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20240809-RAFGSA Execs Mtg RoDs 9 Aug 24

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RoDs of the RAFGSA Executive Trustees Meeting, 9 Aug 24

Present	Gp Capt Peters	Chairman	Chair
	AM Stringer Wg Cdr Hobson Sqn Ldr Williams Sqn Ldr Swan Flt Lt Dale Flt Lt Pike CT Craney CT Hunton AS1 MacNeil	President Safety Member Expeditions Member RAFGSA Trustee Marketing Member Operations Member Competitions Member Dep Fleet Manager Dep Publicity	
Apologies	Gp Capt Atkins	Strategy Member	
	Wg Cdr Watson Cpl Amor	Treasurer MCT Member	
Secretary	Flt Lt Wightman	Secretary	Sec

Item	Minutes	Action / lead
1. Notice, Apologies & Quorum	a. The meeting was opened at 1302 and a quorum was noted.	
2. Interest and/or proposed transaction with the Company	a. Nil.	
3. Chairman's Address	<p>a. In light of the Bannerdown GC situation, the Chairman has recommended all Clubs look to move from an encroachment agreement to a license to operate on MOD airfields. An updated MoU would need to be drafted. Email to be sent out by the Chairman to all Club OICs.</p> <p>b. The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Executive Committee CT Hunton and AS1 MacNeil and thanked them for wanting to be an active part of the Committee.</p> <p>c. Chairman thanked 2FTS for hosting a very successful Chilean exchange programme. The exchange has a refreshed momentum and aspiration is to send a JO and Junior Rank in 2025.</p>	Chairman
4. Presidents Address	<p>a. The President highlighted the need for a credible plan with the Bannerdown GC move but thanked the hard work of the Club members and the Exec for the challenges faced in recent months.</p> <p>b. With Exec positions being vacated and potential fleet moves, the President urged funds and assets to be used sensibly, keep residual capitol healthy but spend where required.</p>	

