

**New Forest District Sailability  
Committee Meeting**

**Held at**

**The Spinnaker Sailing Club, Blashford Lakes, Ivy Lane, Ringwood  
16:00 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

**MINUTES**

**1 Attendance**

1.1 Present: Malcolm Bentley, Richard Savill, Stefan Hart, Andrew Holmes, Angela Bentley, Peter Coulson,

1.2 Apologies: Denise Speirs, Steve Kitson, Andrew Allen,

**2 Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2019**

The Minutes were approved and a copy would be forwarded to Chris Wales for adding to the NFDS website.

**3 Matters arising**

3.1 Point 3.1 - It was decided that despite initially deemed as a good idea, the name stickers for sailors had proven to be impractical in terms of time needed to fill them out and actually remaining adhered to the correct person.

**4 Chairman's Matters**

4.1 Nothing to report.

**5 Treasurer's matters**

5.1 Club finances healthy.

5.2 Sailor numbers down due to weather, impacting on fees collected.

5.3 Exploring the possibility of putting £30k in a Nationwide Charity Account with better interest.

5.4 Treasurer's report noted.

**6 Sailing Sub-Committee matters**

6.1 Weed is already appearing in the lake and the anticipated 'cutting' has not actually happened.

6.2 At the NFS TT a Hansa 2.3 sailor was ejected from his boat by a gust of wind heeling the boat over. He was unharmed and did not make an issue of the incident. It is a sailor's decision to sail taking the weather into account. The matter is considered closed.

6.3 Sadly there has been a fatality at a centre for disabled sailing involving an RS Venture which flipped over and the centre board fell out because it had not been restrained with the 'Velcro' strap used for this purpose. The casualty was strapped into his seat which we do not do. The Marine Accident Investigation Board issued a report and recommendations. NFS will carry out tests on its fleet to ensure the centre board retaining pin stays in place should a boat heel over.

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6.4 Safety Boat drivers and crew must be prepared to get into the water if necessary. Buoyancy aids must be worn rather than auto inflating life jackets to minimise the chances of getting in the way of rescue operations. The SB crew members ability to drag a person out of the water is tested during refresher training at the start of the season using a weighted dummy. Our policy around the Safety Boat is being enhanced.

**7 Membership Secretary's matters**

7.1 Any potential sailor having a trial session must pay the standard £2.50 fee.

7.2 Capacity for further groups really only exists around 10:00 on Friday's.

**8 Volunteer Co-ordinator's matters**

8.1 An issue has been raised by the Welfare Officer concerning use of the Spinnaker facilities by our client group who have sometimes left them in an unsuitable state. An email would be issued to groups and sailors tactfully reminding them of their responsibilities.

**9 Boatswain's matters**

9.1 Bosun's report noted.

9.2 Safety Boat fuel checking emphasised - to be carried out in the morning in case a trip to the petrol station is required.

**10 Events co-ordinator's matters**

10.1 A press release has been issued regarding the recent launching ceremony for our new boats 'Pauline' and 'Crane'. Both sponsors were very pleased with how the occasion went.

10.2 The parasol is a better sun shade than trying to erect the gazebo on the pontoon.

**11 Receptionist Matters**

11.1 Nothing to report.

**12 Members Representative matters**

12.1 The wobbly concrete paving slabs outside the main door have been re-laid and are now safe. The top step leading to the pontoon would have it's edge painted in white masonry paint.

**13 Any Other Business**

13.1 None.

**14 Date of Next Meeting**

14.1 The next meeting will be held at Spinnaker Club House, Blashford Lakes on Thursday 22nd August 2019 at 16.00 hours

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14.2 Agreed dates for future meetings:

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November