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**MINUTES FOR ROYAL AIR FORCE GLIDING AND SOARING ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD VIA SKYPE ON 1 JUL 22**

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| Present | Gp Capt C Peters (Tr) | Chairman | Chair |
| | Wg Cdr N Atkins (Tr) | Strategy Member | |
| | Wg Cdr A Watson (Tr) | Treasurer | |
| | Sqn Ldr A Arnold (Tr) | Fleet Manager | |
| | Sqn Ldr A Swan (Tr) | Safety Member | |
| | Sqn Ldr M Williams | Expeditions Member | |
| | Flt Lt L Dale (Tr) | Publicity Member | |
| | Flt Lt VR(T) M Pike (Tr) | Operations Member | |
| Apologies | AM J Stringer (Tr) | President | - |
| | Flt Lt J Ravenscroft | MCT Member | - |
| | Cpl W Amor | Information Manager | - |
| Secretary | Fg Off B Wightman (Tr) | Secretary | Sec |

Meeting opened at 1302 hrs.

| Item | Minutes | Action |
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| 1. Notice, Apologies and Quorum. | a. This meeting was held via Skype. Apologies for the meeting were received from AM Stringer and Flt Lt Ravenscroft. No apologies were sent from Cpl Amor; Quorum was noted. | |
| 2. Interests in proposed and existing transactions and/or arrangements with the company. | a. None. | |
| 3. Chairman's Address | a. The Chairman opened the mtg informing the Exec that he and the treasurer had met AM Sturley to discuss the relations with the RAFGSA and the planned change of Trusteeship for the MCT. b. There are still funds to be spent from the MCT grant agreed last year and the Exec will need to hasten any agreed spending. | Strategy Member |

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| | <p>c. It was being assessed whether a K-21 could be permanently located at RAF Syerston for JSAT use. Discussions are ongoing with 2FTS and which aircraft will be allocated.</p> <p>d. The cost of living is impacting club membership and income. The Exec will have to monitor club performance and assist clubs where possible in the next 12 months.</p> <p>e. The Chairman announced he will be attending the ISRGC on Thu 21 Jul at Husbands Bosworth for the VIP Day.</p> <p>f. Congratulations to our President who has now been promoted to the rank of Air Marshal. He is posted to Europe but had expressed that he would like to remain President of the Association which the Chairman gratefully accepted.</p> | |
| <p>4. Presidents Address</p> | <p>a. No comments.</p> | |
| <p>5. Minutes of the last meeting</p> | <p>a. The recording of the minutes from the last meeting held in Apr 22 were held to be a true and accurate record.</p> | |
| <p>6. Matters arising</p> | <p>a. RAFGSA Website Members Login Area. Publicity Member was in contact with GlideX creator and discussing options to integrate into the RAFGSA website- Ongoing</p> <p>b. Nuffield Trust Engine Bid. Treasurer still awaiting details from the Fleet Manager to provide a costing for the proposed engine bid. A business case would be required to underpin the draw down of any funds from the May 21 submission to the MCT- Ongoing</p> <p>c. K-21 Spin Kits. Fleet Manager still awaiting response form supplier. Each Club will receive a spin kit due to the Tech note advise on spinning K-13's- Ongoing</p> <p>d. Pawnee Engine sale. Fleet Manager exploring the option of an engine deal with</p> | <p>Publicity Member</p> <p>Treasurer/ Fleet Manager</p> <p>Fleet Manager</p> <p>Fleet Manager</p> |

