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20240613-RAFGSA Execs Mtg RoDs 7 Jun 24

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RoDs of the RAFGSA Executive Trustees Meeting, 7 Jun 24

Present	Gp Capt Peters	Chairman	Chair
	Gp Capt Atkins Wg Cdr Watson Sqn Ldr Williams Flt Lt Dale Mr Ross Perriam	Strategy Member Treasurer Expeditions Member Marketing Member RAF Central Fund CEO (Guest)	
Apologies	AM Stringer Wg Cdr Hobson Flt Lt Pike FS Craney Cpl Amor	President Safety Member Operations Member Competitions Member MCT Member	
Secretary	Flt Lt Wightman	Secretary	Sec

Item	Minutes	Action / lead
1. Notice, Apologies & Quorum	a. The meeting was opened at 1304 and a quorum was noted.	
2. Interest and/or proposed transaction with the Company	a. Nil.	
3. Chairman's Address	a. Security concerns raised at Cranwell GC with International students accessing MOD establishments. An MoU is in draft between Cranwell GC and the Station. More guidance is to sought on the accessibility of international students namely for University affiliations at Cranwell GC and Chilterns GC. Action- Strategy Member.	Strategy Member
4. RAF Central Fund Speaker	a. RAF Central Fund request the 'Due diligence' questionnaire is completed by the RAFGSA Exec cmttee. Chairman requested completion by NLT 1 Sep 24. Form to be accessible on the RAFGSA SharePoint site for all Exec members to contribute. Action- Secretary.	Secretary
5. Review of Previous Minutes/ RoDs	a. Proposal of RAFGSA Award modernisation will be presented to the Exec at the next mtg in Aug 24- Ongoing	Strategy Member
	b. The potential sale of the hangar at RAF Marham to Husbands Bosworth for £15,000 was paused. Bannerdown position has paused the option to sell this as an asset- Ongoing	Chairman
	c. A formalised agreement with Skylaunch for the loaned RAFGSA winch usage and maintenance responsibilities is to be written and agreed. Skylaunch are no longer hiring the RAFGSA Owned winch for trials- Ongoing	Ops Member

	<p>d. Recommendation for undercarriage warnings by Ops Member to be agreed at next Execs- Ongoing</p> <p>e. RAF Shawbury Winching Run options on airfield still being explored- Ongoing</p> <p>f. Gliding operations and procedures engagement with RAF Stn's- Ongoing</p> <p>g. The use of MCT funds to support aircraft upgrades in future but only using the account interest to keep funds healthy-Closed</p> <p>h. FIS vs Asst Cat standardisation decision by BGA is ongoing. Unlikely to be implemented until 2025- Closed</p> <p>i. No money to support FACH visit from Defence Engagement office- Closed</p> <p>j. £1,250 Instructor funds now paid to Fulmar-Closed</p> <p>k. Chairman met with AC Fogden to confirm no issues with dual trusteeship of MCT vs RAFGSA-Closed</p> <p>l. R59 interest disappeared and has been relisted- Closed</p> <p>m. RAFGSA Handbook updated with private glider usage and club local agreements- Closed</p>	<p>Ops Member</p> <p>Ops Member</p> <p>Safety Member</p>
6. Secretary	a. Nil	
7. Club Updates	<p>a. Bannerdown; Club has to leave Keevil Airfield by 1 Sep 24. Small number of club members are operating at Upavon airfield. AGA engagement to take place once Bannerdown membership have established their future. Action- Chairman.</p> <p>b. Chilterns; Nil.</p> <p>c. Cranwell; Sqn Ldr Youle now in post as Club CFI replacing WO Tim Davies. The RAFGSA Committee would like to publicly thank WO Davies for his contributions to Cranwell as CFI over the last few years. Club has received £2,800 by applying for a PEd grant, this will go towards the purchase of a new parachute. Details to be forwarded to Kestrel GC. Action- Publicity member. Stn FD day in Jun will allow the opportunity to fly more service members on Stn mid-week. Grass length and cutting is an issue but is being managed by Stn Ops. Club is looking at growing service flying and retention.</p> <p>d. Fulmar; Airfield no longer waterlogged and back operating. 4x new go for solo students being assessed at the club. Soaring Eagle weeks under planning for Jun and Aug. R1 and R67 in good shape with R67 due for its annual and ARC at the end of June.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>Publicity</p>

