

## RoDs

20241031-RAFGSA Execs Mtg RoDs 4 Oct 24

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### RoDs of the RAFGSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at RAF Shawbury, 4 Oct 24

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| <b>Present</b>   | Gp Capt Peters                                                                                                                                                           | Chairman                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Chair |
|                  | AM Stringer<br>Gp Capt Atkins<br>Wg Cdr Hobson<br>Wg Cdr Watson<br>Sqn Ldr Williams<br>Flt Lt Dale<br>CT Craney<br>Cpl Amor                                              | President<br>Strategy Member<br>Safety Member<br>Treasurer<br>Operations & Expeditions Member<br>Marketing Member<br>Competitions Member<br>MCT Member                                                                          |       |
|                  | Sqn Ldr Youle<br>Sqn Ldr Kuwan<br>Sqn Ldr Haynes<br>Sqn Ldr Almond<br>Flt Lt Sadler<br>WO Davies<br>Sgt McLean<br>Mr Gallagher<br>Mr Caitlin<br>Mr Harvey<br>Mr Stratten | OIC Cranwell Gc<br>OIC RAF Shawbury Gliding Club<br>RAF Shawbury Gliding Club<br>OIC Kestrel GC<br>OIC Chilterns GC<br>Dep CFI Cranwell GC<br>Cranwell GC<br>RAF Shawbury GC<br>RAF Shawbury GC<br>Chilterns GC<br>BGA Chairman |       |
| <b>Apologies</b> | Sqn Ldr Swan<br>CT Hunton<br>AS1 MacNeil                                                                                                                                 | RAFGSA Trustee<br>Dep Fleet Manager<br>Dep Publicity                                                                                                                                                                            |       |
| <b>Secretary</b> | Flt Lt Wightman                                                                                                                                                          | Secretary                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sec   |

| Item                                                            | Minutes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Action / lead |
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| <b>1. Notice, Apologies &amp; Quorum</b>                        | a. The meeting was opened at 1000 and a quorum was noted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |               |
| <b>2. Interest and/or proposed transaction with the Company</b> | a. Nil.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |               |
| <b>3. Ratification of the Executive Committee</b>               | a. Proposer- Secretary<br>Seconded- Flt Lt Dale<br>Objections- Nil<br>Motion- Carried<br><br>b. No changes or challenges to the Executive Committee positions. Chairman highlighted the requirement for deputy roles to be filled with membership form across the clubs. |               |

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| <p><b>4. Safety</b></p>                    | <p>a. Comment was made that the BGA could add benefit to the RAFGSA ASSWG in 2025. <b>Action- Wg Cdr Hobson to send invite for the next meeting to Mr Pete Stratten.</b></p> <p>b. A suggestion that increasing the number of 3<sup>rd</sup> age reports via ASIMS rather than occurrences being dealt with at a local level not being captured. A recommendation from the audience to review the Handbook and its wording. <b>Action- Wg Cdr Hobson to review wording before 2025.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Safety Member</p> <p>Safety Member</p>                    |
| <p><b>5. Finance</b></p>                   | <p>a. Suggestion to support Kestrel GC with an Eagles course if it can be agreed with the Robson Academy.</p> <p>b. MCT trustees, Chairman and Treasurer to discuss RAF Sports regarding the merger to central fund and how that will impact the MCT account. <b>Action- Wg Cdr Watson to may contact and arrange a meeting between the RAFGSA, MCT and RAF Sports.</b></p> <p>c. Treasurer asked about reducing the BGA levy to clubs to Service Persons only. <b>Action- Flt Lt Wightman to add item to the next Executive Committee Agenda.</b></p>                                                                                                                               | <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Secretary</p>                            |
| <p><b>6. Fleet</b></p>                     | <p>a. RAFGSA aircraft Fleet waivers for operating at MOD airfields are due for renewal and re-issue in Nov 2024. <b>Action- Flt Lt Dale to process and distribute the correct waivers to clubs for their aircraft so they can legally operate in accordance with MOD policy.</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Fleet Manager</p>                                         |
| <p><b>7. Malcolms Club Trust</b></p>       | <p>a. It was noted that clubs who bid for funding SP gliding scholarships didn't receive money quickly enough. Applications were slow to be processed resulting in SP leaving the clubs before they had been accepted or received money. It was suggested a small fund be allocated to 'auto pay' fast tracking applications. <b>Action- Flt Lt Luke Dale and Cpl Will Amor to engage with MCT Trustees on an agreement for a small funding pot set aside to pay scholarships.</b></p> <p>b. It was highlighted in the room that £300 is too low to support SP gliding as a result of inflation. <b>Action- Gp Capt Peters to engage with MCT trustees to review the amount.</b></p> | <p>Fleet Manager/<br/>Memberships Member</p> <p>Chairman</p> |
| <p><b>8. Expeds</b></p>                    | <p>a. Sisteron planned for 20x RAF Personnel with the dates of 28 Apr - 11 May 2025.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                              |
| <p><b>9. Marketing &amp; Publicity</b></p> | <p>a. Flt Lt Dale briefed the desire to have a 'Club Collaboration Workshop' as an annual feature. Dates are TBC but the aim is to allow clubs to share best practices and common issues.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                              |
| <p><b>10. Competitions</b></p>             | <p>a. ISRGC 2025- Middle Wallop 18 Jul – 27 Jul 2025.</p> <p>b. IMGC 2025- Germany 27 Jul – 8 Aug 2025.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                              |
| <p><b>11. RAFGSA Awards</b></p>            | <p>a. It was highlighted by the Chairman and Secretary that minimal nominations for awards were received once again this year. A suggestion in the room was for the Secretary to push Clubs more for</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                              |

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|                         | <p>the information from Clubs. The full process will be reviewed with the review of the awards.</p> <p>b. The Andy Gough Memorial Trophy for the RAFGSA member of the year 2023/2024 was awarded to Mr Martin Langford of Chilterns Gliding Club based at RAF Halton. Although not present, the citation was read out by the Secretary and Mr Langford informed by his club OIC.</p> |           |
| <b>12. AOB</b>          | <p>a. Mr Pete Stratten gave a reminder that BGA members have to pay £410 for the 5 yearly Inspector renewal. <b>Action- Flt Lt Wightman to add as an Agenda point at the next Execs meeting for RAFGSA support towards this amount.</b></p>                                                                                                                                          | Secretary |
| <b>13. Next meeting</b> | <p>a. The next RAFGSA Execs meeting is Fri 29 Nov 24 at 1300.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           |

[Electronically Signed]

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