

MINUTES

Meeting of the Seagulls-DSA

Wednesday 5th November 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

Apologies

Mark Butler (Social Media Coordinator and FAB liaison)

Guest

Izzy Panther – Fundraising Executive at the Foundation

Resignations

Nicola Gibson (notified since the last meeting)

<u>1</u>	<u>Welcome & Apologies for Absence</u> Bryan opened the meeting at 4.30 pm & welcomed everyone. Apologies have been received from Mark.
<u>2</u>	<u>Izzy Panther – Fundraising Executive – Brighton Foundation</u> We were delighted to have as our first Steering Group Meeting Izzy from the Foundation. After introductions Izzy covered the following points: • There is a strong synergy between the Foundation and the DSA regarding the support of disabled fans, their PA's and families. • Izzy explained the vast range of sporting initiatives supported by the Foundation including Saturday morning football sessions, Sunday powerchair sessions, Family Fun Days and Quiz nights. Also, supporting Community Wellbeing and Reducing Inequality. • Izzy also explained how the Foundation can work with the DSA on Funding initiatives. Bryan and Gill will start the dialogue and hope to involve more SC members in due course.
<u>3</u>	<u>Approval of minutes dated 17th September 2025</u> Minutes were circulated prior to the meeting & approved by the Committee.
<u>4</u>	<u>Follow-up Items</u> Updates were given on the following:

	• AGM (this will discussed as a separate item).
5	<u>Chair's Report</u> The chair gave a verbal update on the progress of various topics including: • AGM and Companionship Meetings • Website Update • Ad hoc Enquiries • Funding
6	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Gill provided a summary of transactions for the last 2 months. This showed an expenditure of £48.40, leaving a closing Bank balance of £329.83. It will be important to plan a fund-raising activity before the end of the year. It is planned that the cost of Membermojo will increase as our membership exceeds 100. This will happen in December as members from the Gmail account are transferred.
7	<u>Blue Badge Parking</u> Niraj raised the issue of cars parking in disabled spaces in Bennetts Field with no display of the Blue Badge. Bryan agreed to follow this up with Katie to try and encourage more rigorous stewarding.
8	<u>AGM and Companionship Meetings</u> Liam Bird has agreed to talk at our AGM (we are trying to agree dates). It is expected the AGM will take place on Zoom in early December. Companionship meetings can now start at the Hub now the summer parking issues are resolved. Bryan suggested either the week starting the 24th November or the 1st December. The Hub is open on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 10:00 and 14:00. Please email Bryan if you are available for any of these dates.
9	<u>AOB</u> • The DSA will be represented by Mark, Gill and Bryan at the Level Playing Field Southern region event on the 17th November at Southampton FC. • Gill will attend the Premier League Fan Focus Day at the Arsenal Stadium on the 24th November.
11	<u>AOB</u> Date of next meeting proposed for Wednesday 10th December This meeting closed at 5.40.