amount of £500 per month indefinitely.</p> <p>2.5 Apart from the cash balances, we had boats and other equipment valued at £46,000 for insurance purposes.</p> <p>2.6 Tom made the point that over the years since he had been treasurer, donors to NFDS had always either specified or assumed that the donations would be used to further the cause of disabled sailing. This is apart from a specific amount of £15,000 which was raised to go towards the Spinnaker clubhouse refurbishment.</p> <p>2.7 Tom proposed that, as we had received the donation of £10,000, we should spend it on buying one new Access 303 and also buy a further 303 from existing funds. He further proposed that two of our older boats should be donated to the new Sailability Club being set up at Testwood. The discussion moved on and this proposal was not voted upon.</p>	
<p>3 Spinnaker refurbishment</p> <p>3.1 A wide ranging discussion took place on the Spinnaker clubhouse refurb and any donation by NFDS towards that refurbishment.</p> <p>3.2 A unanimous decision was made that we could advise Spinnaker that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We were willing to donate £20,000 – which was the specific £15,000 raised by Rory for the project plus £5,000 of general NFDS funds. ii. If we had a written operational agreement with Spinnaker, we would donate a further £5,000. 	

<p>4.9 Motor pleasure craft. On some windless days we took people out on Jaffa. It seems that some disabled people are just as happy with this as with a sail. Depending on the outcome of the discussion on increasing our operation, it was agreed to look at the possibility of acquiring a motor boat for trips around the lake. Malcolm will look into this.</p> <p>4.10 Club Liberty boat. The disabled racing team were increasingly using their own Liberty boats and it was suggested that NFDS should buy one for use by racers who did not have their own boats. Agreed this was not a viable proposition as it would probably be used or benefit one or two sailors.</p> <p>4.11 2.4s. Discussion on whether we needed 4 2.4 boats. In fact, we had 3 as one is under refurbishment. Agreed to keep them but to hold rigging classes so that they could be put on the water and used more frequently.</p> <p>4.12 Club RIB. Marcus has asked for a club RIB to be used on away racing days. We agreed that this would be considered but only if Marcus made a case for having one.</p>	<p>Malcolm</p>
<p>5 Increasing our operation</p> <p>5.1 We have been busy this season and one of the difficulties encountered is getting the sailors on the water reasonably quickly. Whilst it is recognised that many groups arrive early to have coffee or lunch before sailing, there was a discussion on whether we needed to grow our operation to enable us to get sailors on the water quicker.</p> <p>5.2 Some of the points/ suggestions made are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. More boats. ii. Changing the days – particularly Friday when volunteers tend to leave early. iii. Additional days or half days. iv. Motor boat to take people out to reduce the waiting time. v. Pontoon space. vi. Volunteers needed. <p>5.3 Agreed to form a sub-committee to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The points to consider ii. Costs iii. Practicalities iv. Maintenance <p>Members of the sub-committee are: Rory, Spike, Rowena</p>	<p>Rory/ Spike/ Rowena</p>
<p>6 Wednesday evenings</p> <p>6.1 Agreed to carefully consider reintroduce Wednesday evenings racing and training next season.</p> <p>6.2 This might be part of offering a Wednesday afternoon sailing.</p>	

<p>7 Events</p> <p>7.1 Mary advised that she would be away from November 2013 to February 2014. However, she had arranged cover for the events occurring whilst she was away.</p> <p>7.2 Christmas lunch – 16.12.13. This was being organised by Val Stillwell and Carolyne Chapman. We agreed that guests to be invited are Geoff Holt, Dave Rogers and possibly our anonymous donor.</p> <p>7.3 First aid course. Prior to the AGM.</p> <p>7.4 Jubilee Trust talk – 4.3.14.</p>	
<p>8 Our closing and opening dates</p> <p>8.1 The sailing season would stop on Friday 25 October.</p> <p>8.2 The new season would start on Tuesday 1 April 2014.</p>	
<p>9 Date of next meeting Friday 18 October 2013 – 4pm at Spinnaker Club</p> <p>10 Dates of following meetings: Note these are the third Fridays of the month</p> <p>15 November 2013 – at 10am 13 December 2013 (note; 2nd Friday to avoid being too close to Christmas) 14 January 2014 – AGM and committee meeting 21 February 2014 21 March 2014 April 2014 – to be agreed (18 April is Good Friday) 16 May 2014</p>	