

MINUTES

Meeting of the Seagulls-DSA

Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 4.30

Zoom

In attendance

Gill Martin (Treasurer); Bryan Martin (Chair of Seagulls Disabled Supporters Association); Shana Pezaro (Special Advisor); Niraj Haria (Disabled Supporter's Liaison); Eric Williams (Special Advisor), Mark Butler (Social Media Coordinator and FAB liaison)

Apologies

Nicola Gibson, John Jory

1	<u>Welcome & Apologies for Absence</u> Bryan opened the meeting at 4.30 pm & welcomed everyone. Apologies have been received from John and Nicola.
2	<u>Approval of minutes dated 2nd July 2025</u> Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting & approved by the Committee.
3	<u>Follow-up Items</u> Updates were given on the following: • AGM (this will discussed as a separate item).
4	<u>Chair's Report</u> The chair gave a verbal update on the progress of various topics including: • Disabled Fans Forum • Meeting with other supporter groups • Level Playing Field • DSA Flag • Disabled Access • AGM and Companionship Meetings • Website Update • Ad hoc Enquiries
5	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Gill provided a summary of transactions for the last 3 months. This showed an expenditure of £244.83, leaving a closing Bank balance of £378.23. Normally we only spend £70 per month on

	regular items. It will be important to plan a fund-raising activity before the end of the year.
<u>6</u>	<u>Update of FAB and recent UEFA changes – Mark</u> Mark explained how he is enjoying working with the FAB. The FAB have decided to work on 3 workstreams this year (WSL, Stadium Atmosphere and Families). Mark is focusing on WSL. Mark also gave us information on new UEFA guidelines for disabled fans at European matches. It appears there has been a catalogue of incidents in the past that the new guidelines will address. We will visit this topic before Brighton engage in a new European adventure!
<u>7</u>	<u>DSA meeting at beam back of away games</u> Niraj proposed that we start our companionship ‘get togethers’ at a beam back of an away game at the Amex. It was agreed that this will be the Wolves away game on Sunday 5th October. Niraj has drafted the invitation, and Bryan will send it by email to all DSA members. Tickets are now on sale for this event.
<u>8</u>	<u>Parking and Community Transport – Shana</u> Shana relayed her experience of travelling to the Amex on a day when the Racecourse Park and Ride was not available. Normally this service is reliable but the alternative that the club provided was substandard. Shana did stress that the stewards on the day were amazing. Bryan will follow-up with Katie.
<u>9</u>	<u>AGM and Companionship Meetings</u> It was agreed that the AGM this year will be an invitation for a zoom call. Bryan will explore whether Level Playing Field and Community Transport Sussex can provide speakers. Companionship meetings will start with a beam back at the Amex (see above). Bryan will also try to confirm a date in November for a meeting at The Hub.
<u>10</u>	<u>Level Planning Field</u> We have had a series of activities with LPF during the summer including: • Registering Seagulls-DSA with LPF (annual registration) • Promoting the LPF annual survey • Assisting the sourcing of an Assistance Dog Policy • Attending a Zoom meeting with Martyn Henderson, the new Football Regulator.
<u>11</u>	<u>AOB</u> Date of next meeting proposed for Wednesday 5th November This meeting closed at 5.30.