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| | <p>CFS for a 912 rotax to replace the Bannerdown MG engine- Ongoing</p> <p>e. Halton Aerotowing review. Club doesn't currently exceed the permitted 8 aerotows but will be revisited if demand increases at the club- Closed</p> <p>f. MCT Projects. Business cases produced and accepted by MCT Trustee's. Closed</p> <p>g. G-SAMG. Re-advertised and two buyers ready to purchase- Closed</p> <p>h. Nuffield Trust Parachutes. The Exec agreed parachutes have always and will continue to be managed and purchased at Club level. Clubs are encouraged to place bids to RAF Central Fund and Nuffield Trust but copy in Treasurer for awareness- Closed</p> <p>i. Cranwell R39 Discus replacement. Aircraft located and bought. Has now been designated as fleet number R8 and delivered to Cranwell GC- Closed</p> <p>j. Kestrel Grass length. Treasurer had previously agreed £750 towards a grass cutter for the club to cut airfield landing strip at RAF Odiham- Closed</p> <p>k. ISRGC 2022 Entry. Chairman/Ops Member engaged and sought clarity on the ISRGC entry places- Closed</p> <p>l. ISRGC 2023. Chairman spoke to AGA/ RINGSA Chairman to agree a plan for ISRGC 2023. More details to follow after face-to-face VIP Day at ISRGC 2022- Closed</p> | |
| <p>7. Secretary Correspondence</p> | <p>a. The Sec asked for clarification of the next AGM dates after seeing email correspondence between the Chairman/Treasurer and MCT Trustees. It was agreed that the next RAFGSA AGM will take place in Mar 2023 to align with accounts/ change of auditor.</p> | <p>Sec</p> |

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| | <p>b. RAF Sports have updated the template for Admin Orders (AO's) for any RAF activity. All clubs are to be forwarded the AO template by the Sec for future Club expeditions.</p> | |
| 8. Finance | <p>a. Yearly grant from RAF Sports has reduced from £37k to £32k.</p> <p>b. 912 rotax engine from CFS will cost £22k therefore £5k will have to be supported from the RAFGSA funds.</p> <p>c. Nuffield grant of £5k has been received for K-21 Cockpit upgrades.</p> <p>d. It was proposed by the Treasurer that the RAFGSA support Cranwell GC with the £2.7k shortfall of the predicted £10k winch overhaul. This was seconded by the Safety Member Sqn Ldr Alan Swan.</p> <p>e. Go for solo funding was discussed and it was agreed by the Exec that the number of awards would be reduced to 15 a year to re-organise payments to and from clubs.</p> <p>f. £1,500 was proposed by the Treasurer to support the SP representing the RAF at Romorantin to reduce the individual contributions. This was seconded by the Chairman.</p> <p>g. It was proposed by the Treasurer that the RAFGSA pay £600 back to RAF Shawbury GC after the repair work on MG G-SAWG. The repair was conducted without an insurance claim to avoid an increase to the GSA policy renewal cost.</p> | |
| 9. Club Overviews | <p>a. Bannerdown- Short of membership attending weekends and as a result flying activity has reduced. MOD Boscombe Down Go for Solo students have been absent for many months now which is disappointing. Club is hosting Junior Nationals and prep is underway. An airspace/RPAS discussion is taking place with the club on 11 Aug which will be the biggest hurdle in recent years. Watchkeeper force and JHC have been very forthcoming. Sqn Ldr Arnold is retiring from</p> | Fleet Manager |

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| | <p>e. Fulmar- x3 new Go for Solo's completed since Feb. lack of instructors is reducing capacity but JSAT instructors Ross Craney and Norm Potts attended for a week early Jun to increase output. Oxygen system being installed in R1. Dynema has been installed on the winch and the Club OIC attended Syerston to familiarise on Dynema winching characteristics. Fulmar is encouraging and happy to host all other RAFGSA Clubs on Expeds.</p> <p>f. Kestrel- Nil.</p> <p>g. Shawbury- Club attended RAF Cosford Airshow and received very positive feedback. CFI Ian Gallagher conducted a glider aerobatics display in the club K-21 and was awarded 2nd place for best display at the airshow. Student demand is increasing proving a challenge for the club but is a welcomed change. Motorglider remains the single point of failure with no agreement to winch launch. This was highlighted after the recent incident where Fenland had to lend the club their Falke MG whilst G-SAWG went for repair work.</p> | |
| <p>10. Aircraft Fleet</p> | <p>a. 912 engine to be sourced for Bannerdown MG. CFS being contacted by Ops Member.</p> <p>b. K-13's in surplus are still to be advertised for sale</p> <p>c. 16 avionics upgrade bill for vario upgrade and an extra £86 spent on additional USB socket has already been approved and reimbursed by the RAFGSA Treasurer.</p> <p>d. Note to all clubs from Fleet Manager is trailer maintenance across the RAFGSA is poor after seeing the state of some trailers on the recent Expeds. Clubs are reminded that the condition of trailers reflects on the GSA in the public eye and at competitions.</p> | |
| <p>11. Operations</p> | <p>a. NSTR.</p> | |

