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20250430-RAFGSA Execs Mtg RoDs 4 Apr 25

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RoDs of the RAFGSA Executive Committee Meeting held via MS Teams, 4 Apr 25

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

Item	Minutes	Action / lead
1. Notice, Apologies & Quorum	a. The meeting was opened at 1300 and a quorum was noted.	
2. Interest and/or proposed transaction with the Company	a. Mendip GC have expressed interest in leasing/buying a winch if one from the RAFGSA becomes available. Potential for K-13 R46 purchase BUT unlikely to progress in the near future.	
3. Chairmans Address	a. Nil Actions.	
4. Matter Arising from previous minutes	a. Handbook wording for 3 rd age reporting under review by the Air Safety Member and edition due release in the next quarter- <i>Ongoing</i>	Safety Member
	b. Meeting to be arranged between RAFGSA, MCT and RAF Sports on the merger of administration functions and the effect it will have on the MCT ownership- <i>Ongoing</i>	Treasurer
	c. Small fund for fast-tracking go-solo and club scholarships to be available and set amount agreed- <i>Ongoing</i>	Marketing Manager
	d. Review of funding amount from £300 to £500 for supporting Scholarships due to inflation. Regular MCT meetings to be scheduled with trustees to discuss- <i>Ongoing</i>	Chairman/ MCT Member
	e. Club stats collection from Aug 24 from Club Secretaries to be sent back to RAFGSA Exec- <i>Ongoing</i>	Secretary

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	<p>f. Cranwell Turbo Falke motorglider G-CN requires new engine before it reaches Life Ex. Exec agreed to place an order for a new 914 rotax engine (14 month waiting list). £20,000 deposit required with MCT funding still to be approved by Trustees- <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>g. Creation of MS forms feedback report for Clubs to send updates to the Exec Committee- <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>h. Clarity on the RAF Sport policy regarding gifts/offers from external parties still not clear. Further engagement required with Nikki Graesk- <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>i. Tim Dews has confirmed payment received from the RAFGSA for Inspector training and the RAFGSA Chairman is in consultation to fix dates for training delivery- <i>Ongoing</i></p> <p>j. RINGS and AGA have requested the loan of R1 Duo Discus at Fulmar after agreement with Stu Naylor. Proposal to continue the agreement put forward by the Fleet Manager, seconded by the Chairman and all members of the Exec in agreement other than one not in favour. Action: RAFGSA handbook to be amended with more detail on aircraft loans. Action: Separate review meeting to be held end of May to agree usage of RAFGSA gliders by service personnel and club members on Expeditions/competitions.</p> <p>k. R19 not fitted with 2FTS FLARM due to complexities with transfer to AinU and found its not compatible. A fix has been found with the current software- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>l. R12 ARC carried out and completed by Tim Davies- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>m. GSA Van- see point 6b of RoDs- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>n. G-KE TMG not required to be re-positioned to RAF Cranwell GC- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>o. Treasurer proposed that back payment for G-GA at RAF Odiham GC should be written off due to no formal agreement being made in 2024. Chairman agreed due to the clubs finances- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>p. Creation of Hospitality register has been complete but needed uploading on to the RAF Gliding SharePoint site by the Secretary- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>q. Air Cmd directive for reporting drone sightings has now changed and all reports should now be uploaded to ASIMS- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>r. SF25 vs Eurofox 915iS added to the Agenda- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>s. ISRGC Aircraft requests sent to Clubs and RAF Service Personnel have emailed CT Craney for preferred aircraft. Allocations will be promulgated post Sisteron Expedition- <i>Closed</i></p> <p>t. It was confirmed by CT Craney and the Chairman that support for an Eagles Scheme Course through Robson Academy at RAF Odiham would not be approved- <i>Closed</i></p>	<p>Strategy Member/ President</p> <p>Sec / Marketing</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Chairman</p>
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	<p>d. Kestrel- Club had to remove 3x out of life parachutes after consultation with the RAFGSA Chairman and manufacturer. Club has submitted a bid to the RAFGSA for 3x replacements £1,650 each totalling £4,950 as the cost would dissolve the club financially. Grants on Stn have been reduced. RAFGSA Exec approved the support and the parachutes would reside at Kestrel but owned by the RAFGSA. Treasurer to proceed with purchase through the Navboys account.</p> <p>e. Secretary highlighted the success of RAF Shawbury Gliding Club and the recent request by RAF Brize Norton that Bannerdown is to re-named RAF Brize Norton GC for ownership reasons. Recent years have shown clubs at RAF Stations struggle with identity and station support due to the perception of it being a 'civilian club'. The exec agreed that all clubs should re-brand to caveat RAF Gliding Club' to drive newer membership, improve station ownership and that clubs could retain the heritage of the old club name within the title. Chairman to write to the Ex-Chairman and Presidents to highlight the reason why the change has been agreed.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Chairman</p>
8. Finance	<p>a. Viability of Sisteron as an RAFGSA expedition was challenged by the treasurer due to affordability and target audience. A meeting is to be held end of Summer to discuss for 2026 and whether a UK expedition is more sustainable.</p> <p>b. £250 ISRGC entry fee for Service Personnel will be covered by the RAFGSA. Competitions Member to provide numbers and details to the Treasurer for actioning.</p>	<p>Treasurer</p> <p>Comps Member</p>
9. Operations	<p>a. RAFGSA Operations manual to be reviewed with a number of updates to be included.</p> <p>b. Aspiration is to have regular Club CFI meetings in future and 2PA assurance visits with Safety Member to be arranged on a more structured programme.</p>	<p>Ops Member</p>
10. Safety	<p>a. Nil Actions.</p>	
11. Expeditions	<p>a. Chilean UK visit pushed to the end of the year. Unsure if visit will go ahead due to funding.</p> <p>b. No RAFGSA member has come forward to take over the Chile expeditions arrangements. OIC Cranwell Sqn Ldr Matt Dearden to be approached.</p>	
12. Strategy	<p>a. Nil Actions.</p>	
13. Marketing & Publicity	<p>a. Nil Actions.</p>	
14. Malcolms Club Trust	<p>a. Cpl Will Amor awaiting Trustee decision for delegation of a small fund to spend for Go Solo Scholarship payments.</p> <p>b. Treasurer and Secretary now authorised signatories on the CCLA and Blackrock accounts.</p>	

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	c. Inspector training cost and support form BGA to be chased with Pete Stratten by Chairman. Item to be carried over to the Next Execs meeting.	Chairman / Secretary
10. Competitions	a. Nil	
12. AOB	a. Chairman requested that a face-to-face 6 monthly meeting should be added in to the annual schedule. It was agreed to try and arrange this during the first ISRGC. Date agreed and calendar reminder to be sent out for Wed 23 Jul 25.	Secretary
13. Next meeting	a. The next RAFGSA Execs meeting is Fri 16 May 25 at 1300.	

[Electronically Signed]

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RAFGSA Secretary

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