	<p>e. Kestrel; Question asked about centralising ordering of items through the RAFGSA held via NSN. A club MoU should allow for support from Stn for these items. Membership is growing and exploring TMG options off the grass runway. Parachutes reaching end of life so support to replace would be appreciated from the RAFGSA.</p> <p>f. Shawbury; 70% of RAF Shawbury's runway will be resurfaced which will restrict operations to Sundays only. New BI trained and another Instructor upgraded from Asst Cat to Full Cat. Successful central fund bid of £45,853.80 to fly 72 SP from phase 1 and Phase 2 students has a waiting list of 20 students. Most of the Phase 2 students come from RAF Cosford. Membership is strong with 6 Ful Cats, 5 Asst Cats and 70 others of which 49 are Service members.</p>	
8. RAFGSA Finances	<p>a. Nuffield Trust bid for 2024/2025 will look to support Clubs with 1x new parachute per club.</p> <p>b. Annual payment for use of LCAS (Annual learning credits) has lapsed, decision to be made on the benefits of the renewal.</p> <p>c. R1 Spigot work completed and invoice paid.</p> <p>d. Safety strobes to be paid to NavBoys. Action- Treasurer.</p>	Treasurer
9. Fleet Manager	<p>a. Flt Lt Tagg is exiting RAF service and is no longer a member of the RAFGSA Executive.</p> <p>b. Mr Jon Arnold has resigned as Fleet manager for the RAFGSA. All trustees noted the huge contribution made during his tenure.</p> <p>c. Flt Lt Dale will monitor any fleet queries in the interim. An email address will be set up on Google for all clubs to centrally make contact. Action- Publicity Member.</p> <p>d. An email to be sent out to the RAFGSA clubs and membership inviting applicants to the RAFGSA Exec Cmttee. Action- Secretary.</p> <p>e. Fleet updates can be found here.</p>	<p>Publicity Member</p> <p>Secretary</p>
10. Operations	<p>a. Nil.</p>	
11. Safety	<p>a. Duo Discus 26 sustained damage to underneath of wing in the Chilterns GC Hangar, cause is unknown. Club to contact Terry Moyes for damage Assessment. Action- Strategy Member.</p>	Strategy Member
12. Expeds	<p>a. 14 Jul 24 is the reciprocal FACH visit to the UK supported by 2FTS. Review of FACH visits to be quantified whether it should extend annually or bi-annually. Action- Chairman/ Expeds Member.</p> <p>b. Duo Discus 16, 26 & 2x K-21's to be allocated for the visit.</p> <p>c. Branded t-shirts and aircraft hire expected to cost £2,500.</p>	

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13. Strategy	a. Charitable objectives and handing over of Administration and Trusteeship to RAF Central Fund to be reviewed later in the year. Wilson Solicitors to be approached for understanding of support that is offered to the RAFGSA. Action- Secretary.	Secretary
14. Marketing & Publicity	a. Flt Lt Dale suggested holding 'Club workshops' via Teams or Zoom to help clubs share best practices. A date is to be agreed for Aug 24 with assistance from Flt Lt Wightman. Action- Publicity Member.	
15. Malcolm Clubs Trust	a. MCT meeting to be held Jul/Aug to ratify MCT funds supporting Go for Solo scheme. Action- Strategy member.	Strategy Member
16. JSAT/ Eagles Scheme	a. Nil.	
17. ISRGC	a. No ISRGC but point raised about the 2025 planning and considerations with Keevil no longer an option. Engagement with AGA and RNGSA before Sep Execs. Action Chairman	
18. AOB	a. Due to ISRGC not being facilitated in 2024, RAF personnel representing at National Competitions instead may be provided with funding support for Competition entry fees and seat hire for gliders. Collation of costing is to be presented to the Exec Cmttee within the next 14 days. Action Competitions Member b. Additional Exec Meeting for key decisions to be arranged for early Aug 2024. Action Secretary	Comps Member Secretary
19. Date of next meeting	a. The next RAFGSA Execs meeting is Fri 9 Aug 24 at 1300.	Secretary

[Electronically Signed]

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