

**New Forest & District Sailability  
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Spinnaker Club  
On Friday 18 October 2013 at 4 pm**

<p><b>1 Attendance.</b></p> <p>1.1 Malcolm Bentley, Eric Blyth, Tom Glasson, Rory Morrison, Andrew Allen, Mary White, Spike Spencer, Jenny Monger, Rowena Marsh.</p>	
<p><b>2 Minutes of the last meeting.</b> These were agreed with the exception of the item re the cost of the 2014 calendar. The cost was £360 and not £500 as recorded in the last Minutes.</p>	
<p><b>3 Treasurer's report.</b></p> <p>3.1 Tom reported balances as follows:              Current account                 £20,010.86              Deposit account                 £46,645.28</p> <p>3.2 He reported that the first monthly amount of £500 had been received from the donor.</p> <p>3.3 Tom said that this sailing season we had received approximately £1,000 more in sailing fees than the whole of last season.</p> <p>3.4 As our financial position was reasonably healthy, he proposed that the volunteer membership fee should stay at £5 for 2014. This was agreed.</p> <p>3.5 It was noted that as Tom was resigning as treasurer, the signatories to the bank account should now be changed. As previously discussed, the signatories in future would be Malcolm, Rowena, Rory and Tom. Eric would be removed from the mandate. Cheques need to be signed by two out of the four potential signatories.</p>	<p><b>Tom/ Rowena</b></p>
<p><b>4 Heads of agreement with Spinnaker</b></p> <p>4.1 Malcolm had produced draft heads of agreement to cover our arrangement with Spinnaker. It was noted that this was needed before we donated any money to Spinnaker for the proposed refurbishment. A lengthy discussion took place, the most important points of which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The amount to be provided to Spinnaker was £20,000 to £25,000 and not £25,000 to £30,000.</li> <li>• The agreed term was to be for 10 years, commencing at the date of the first donation.</li> <li>• Requests from Spinnaker for exclusive use of the lake to be restricted to a couple of times a year, and adequate notice to be given.</li> <li>• NFDS should have a minimum number of days use a season.</li> <li>• NFDS dinghy park spaces are part of the overall rent agreement.</li> <li>• NFDS to be entitled to appoint a member to Spinnaker main committee.</li> </ul> <p>(To clarify and stress, we will donate £20,000 to Spinnaker when the relevant work commences and builders etc bills were due for payment. The additional £5,000 was dependent on the signing of the operational agreement with Spinnaker)</p>	<p><b>Malcolm</b></p>

<p>4.2 Malcolm will produce a second draft to be circulated to the committee before it is discussed with Spinnaker.</p>	
<p><b>5 Major financial projects</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>New boats.</b> It was agreed that we would use our existing funds and part of the donation of £10,000 to buy 2 new Access 303s. Tom was authorised to place the order.</p> <p>5.2 <b>Testwood.</b> It was agreed to sell 2 older Access 303s to the new Testwood Sailability club for £5 per boat. The older boats would have the normal winter refurbishment before they are handed over to Testwood but would go with their existing sails. It was acknowledged by Eric on behalf of Testwood that if new sails were needed, this would be at Testwood’s cost. It was noted that it is part of NFDS’s constitution to promote sailing for disabled people and that the sale of the old boats to Testwood complied with our constitution since the additional Sailability facility would widen the knowledge of and the access to sailing for the disabled in our area.</p> <p>5.3 <b>Capstan winch.</b> Spike had bought materials to make a capstan winch for £106. He will make it over the winter and it would be in service in the 2014 season. Spike was thanked for his efforts in sourcing the materials at such a reasonable cost and for his on-going technical input and knowledge.</p> <p>5.4 <b>“T section of the pontoon.</b> Spike is waiting for samples of synthetic wood to replace the “T” section of the pontoon. However, it was thought that the cost, with labour, could be in the region of £2,000 which was considered too expensive for a minor problem. The issue of splinters will be kept under review.</p> <p>5.5 <b>Motor pleasure craft.</b> Malcolm and Rory had obtained some costs of possible pleasure crafts, ranging from £14,000 to 36,000 plus VAT. Although some grants may be available, it was considered that the cost was prohibitive at present and until we had agreed on the future of our operation and any effect of Testwood starting, this potential project should be held in abeyance. We would review this matter at the end of the 2014 season.</p>	<p><b>Tom</b></p> <p><b>Spike</b></p>
<p><b>6 Increasing our operation</b></p> <p>6.1 Rowena will liaise with Rory and Spike to move this along.</p>	<p><b>Rowena</b></p>
<p><b>7 Secretary’s report</b></p> <p>7.1 As Rowena is taking over as Treasurer at the end of October 2013, Malcolm will find another secretary to take over as from the date of these Minutes.</p>	<p><b>Malcolm</b></p>
<p><b>8 Sailing captain’s report</b></p> <p>8.1 Rory produced a schedule of items currently undertaken by her and items which could be delegated to other people.</p> <p>8.2 Log book. Part of the induction to new members would include the RYA log book and individuals would be encouraged to use it. However, we would not record the log book on the website.</p>	

<p><b>9 Bosun's report</b></p> <p>9.1 Apart from the matters included in Section 5 above, Spike reported the following.</p> <p>9.2 <b>Jaffa.</b> The cost of the decking would be around £550 plus carriage. He was also looking at refurbishing the seat.</p> <p>9.3 <b>Winter working party.</b> Richard Savill and Richard Buxton are organising the winter working parties on Tuesdays and Fridays respectively.</p>	
<p><b>10 Events</b></p> <p>10.1 Disability Awareness Course – 12.11.13</p> <p>10.2 Christmas lunch – 16.12.13. In hand.</p> <p>10.3 First aid course. Prior to the AGM.</p> <p>10.4 Jubilee Trust talk – 4.3.14. Agreed that this should be a 7.30pm start and a retiring collection and the proceeds of teas/ coffees etc should be given to the Jubilee Trust. Rory to book Ellingham Hall for the talk.</p> <p>10.5 Rory will send out an events calendar.</p> <p>10.6 Mary will agree the date of the Sainsbury's waterfest.</p>	<p><b>Rory</b></p> <p><b>Rory</b></p> <p><b>Mary</b></p>
<p><b>11 Any other business</b></p> <p>11.1 Eric agreed to keep the committee informed of progress of the Spinnaker refurbishment during the winter "off" season.</p> <p>11.2 Slings. Agreed to order one further extra-large.</p> <p>11.3 Rory to advise Windward that unless Helen lost weight, we would not be able to take her sailing next season as it was difficult to manoeuvre the boat since we could not move the tiller effectively.</p>	
<p><b>12 Date of next meeting</b>  <b>Tuesday 12 November 2013 – 4pm at Spinnaker Club</b></p> <p><b>13 Dates of following meetings:</b> Note these are the third Fridays of the month</p> <p>13 December 2013 (note; 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday to avoid being too close to Christmas)</p> <p>14 January 2014 – AGM and committee meeting</p> <p>21 February 2014</p> <p>21 March 2014</p> <p>18 April 2014</p> <p>16 May 2014</p>	