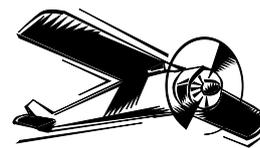


FENLAND AERO CLUB – Management Team

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB MANAGEMENT TEAM

Present:	Jeff Helm (JH), Alan Plummer (AP), David Capon (DC), David Petters (DP), Michael Humphrey (MH)
Others in Attendance:	

FRIDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2020

Video Conference Meeting Convened 17:30

1) APOLOGIES: None

2) INTRODUCTION

An unplanned meeting was called because it was felt there were a couple of pressing issues that could not wait until the new year.

3) COVID GRANT

JH stated the club is now in receipt of the £2000 November Local Restrictions Support (Covid) grant. AP said for the period which the original £25000 Covid support grant covered, we know what our shortfall is because of Covid, that is around £12000. This leaves a surplus of £13000.

JH showed an email provided to the last committee 20 June 2020 from Public Sector Partnership Services Ltd to Kerry which stated:

“The guidelines set out by the Government is that only business that are registered and pay business rates as at 11.03.20 are eligible for the grant. In circumstances as yours where a business isn’t registered to pay business rates because the property occupied is included in the main assessment the expectation is that the liable person(s) eligible for the grant would share a percentage of the grant received with those who have been advised that they are ineligible to receive a grant”

A discussion took place about whether the remainder of the grant(s) should be defrayed to the business on the airfield that have also suffered Covid related losses, namely FFS and Kerry, who

are encompassed by the airfield and who were both unable to apply for a Covid support grant in their own right.

It was agreed that any defrayment of the second (November) grant would be deferred until next year when we would have a better idea of finances to ensure the club have covered their Covid related losses. For the same reason we should additionally keep some of the £25,000 grant in reserve for now.

It was unanimously agreed that £5000 should be defrayed to FFS and £5000 should be defrayed to Kerry, of which Kerry has already received £2400 earlier in the year and therefore the payment to Kerry should be £2600.

Due diligence would be needed before payments could be made. It was agreed that JH would write to both FFS and Kerry to ask them to confirm in writing that they have not received any Covid grant in their own right. Once confirmed, JH was authorised to make the payment(s).

4) LEGAL ADVICE

After the previous meeting it was agreed by email that the management team would need legal advice to progress the licence renewal between FAC and FFS. It was felt continuing to use Mossops for this matter would put them in a difficult position, so Fraser Dawbarns were contacted. Specific questions were asked regarding the airfield lease, the FFS licence, and the FAC club rules.

The response from Fraser Dawbarns was that both the airfield lease and the FFS licence were “not drafted in an overly clear manner” and they recommend both should be rewritten. A discussion took place and it was agreed to pose some further specific questions to the solicitors to try and get clarity before the licence renewal between FAC and FFS is drafted.

The meeting closed at 18:30.