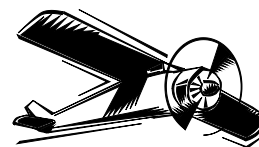


FENLAND AERO CLUB – Management Team

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB MANAGEMENT TEAM

Present:	Oliver Wheeldon (OW), Ziggy Krasa (ZK), Jeff Helm (JH), Steve Brown (SB)
Others in Attendance:	Lee Dickins (LD), Josh Brown (JB), Pete Begley (PB).

WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH 2025 @ 18:30

1) **APOLOGIES:** Lisa Brian.

This meeting was postponed from 20 February as a member of the MT was unable to make it and all MT are required to remain quorate.

2) **SAFETY MEETING (chaired by CFI - safety forms and safety issues)**

No safety issues reported. SB noted the runway markings remain poor. ZK and LD had applied weedkiller but were looking at alternative solutions. Previously Perfo had been looked at but was expensive. LD suggested astroturf or lino. **Action ZK/LD to obtain a 2m x 1m sample to try a single marking.**

OW asked about night flying, the club now have our own inclinometer and the LITAS inspection forms are stored in Google Drive. **Action ZK/LD to check the green threshold lights on 36.**

3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2024 were published to the website.

4) **UPDATES ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

ZK has organised the tower glass repair at around £600. The gassing of the runway moles hasn't improved the situation but it not considered a safety hazard. **Action JH to contact the pest control company again.**

JH has changed over the UL91 tank to 100LL and a delivery is expected next week. The AIP has been updated along with a permanent NOTAM.

JH talked through the process to move FAC to a Ltd company. It is all very straightforward aside from landlord consent. A discussion followed and the decision is ongoing.

OW presented draft changes to the Accountable Manager job description, removing arms length oversight. The manual will need to be updated to reflect the changes in the job description. **JH to send the updated draft job description to the wider MT.**

5) CLUB ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals will be sent out soon with no price increases.

JH presented comparative visitor numbers for the past few years and noted a 15% per year decline. We need to monitor throughout 2025.

6) FINANCE

The bank balance is £55,571,36 with fuel stock of £18,222.04. JH stated that we should break even at the end of the financial year next month. ZK noted we still need to finish the electrical inspection remedial work although this may not be invoiced until April.

7) FUEL

AVGAS forecast sales are 90k litres this year vs 80k litres last year.

8) AIRSIDE AND ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER

OW had met with National Grid regarding the Grimsby to Walpole project. Proposed pylons are 50m high and 300-400m apart. The routing is likely to be around the edge of the ATZ and will be constructed between 2029 and 2033 if approved. There should be no impact on airfield operations.

Preparations are underway for the next CAA audit, likely to be a desktop audit.

9) IER/RFFS AND A/G RADIO

Nothing to report.

10) NON-AIRSIDE

ZK is progressing the damage to the car park light with the transportation company. We may need to obtain quotes if a cash settlement is offered.

11) HANGARS

PB noted one space in the new hangars due to a recent leaver and seven people on the waiting list. A working party and skip will be arranged in the spring to remove the rubbish from the

hangars. A plan for better lighting in the hangars is being put together. **Action PB to test a UFO light in the new hangars.**

12) EVENTS

The British Police Flying Association would like to visit Fenland on May 10, this was approved.

Wings and Wheels was discussed. The volunteers from the Spalding Flower Parade have offered to help on the weekend with marshalling and car parking. We need to engage with the flying magazines for publicity. Car parking has always been a problem. It was suggested that maybe we could use half of the non-active runway for car parking and the other half for aircraft parking, provided fuel was available from either the pumps or a mobile bowser. **Action ALL to produce a Wings and Wheels site plan. Action OW to investigate possible air displays.**

13) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL

SB remarked that he has been told that ROCC responsibilities now include confirming fire crew on duty, runway inspections carried out and checking all inbound foreign traffic. JH asked where this is documented by the CAA. **Action JH to look into ROCC responsibilities.**

14) RUNWAYS RESTAURANT

No representation. Lack of representation was discussed.

15) QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES AND AOB

None

The meeting closed at 21:10.

Date of next meeting: w/c April 14, 2025 (TBC)