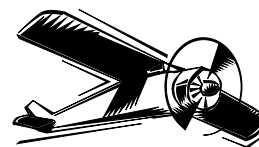


FENLAND AERO CLUB – Management Team

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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), Steve Brown (SB), Crosby Johnson (CJ)
Others in Attendance:	

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2022 18:00

1) SAFETY MEETING

SB raised a few recent issues relating to recent airmanship in the ATZ and on the ground, including taxiing on the east of 18/36 (which is not wide enough to be a legal taxiway), circuit direction and aerobatics inside the ATZ. SB will compile a pre-season reminder to pilots and this will be included in the next FAC newsletter.

The spraying of the 08/26 weeds around the runway markers will be done shortly.

2) **APOLOGIES:**, Kerry Allen, Phil Parsons

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 17 February 2022 were approved.

4) MATTERS ARISING

JH reported that we are not eligible for the latest SHDC Omicron grant.

The hangar debt mentioned last month has now been cleared.

BC has ordered two new chairs to check if they are suitable for the restaurant.

BC reported that all the new airfield signs are ready for installation and CJ will be at the airfield to support.

5) CLUB ADMINISTRATION

JH welcomed new members Charles Randall (flying) and Martin Cooper (flying). 26 members have renewed so far but fees aren't due until April 1 at which point a reminder will be sent out.

6) FINANCE

BC reported that all club finances are on track. JH thought that with the bills still to pay we would end the year between breakeven and a few thousand profit.

JH stated that with rising energy costs and insurance, it will be more difficult to breakeven next year, although we have plenty of capital. A discussion followed on whether the £5 landing fee should be increased, doubling to £10 would give the club another £7k per year. It was agreed to revisit the landing fees once the airfield and clubhouse improvements have been completed.

It was also noted that hangarage fees haven't increased in several years.

7) FUEL

Fuel sales this year are £132k, approximately 9% down on 2018/2019.

The pump price will be increasing 5.5p at the weekend due to the recent delivery. Markups to remain the same.

JH reported uncertainty on future fuel prices and how this might affect general aviation next year.

8) SAFETY MATTERS

BC asked for a risk assessment for the sign writers, JH will complete this.

DP will co-ordinate the replacement of the concrete around the fuel pumps with Tim.

9) AIRFIELD GENERAL

RS raised a comment from a member about extending the blockwork path from the clubhouse entrance to the airside gate, as it was getting muddy. This was agreed and will be actioned when the remaining fences are installed.

JH had received a quote for £3580 to continue the fence in the same style from the AVGAS fuel shed to the barrier, replacement fencing around the airfield entrance and replacement fencing between the clubhouse and E-Plane. This was approved.

DP asked if a temporary fence/rope could be reinstated between the Nissen hangar and the scapyard. We should also deal with the half painted car park fence, brush painting has been noted as a problem due to the asbestos.

BC demonstrated a few runway replacement lights that can be driven over. It was agreed to trial the best one during a future night flight, to check visibility from the air.

10) HANGARS

RS reported no updates, the waiting list is still a reasonable length. A discussion followed on options for the club erecting their own hangars and also further ideas for replacement hangar keys.

11) EVENTS

The aerobatics weekend organisers contacted JH to say they will be including a "Get Into Aeros" and would like to camp and BBQ on the Saturday evening. This was approved.

Spalding Youth Aviation want to visit us again, this was approved.

DP will include a request in the next newsletter to ask for a lead volunteer to run Wings and Wheels, provisionally on September 11.

An Easter fly-in will be published for April 16.

12) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL

After a couple of first solos this week, SB commented for anyone not aware that all first solos are paid by a fund set up on behalf a previous student who died.

13) RUNWAYS RESTAURANT

Mark Nixon has kindly donated a monitor for the clubhouse, which will be used to show flight radar, weather, events and information notices etc.

JH noted that there have been a couple of missed bin collections because the recycling bin had been contaminated with general waste.

JH asked if we could purchase some more outside tables now that the seating area is slightly wider, this was approved.

14) AOB

There was no AOB.

The meeting closed at 20:15.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 19 April 2022 18:00