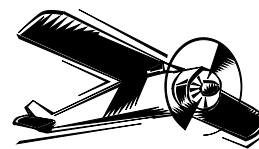


# FENLAND AERO CLUB – Management Team

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB MANAGEMENT TEAM

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| <b>Present:</b>              | Jeff Helm (JH), Alan Plummer (AP), David Petters (DP), Dave Capon (DC),<br>Michael Humphrey (MH), Steve Brown (SB) |
| <b>Others in Attendance:</b> | None   |

**THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 2021**

Video Conference Meeting Convened 19:30

**1) APOLOGIES:** Kerry Allen

**2) INTRODUCTION**

A special meeting was convened to formally agree new fuel prices and discuss a quotation received relating to legal advice.

**3) FUEL PRICES**

JH had met with AP earlier in the week to investigate revised fuel prices. It was proposed that we keep the non-members markup as it has always been, 48ppl.

Members had previously received a reduced markup of 18ppl due to a Covid discount. It was proposed that this same 18ppl markup remain to give something back to the members, the cost to the club would be an estimated £2500 for the financial year. This could also potentially attract new members to the club with a visible 36ppl saving for members.

FFS should have a further discount, both for daily airfield duties performed and also the high amount of fuel purchased. It was proposed that FFS should have a further 10ppl discount on member prices resulting in a markup of 8ppl.

JET A1 markups were proposed to remain at 34ppl for non-members and 29ppl for members.

The new markups were unanimously agreed to be implemented from May 1. **Action JH to email members with updated fuel prices.**

#### **4) LEGAL ADVICE**

The management team had sought legal advice relating to the legitimacy of the election process, disciplinary action, flying school licences, and the liability of the club and its members if no action is taken. Our solicitors had recommended a specialist barrister given the complex nature and issued a quotation of approximately £5500. A discussion followed. It was felt that this legal advice was important to support the management team decisions, however the spend could not be justified without approval from the members.

#### **5) INVESTIGATION INTO FAC MANAGEMENT 2019-2020**

DP asked whether we should pursue rule 2.9 disciplinary procedures as a result of his 136 page investigation into the conduct of the management of the club in 2019 and 2020. Invoking rule 2.9 gives the chance for individuals to respond and also includes an impartial appeals process. JH asked if we should ask the members whether to invoke rule 2.9, DP replied as a management team we have a duty of care to the members and the club constitution. A discussion followed. AP presented a draft position statement. DP asked if we could issue the report to the members. A number of questions were asked on the content of the report. It was agreed the report needs to be made available to the members as soon as possible. It was proposed to invoke rule 2.9 for the ex-committee and Alan Gray. This was unanimously agreed. **Action DP to draft notice of proceedings.**

DP asked whether we should run an online Q&A meeting to help members understanding our decisions and show transparency. It was decided to defer any Q&A meeting to give members time to digest the report.

#### **6) AOB**

DP proposed a Chipmunk fly-in July 31 to August 1. This was agreed. DP also proposed restarting the Fenland Flyer newsletter.

The meeting closed at 21:31.

Next meeting: Monday May 20, 2021 at 17:30.