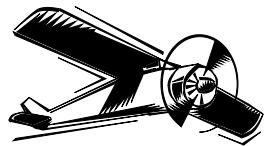


FENLAND AERO CLUB

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FENLAND AERO CLUB COMMITTEE

Present:	Ziggy Krasa (ZK), Jeff Helm (JH), Heidi Barrett (HB), Josh Brown (JB), Steve Brown (SB).
Others in Attendance:	Lisa Brian (LB), Oliver Wheeldon (OW), Lee Dickens (LD)

MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2025 @ 18:30

1) APOLOGIES: David Petters, Peter Begley, Simon Cooke.

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

SB noted a concern for aircraft being at risk on the gravel whilst aircraft are taken in/out of the old hangar. The aerodrome manual notes the entrance barrier should be lowered whilst aircraft movements take place. Old hangar occupants will be reminded.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 15 September 2025 were approved.

4) UPDATES ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

No updates.

5) CLUB ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

LB noted since the AGM we have 14 new flying members.

6) FINANCE

JB reported a bank balance of £68,645.56 and around £13,000 of fuel stock.

7) FUEL

A flying member with a 330 litre road legal bowser would like to take fuel 3-4 times a year for their own aircraft based locally at a strip. This was approved.

JH presented a trend of visitors vs fuel sales Apr-Sep. Non-members fuel sales are down 10% which is to be expected without a restaurant. Flying school fuel sales are up. However member

fuel sales are down 35% indicating our hangered aircraft are flying less. It was unclear why and needs following up.

8) AIRSIDE AND ACCOUNTABLE MANAGER

OW indicated the next CAA audit in March is likely to be in-person and so we need to ensure all our paperwork is up to date, ATC, RFFS training records, fire truck maintenance etc.

JH noted the number of runway lights being constantly broken, in comparison with the number of users of the runway lights. ZK has ordered quick-connection cables, so hypothetically the lights could be removed when we enter BST if the CAA agree. A discussion followed how to encourage more night flying pilots, potentially we can organise evening restaurant opening next winter.

9) IER/RFFS AND A/G RADIO

LD will arrange hot fire training when we get confirmation of the replacement foam for the truck. There are some new IER members interested but with the winter starting and the restaurant closed, it is difficult to get members interested. ZK led an ideas discussion on scaling membership fees based on level of involvement with the club.

10) NON-AIRSIDE

ZK will ensure we have enough sand for clearing the paths over winter. The bins are still being misused so we will add an enclosure and padlock.

ZK had received some quotes for permanent grass runway markings to replace the current chalk. The cost is around 2k but road transport from Europe is expensive. JH suggest we get one marker as a trial.

11) HANGARS

Hangars are currently full. Humphrey is looking to rent out his engineering hangar, LB to follow up with Humphrey.

12) EVENTS

HB will organise a pumpkin fly-in on November 2. This will include a spot landing competition with a pumpkin spray painted on the runway. There will be a variety of non-airside activities.

HB has invited the Men's shed at Long Sutton to Fenland on November 25, this will be part of an IER recruitment drive evening.

The aerobatics would like to come back September 11-13, 2026, this was agreed.

The model flying club want to have their AGM at Fenland on December 10. This was agreed and we will co-ordinate food for them.

13) FENLAND FLYING SCHOOL

LB asked for an electric bill monthly instead of quarterly. LB asked for an update on the VOIP solution for the club phones, but this is still a work in progress.

The flying school Christmas quiz will be on December 17.

14) RUNWAYS RESTAURANT

JH gave an update on Damian and a decision has been made to find an alternative caterer. A few new people have applied as a result of an email to members. All applicants will be followed up and interviewed. A discussion followed on how a profit share could work whilst for the selected caterer.

15) QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES AND AOB

None

The meeting closed at 21:00. Date of next meeting TBC.