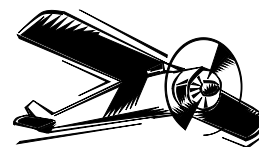


# FENLAND AERO CLUB – Committee

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

<b>Present:</b>	Braden Connolly (BC), Rynardt Spies (RS), Colin Albone (CA), Steve Brown (SB), Lisa Brian (LB), Peter Suckow (PS)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Rex Ford, Steve Goundry, Josh Brown

**Wednesday, 15 November 2023 18:30**

### AGENDA OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB

#### **1. Matters Arising: IER Team Discussion**

- IER team's need for equipment and budget allocation was discussed.
- Previous agreement to accommodate budget requests for essential equipment was reaffirmed.
- PS to compile a list of equipment and budget needs for IER activities and submit it for approval.

#### **2. Air Race at Fenland**

- Proposal for hosting an air race was discussed, including watching a video on air racing.
- Potential benefits such as fuel uplift and visitor attraction were considered.
- Concerns about the airfield being closed to members and the flying school during races were raised.
- Steve Brown suggested compensation for lost business if the event proceeds.
- Possibility of charging exhibitors and determining the fee for traders was debated.
- Decision: Conduct a poll of the members to gauge interest and potential impact on club operations.

#### **3. Wings and Wheels Date**

- August Bank Holiday weekend was proposed and agreed upon.

- Need for more food vendors was noted due to long queues and insufficient supply during the last event.
- Decision to invite more caterers and possibly charge a fixed fee for their attendance.

#### **4. Aerobatics Weekend Dates**

- Dates for aerobatics weekends to be determined, avoiding key non-availability dates.

#### **5. Addenbrookes Cancer Day**

- CA reaffirmed interest in hosting the event. Date to be determined.

#### **6. Other Fly-Ins**

- Vintage Aero Club in spring and other themed fly-ins were proposed.
- Potential Friday night fly-ins with themed food were considered.
- Themed decades day was suggested, such as celebrating '50s with appropriate activities and attire.

#### **7. AOB: Exit Plan for Steve and Kerry (Runways)**

- Discussion on the exit strategy for current restaurant operators and incoming bid.
- Proposal for the club to take assets in lieu of outstanding debt was considered and made conditional based on outcome of negotiations with new licensee.
- Decision made to have Treasurer (RS) assess the value of assets and ensure the club gets a fair deal before agreeing.
- Secretary (Josh Brown) nominated to negotiate terms with new potential restaurant operators.

#### **8. AOB: Safety of Joining Circuit**

- Steve Brown proposed distributing safety tips for joining the circuit to prevent potential mid-air collisions.
- Decision made to support the distribution and encourage adherence to ATZ rules.

#### **9. Closure of the meeting**

- The meeting was adjourned at 20:05

**Actions:**

- PS to compile and submit a budget request for IER team needs.
- BC to conduct a poll among members regarding the air race event.
- Committee to determine aerobatics weekend dates in next meeting.
- CA to set a date for the Addenbrookes Cancer Day.
- Plan for various themed fly-ins and Friday night events.
- Treasurer (RS) to value assets for potential offset against Runways' outstanding debt.
- Secretary (JB) to begin negotiations with Karolina for taking over the restaurant operation.
- SB to distribute safety tips and encourage adherence to ATZ rules.