



Essex Gliding Club

ESSEX GLIDING CLUB MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

Date: 10th Feb 2021 **Location:** **Zoom 19.30**

Attendees: John W, Allen C, Will B, Bernard P, Vince E. Callum H, Dave H, Steve J.

John: Opening meeting.
Minutes of last meeting 6th Feb, no queries, passed.

Financial Report - Allen

The current club finances are good mainly because of grants and gift aid. Despite this 2021/22 looks to be an even bigger challenge due to various high cost items that need attention. Items such as, Tug maintenance and the required ARC, providing FLARM for all club gliders and general field maintenance. John thanked Allen for his hard work in securing funding for the Club.

Membership fees for 2021 -2022

Following the loss of flying time during 2020 due to Covid19 the 2021-22 it was agreed that membership will be set at a discount rate of £250, providing payment received by the 31st March 2021.

Allen will provide exact details and all options available to members including gift aid options, via individual member email/letter.

Aero-tow costs

After much discussion it was agreed to leave aero tow charges the same for both members and any visiting pilots. Everyone is aware that the tug runs at a loss but any increase in fees at this time was thought to be a negative move and would only put members off using AT's.

Work to be done on the field – and who is going to do it

Allen to issue last year's list, most jobs remain the same or need doing again. Once circulated working day/s can be organised and members encouraged volunteering to help generally or be matched with their area of expertise. Will has already volunteered to complete the AVGAS shed. Safety – Airfield safety is paramount at all times – work should not be carried out by any members alone with nobody else at the field.

Workshop – 40ft container?

To help improve workshop facilities on the field it was agreed by all present at the zoom meeting that a suitable 40ft container should be purchased. Best location thought to be between the AVGAS shed & winch shed. This would enable safe/secure storage of equipment and bonded aircraft spares, a workshop area for general repairs & fabrication. The container would be retained for glider maintenance / storage and as inside work space for installation of items designated under "Owner Maintenance".

Booking in the Tug for a Fuselage recover next January

Three quotes obtained, the best and most suitable to our requirements being from EES Aviation Services Ltd, quote reference PA25-235 Pawnee G-BFSC.

It was agreed for Item 1. As shown on the quotation @ total of £4000.00.

AOB - None

Meeting closed by 9.15pm

Bernard Parry
Secretary