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<p>5. Review of Previous Minutes/ RoDs</p>	<p>a. Proposal of RAFGSA Award modernisation will be presented to the Exec at the next mtg in Aug 24- Ongoing</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <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. Security guidance for Club Committees on International Student attendance at RAFGSA clubs- Ongoing</p> <p>h. Club workshops date to be sent out but likely publicised at the RAFGSA AGM-Ongoing</p> <p>i. MCT meeting to be arranged between trustees and RAFGSA Chairman-Ongoing</p> <p>j. RAF Central Fund Due diligence questionnaire uploaded and accessible for all Exec Committee members to contribute answers- Closed</p> <p>k. Invoice from Navboys for Strobes has been paid and strobes fitted to gliders- Closed</p> <p>l. Google account set up for Fleet Manager queries from clubs- Closed</p> <p>m. Advert for RAFGSA Executive Committee positions generated and sent to clubs with a few responses returned to the Chairman for Deputy Fleet & Deputy Publicity-Closed</p> <p>n. Duo Discus 26 at Chilterns GC had wing damage assessed and deemed repairable on site by the Club maintenance team. Aircraft back Serviceable- Closed</p> <p>o. Wilson Solicitors unable to offer more service and advice but Secretary will keep asking questions-Closed</p> <p>p. ISRCG 2025 is being lead by the AGA and RNGSA with a potential location of Middle Wallop- Closed</p> <p>q. Chairman has engaged with the AGA for Bannerdown to operate at Upavon as an encroachment in the short-term-Closed</p>	<p>Strategy Member</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Ops Member</p> <p>Ops Member</p> <p>Ops Member</p> <p>Safety Member</p> <p>Strategy Member</p> <p>Publicity Member</p> <p>Strategy Member</p>
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	<p>r. PEd application process sent from Cranwell to Kestrel to assist the club with purchasing new parachutes- Closed</p> <p>s. Summer 2025 RAF personnel competitions list sent to the Chairman and Executive Committee for approval to support with entry fees in lieu of an ISRGC this year- Closed</p> <p>t. Additional Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Fri 9 Aug 2025- Closed</p>	
<p>6. Secretary</p>	<p>a. Reminder of the RAFGSA AGM on 4 Oct at RAF Shawbury. Lunch will be in the Officers Mess on PAYD basis, tea & coffee invoice due form the Station. Presentation Slides and Invites will be sent out in the coming weeks.</p>	
<p>9. Fleet Manager</p>	<p>a. The RAFGSA proposed fleet review is available here. The motion was proposed by Flt Lt Dale, Seconded by the Chairman and agreed by all of those present for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duo R2 to be loaned to RAF Shawbury GC • Duo XLT 16 to be loaned to RAF Cranwell GC • Review use of R43 and Discus 27 location in 6 months (move to Shawbury) • Retrieve winch is a Bannerdown GC asset and will not be re-distributed • R19- remains a free asset for distribution • R12- spare asset full serviceable at RAF Syerston. Flt Lt Dale to push to clubs the available assets. • R30 K-13 to be sold or leased (recently refurbished) offer to new club being set up at Perrenporth along with R46 • R59 K-13 to be re-listed at £2,500 with kestrel to support the sale • Approach RNGSA at Bangor for sale or lease of the Tost Winch at RNGSA. • Retain Hangar at Marham until Bannerdown position is stabilised. • Pawnee Lycoming engine to be re-advertised £15,000-£18,000 and sold in current state • Rotax 912/914s to be assessed at RAF Syerston for parts and value. Contact Simon Foster for engine specifics. 	<p>Fleet</p> <p>Fleet</p> <p>Fleet</p> <p>Ops/Dep Fleet</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet member to inform Stu Naylor the Exec agreed to the hire of Duo 16 for £40 per day for the mid-week training Comp. Collection at RAF Syerston. 	Fleet
7. Club Updates	<p>a. Bannerdown; Confident of operating effectively after September from Upavon. Club and equipment have to be off site by 31 August. Issue is fuel bowser needing an ADR driver to transport to Chilterns GC. Secretary to see if JHSS can support where possible, 2FTS may also have a solution.</p> <p>b. Chilterns; Wil accept the fuel bowser from Bannerdown GC due to under ground fuel tank issues at Halton.</p> <p>c. Cranwell; Successes at Hus Bos Nationals, Luke and Angus 2nd & 3rd in class. Club has a number of pilots training for qualifications to compete in ISRGC 2025. Having flown Chilterns MG, Luke has identified a large difference in performance to Cranwell's MG. investigation work ongoing. Club in need of replacing old parachutes as are most RAFGSA Clubs at this time.</p> <p>d. Fulmar; Nil</p> <p>e. Kestrel; Nil</p> <p>f. Shawbury; OIC WO Morley retiring from the RAF and handed over the club OIC role to Sqn Ldr Kuwan. RAF Shawbury airfield resurfacing will potentially cause issues in the future but the club is working a plan with the Stn to continue operating.</p>	Secretary/ Expeds Member
8. RAFGSA Finances	a. NSTR.	
10. Operations	<p>a. FIS qualification update- require to attend the FIS seminar to gain a certificate which will allow you to fly in France (Sisteron).</p> <p>b. Flt Lt Pike is stepping down as Ops member from the Executive Committee after many years of sitting on the Exec. All queries are to be sent to Sqn Ldr Williams who is taking the mantle and stepping down from Expeds member. The Chairman on behalf of the Exec thanked Flt Lt Pike for his hard work and dedication to the role and the RAFGSA.</p>	
11. Safety	<p>a. 1PA safety responses trickling in from clubs.</p> <p>b. DASOR submitted at Halton for dyneema cable break. Good reporting but worth noting that it is normal gliding business and may saturate the DASOR process.</p>	
12. Expeds	a. ChAF conducted their first UK visit since 2019, Ian Gallagher took the visitors for Aerobatics with numerous flights conducted from RAF Syerston. Both Air Forces are in conversation for Defence engagement in the future. Expeds member to email clubs for interested RAF Personnel to take part in the Chile exchange for 2025.	Expeds Member

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13. Strategy	a. Award reshuffle and re-work to be looked at post AGM.	Strategy member
14. Marketing & Publicity	a. Flt Lt Dale introduced and welcomed AS1 Connor MacNeil into the Executive Committee as his deputy with the vision in the future of handing over the role.	
15. Malcolm Clubs Trust	a. Nil.	
16. JSAT/ Eagles Scheme	a. Invoice for the recently completed Fulmar Eagles courses to be sent to the RAFGSA Treasurer.	
17. ISRGC	a. Email forwarded by Comps member from the AGA and RNGSA for help on the ISRGC 2025 committee. Stu Naylor already been approached to act as Deputy Director role. Comps member engaging for more positions.	
18. AOB	a. RAF Sports have trawled for RAF Sports Award nominations. All nominations to the Chairman for review.	
19. Date of next meeting	a. The next RAFGSA Execs meeting is Fri 20 Sep 24 at 1300. Post meeting note: Execs changed to Fri 27 Sep 24 at 1400.	Secretary

[Electronically Signed]

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