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| <p>12. Safety</p> | <p>a. A plea to all Exec Cmttee members of their responsibility to support the Safety member on club safety and assurance audits. Chilterns is overdue a governance visit which needs to be conducted in the next couple of months for the GSA to stay compliant.</p> | |
| <p>13. Expeditions</p> | <p>a. Sisteron was a great success with all Instructors gaining currency and second week saw several new SP GSA members enjoy the Sisteron flying. Fg Off Myers completed some elements of his Bronze flying and now just requires field landing Cx's at Chilterns.</p> <p>b. Chile Exchange has been declined by the Chilean Air Force due to budget constraints. RAFGSA will still prep a plan to host the Chilean Air Force in Jan 2023.</p> <p>c. 5 SP transited to Romorantin France to compete against the French, German, Slovenian and Belgian Air Forces. Duo Discus R2 was taken and the team ended up finishing in 15th place out of 43 in the class. 50 hrs of flying was conducted over the 10-day competition. Flt Lt Dale thanked the RAFGSA for supporting the pilots with funding as it was a challenge to secure support from Stn's in reducing personal contributions.</p> | <p>Publicity Member</p> |
| <p>14. Strategy</p> | <p>a. Club stats return is to be reviewed by Strategy Member and Sec to make sure all elements are being captured.</p> <p>b. It was suggested a revamp of the RAFGSA awards is required to modernise and make the awards fairer for smaller clubs. A review and new direction is required, the Sec was asked to set up a meeting with the Safety Member, Strategy member and Chairman.</p> | <p>Strategy Member/ Secretary</p> <p>Secretary</p> |
| <p>15. Marketing & Publicity</p> | <p>a. £100 spent on Facebook marketing in the last few months. Publicity Member to send invoice to Treasurer for reimbursement.</p> | <p>Publicity Member</p> |

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| 16. Malcolm Club Fund | a. Nil. | |
| 17. ISRGC | a. The Exec agreed to pay for the x8 RAF Team pilot entry fees at £250 each. Individual pilots are to make contact and send the RAFGSA Treasurer screenshots and bank account details for reimbursement. | ISRGC Pilots/ Treasurer |
| 18. JSAT & Eagle Schemes | <p>a. JSAT has produced x5 Solo pilots already this year. 7 JSAT courses are scheduled for this year at Syerston utilising the K-21 allocated as discussed.</p> <p>b. X3 Soaring Eagle week long courses at Fulmar and 80 1-day events split between all clubs as bid. All Soaring Eagle administration is centralised through Crickhowel AT Centre.</p> | |
| 19. AOB | a. Flt Lt Ravenscroft is stepping down for the Exec as MCT Member and is leaving the RAF. It was suggested by the Sec that the Exec Cmttee is to review the Cmttee positions and look at filling gapped posts with the Fleet Manager also due to retire in the coming months. It was also agreed that the Current Fleet Manager will hold post until a suitable replacement is found and mentored before stepping down. The Chairman agreed to contact new JR's/JO's in the GSA to see if they would be interested in any Exec Cmttee positions. | Chairman |
| 20. Next Meeting | a. The next mtg will take place on Thu Aug 18 22 at 1300 hrs via Skype. | |

Meeting closed at 1620 hrs.

[Electronically Signed]

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