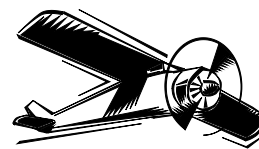


FENLAND AERO CLUB – Management Team

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

Present:	David Petters (DP), Jeff Helm (JH), Braden Connolly (BC), Rynardt Spies (RS), Phil Parsons (PP), Paul Brian (PB), Crosby Johnson (CJ), Steve Brown (SB)
Others in Attendance:	

THURSDAY, 13 JANUARY 2022 18:00

1) SAFETY MEETING

SB reported that a PA28 in the hangar has been damaged when the wing came into contact with the propellor of another aircraft. Aircraft were not parked on their markings and SB questioned whether the markings were overrelied on. **Action RS to remind hangar occupants to be careful when moving aircraft.**

2) **APOLOGIES:** Kerry Allen.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 17 December 2021 were approved.

4) MATTERS ARISING

Jim Ashton had informed JH that the drainage pipe at Bravo across 08/26 is failing and will need replacing at some point.

Tim James had requested to be removed from Fenland Aero Club Licensing Ltd, this was actioned by JH.

JH had spoken to a solicitor in regards to moving FAC to a Ltd company. With landlord consent an amendment can be made to the lease, although they did advise that a new lease should be negotiated. It was agreed to wait until details of the sale were confirmed. BC gave details of the recent valuation we had commissioned. Current use lease footprint value = £850k rising to £1.1 million after purchase by FAC because of FAC assets. Additional £250k value on the 10 acres behind the hangars available for purchase. **Action DP/BC to talk to the landlords regarding moving FAC to a Ltd company in order to remove the liability of members.**

JH reported that the CAA have rescheduled their audit to Feb 23 due to Covid.

PB advised that when the new windsocks are installed, the bearings should be checked.

DP gave an update on the High Court action by Claire Buckley. We had a very productive meeting with our barrister (selected by our insurance company's solicitors) who thinks we have a very strong case and will submit our defence.

5) CLUB ADMINISTRATION

BT have made 3 visits to the club to fix the broadband connection which is required by the CCTV system. A CCTV upgrade is planned with high-definition cameras.

6) FINANCE

BC presented the December accounts and reminded the committee we have a healthy bank balance for airfield improvements. PB asked if the funds could help provide light aircraft servicing as the engineering company can only currently work on engines and avionics. Potential improvements to hangarage and the clubhouse were discussed.

7) FUEL

Year to date fuel sales are 115k. A discussion followed on Jet A1 payment automation and whether we could sell more Jet A1 through advertising, to fund the automation. **Action JH/DP to market research Jet A1 potential sales.**

8) SAFETY MATTERS

The next working party to chalk the 08/26 markings will need to wait until the ground is drier in early spring. JH asked if markings could be done individually when members and time permits, although we would need a Gator or trailer for the chalk.

DP asked if we should NOTAM the 26 threshold given the recent standing water, it was agreed this was not required.

A discussion followed whether we need to refresh the hangar locks and keys, given a large number of ex-members have not returned keys after leaving. JH advised we have a record of all key deposits but there was no contract for keys to be returned. The advantages and disadvantages of a multi key or card operated system was discussed. **Action RS to investigate padlock and key options.**

DP reported that vehicles are still being parked on the concrete outside the new hangars. PB replied that the club rules mandate insurance and an airside pass. JH asked if all new hangar

members would automatically be issued with an airside pass. PB suggested an application for a vehicle airside pass and a separate application for a disabled hangar parking space. **Action JH to investigate application forms.**

It was agreed that we should action the fence replacement in front of the clubhouse and fuel apron. **Action JH to instruct the fencer.** We also need to replace the fence by the entrance and airside barriers.

PB reported that the 26/08 soil pile, as a temporary obstruction, needs signage.

9) AIRFIELD GENERAL

DP noted that we need better signage by the entrance to promote the club, the restaurant and the flying school. The current sign is not fit for purchase. New signs could be attached to the fence by the entrance. This could be actioned at the same time as the replacement of airside signs.

Action BC to contact a sign writer.

It was noted the concrete slabs on row 1 of the parking area are breaking up and becoming a safety issue. DP asked if we should replace them with solid concrete pads with proper tiedowns, it was agreed. **Action PB to talk to Tim Dighton.**

DP reminded the committee that the FAC club rules and aerodrome manual still need to be reviewed. **Action ALL to review so that changes can be taken to the next AGM.**

10) IER/RFFS

An IER theory training session is planned on Monday evening in the clubhouse.

11) HANGARS

RS reported that all vacant spaces have been offered to new occupants. The back of the old hangar has a lot of equipment such as BBQs and maybe better to keep in a shed so that more aircraft can fit in the hangars. JH replied that previously a shipping container had been suggested to store equipment. A discussion followed on where we could site a container and whether landlord approval is required.

12) EVENTS

Flyer magazine had contacted JH to ask if we wanted to advertise a free landing voucher as per previous years. It was agreed this would good publicity for the airfield as long as the voucher was early in the season, either March or April.

Ideas for various fly-ins for 2022 were discussed.

DP had contacted an event organiser regarding a possible air show at Fenland in the summer. We will need to know approximate costs before a decision can be made. Logistics for crowd viewing will need careful planning.

13) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL

JH had a previous action to report on FFS fuel sales. In an average year selling 35000 litres, normal members rate would give a profit of £11k, the previous FFS rate would give a profit of £6k and at the current (Covid discount) FFS rate would give a profit of £3k.

A discussion followed on how we can make flying as cheap as possible for students.

BC updated the committee on proposed wording of a licence clause to protect the club against a fixed wing exclusivity clause, open a minimum of 46 weeks 5 days a week including Saturday and Sunday. It was noted that FFS exceed these minimums. The suggested licence clause to cap fuel prices to FFS at 110% of cost was also discussed, this is a cap above what FFS already pay so there would be no change in price to FFS. There were no objections.

14) AOB

It was noted that the car park half painted fence should be sorted as soon as possible as it is an eyesore. IER might have time to do the painting at the weekends.

DP will bring the updated committee declaration to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:11.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 17 February 2022 18:00