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RoDs of the RAFGSA Executive Trustees Meeting, 6 Apr 22

Present	Gp Capt Peters	Chairman	Chair
	AVM Stringer Wg Cdr Atkins Sqn Ldr Arnold Sqn Ldr Williams Flt Lt Dale Flt Lt Pike	President Strategy Member Fleet Manager Expeditions Member Marketing Member Operations Member	
Apologies	Wg Cdr Watson Flt Lt Ravenscroft Fg Off Wightman Cpl Amor	Treasurer MCT Member Secretary Information Manager	
Secretary	Sqn Ldr Swan	Safety (Acting Secretary)	Sec

Item	Minutes	Action / lead
1. Introduction	a. The meeting was opened and a quorum was noted.	
2. Chairman's Address	<p>a. The Chairman and Treasurer had engaged with AM Sturley on MCT governance issues. There will be a new section in the RAFGSA Handbook for MCT Scholarships. Management of MCT funds will be improved and will be separated from RAFGSA funds. Action Chair and Treasurer.</p> <p>b. Several MCT projects still need business cases to support and they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Glider 506 refurb. Action Fleet Manager. 2) Cranwell Discus Replacement. Action Strategy. 3) Avionics Upgrade. Action Fleet Manager. 	<p>Chair Treasurer</p> <p>Fleet Strategy Fleet</p>
3. Review of Previous	<p>a. Glider G-SAMG will be re-advertised for sale. Action Fleet.</p> <p>b. Nuffield Trust will be approached to fund two new Motor Glider engines, Rotax 912 and 914. Action Fleet and Treasurer.</p> <p>c. Replacement of club parachutes should be normal club business, however, as they are around £3K each a bid for either Central Funds or Nuffield Trust could be persued. The Treasurer is investigating. Action Treasurer.</p>	<p>Fleet</p> <p>Fleet and Treasurer</p> <p>Treasurer</p>
4. Presidents Adress	a. Noted contining effort to deliver JSAT and RAFGSA gliding. He is fully supportive of restart of expeditions to Sisteron, Brazil and Chile.	
5. Club Updates	a. Bannerdown; New OIC being sought, New CFI now Ian Harris, Winter Engineering now complete, Go For Solo now buoyant, Junior Nationals last week of August and Club has left Service Funds to bank privately.	

	<p>b. Chilterns; New CFI now Martin Langford, routine maintenance ongoing and no progress on increasing number of aerotows each weekend. Action Chair to engage with Stn Cdr Halton and Strategy to engage with OC Ops Halton.</p> <p>c. Cranwell; 50th anniversary on 2 Jul 22, R4 3000 hr service complete, busy flying SPs especially flying training holdees, waiting list for Go for Solo, still need R39 replacment and have submitted bid to upgrade winch to synthetic cable (Exec comment this should be for club to fund or with compelling case of hardship). Short term aircraft for Cranwell could be hire of Ventus 2ct then a repaired Discus longer term. Action Fleet for Glider.</p> <p>d. Fenlands; Nil.</p> <p>e. Fulmar; Looking to replace oxygen systems in R1 and R67 may seek RAFGSA support. (Exec comment; this should be normal club expense and should look for Stn support first). The Exec would consider a grant request if made by the Club, recognising R1 could be used at Sisteron and wider Association wave flying.</p> <p>f. Kestrel; Motor Glider now serviceable post heavy landing, bought Sky Echos, RAF Odiham Stn Cdr and COS keen to invigorate club, RAFGSA audit Sep/Oct 22 and still operating with longer grass – 150mm. Action Strategy will engage with Odiham AO about grass length.</p> <p>g. Shawbury; Successful club trip to Denbigh, Mechanics Endowment Fund agreed support to fund phase 1&2 trainees, R35 now at club and progressing grass operating.</p>	<p>Chair Strategy</p> <p>Fleet</p> <p>Strategy</p>
<p>4. RAFGSA Finances</p>	<p>a. Not represented; Nil.</p>	
<p>5. Fleet Manager</p>	<p>a. R48 refurb complete just paperwork to finalise.</p> <p>b. Looking at option to increase 2 seat trainer capacity to offset RAR task, possibly refurb further K13.</p> <p>c. Invetigate K21 spin kits across 5 more RAFGSA clubs to replace lost K13 spinning. Action Fleet to cost K21 conversions.</p>	<p>Fleet</p>
<p>6. ISRGC</p>	<p>a. SPs can apply on RAFGSA site for aircraft for Comps, so far very few bids. Uncertainty about process to bid for space at ISRGC 22 Hus Bos. Action Ops to engage with Comps to progress.</p> <p>b. ISRGC 23 needs engagement with RNGSA and AGA this summer. Action Chair will engage with RNGSA and AGA.</p> <p>c. Romarantin 22 in France should get support.</p>	<p>Ops</p> <p>Chair</p>
<p>7. Expeds</p>	<p>a. Sisteron planning now mature.</p> <p>b. Brazil is still in planning.</p> <p>c. Chileans will come 1-12 Aug 22, hosted at Syerston.</p>	

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8. JSAT and Soaring Eagles	<p>a. LoA now signed by RAFGSA and RAR.</p> <p>b. 12 weeks JSATs at Syerston 3 students per week. Supported by an RAFGSA K21 per week. Likely to come mostly from Cranweel but other clubs can bid. Clubs gets £500 per week.</p> <p>c. 3 weeks JSATs at RAFGSA Clubs. One week at Fulmar, 4-8 Jul 22, and two weeks at Bannerdown, 12-16 and 19-23 Sep 22.</p> <p>d. Soaring Eagles will be delivered at RAFGSA clubs. Will be BGA Go for Gliding format. Currently budget for 80 may increase if demand and funds available.</p>	
11. AOB	<p>a. A pawnee engine is still in storage at RAF Halton and needs to be sold. Action Fleet to assess and sell engine.</p>	Fleet
12. Date of next meeting	<p>a. The next RAFGSA Execs meeting is Fri 17 June 22 at 1400.</p>	Sec
13. Post Meeting Note	<p>a. After a successful bid by the Treasurer, £4000 was available to support the cost of inspector and instructor costs and the BGA Levy cost for Service members. Regional Clubs would receive a grant, pro-rata from their membership statistics provided to the Secretary to contribute to these costs. Clubs were to determine how best to allocate their proportion of this grant to the costs incurred.</p>	Info



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