



## Development & Environment

### WindZone meeting

20 September 7.00pm

Beach Office

#### Present:

Richard Spindler (NSC)

Julia Stuckey (NSC)

Eric Dougall (NSC)

Chris (BSLA)

Adrian (Wind & Wheels)

Alistair (SWATK)

### Minutes

### Action

#### 1. Monitoring and inspection

- Clubs noted that the Rangers do not visit the site regularly enough and often do not enforce the regulations.
- All Ranger staff will be given training on the health & safety requirements of visiting and recording their visits to the site throughout each day.

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#### 2. Membership issues and fees

- Explained that NSC would like to obtain an income from the Windzone to go towards the maintenance, day to management and ensuring future of the site.
- A £25 annual fee per member was suggested. This fee will entitle members to half price parking charges on Uphill and Royal sands beaches (please see point 12).
- Clubs thought that the fee would be restrictive to users and commented that at present they do not pay to park on the beach.
- Clubs have agreed to discuss issues with members and place a council statement on their websites.
- Clubs will pass on feedback and discuss prior to a decision on charges being made.
- Chris raised issue of individual clubs touting for business. Agreed that clubs and Rangers should not / do not promote membership to specific clubs.

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#### 3. Identification band

- All agreed a need to improve the system of I.D. marking for next year that will be more easily visible and take into account annual membership.
- From December Wind & Wheels and BLSA will introduce their

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own system of I.D markings to be agreed by NSC.

- From June 07 SWATK will agree a new system for its members – to be sold from the T.I.C as previous.
- Eric will order 100 more arm bands to last until clubs new membership years begin.

#### **4. Events and race meetings**

- Acknowledged the success of the Air-Vent event this summer. Council would like to assist in developing this as an annual event. Our event officer will liaise with organisers.
- No problems with race meetings. They are now in the event calendar.

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#### **5. Signage and flags**

- Agreed to change BSLA details information signs. Chris to get Eric new information.
- NSC Health & safety have agreed that leaving the red flag flying does meet H & S requirements.

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#### **6. Beach cleaning**

- Seafront Ranger will try to get the strand line cleaned in the site for race meetings.
- New beach cleaning contract is more focused on cleaning whole length of the beach.
- However during summer period the main tourist area of the beach is a priority for beach cleaning.

**RS**

#### **7. Control of vehicle access**

- Rangers and club members have spoken to contractors and emergency services that use the area for access. Highlighting the issue of damaging equipment. Hopefully this has sorted out the problem. If this continues Clubs to contact the Rangers or Julia to action

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#### **8. Risk assessments**

- Clubs are to provide updated copies of risk assessments at the beginning of their new membership year. Wind & Wheels and BSLA in December, SWATK in June.

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#### **9. Other beach wind sport activities**

- Outlined plans to implement similar permit / membership schemes for windsurfers and kite-surfers for next year. Promoting the southern area of the beach for wind sport activities.

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#### **1 Communication**

- 0.** • Adrian would like a quicker response to his enquiries. Agreed that best to copy Eric in on comments for him to respond.
- The Seafront Ranger is contactable daily from 9am to 5pm.

- We have staff that work every evening if clubs feel it important that they have this contact number we can let them it.

**1 Insurance**

1. • All clubs to provide copies of insurance policies.

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**1 Beach car parking charges**

2. • The beach car parks will be subject to scrutiny by the car parking team, who will not allow anyone onto the beach without paying as currently happens on some occasions.

**1 Public access**

3. • When public walk through the area when it is in operation, users should stop operating until they have left the site. If this becomes a particular problem the ranger service should be informed.

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**1 Date of next meeting**

4. • To be arranged