



FUTURE FIT – JUNIOR FIELD GUN

MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES' MEETING HELD AT PLYMOUTH CITY COLLEGE ON FRIDAY 3rd MAY 2019, AT 1500 HRS

Present:	Charles Crichton	Chairman
	David Worrall (DBW)	Operations Manager & Coach
	Robert Hunter	H&S and Risk Assessor & Coach
	Brian O'Hara	Treasurer/Secretary
	Margaret Worrall	Temp Minutes Secretary
	Mike Hawkes	Secretary Designate
	David Ward (DW)	Volunteer

Apologies:	Tom Luther	Trustee & Coach
	Samantha Morecombe	Schools' Liaison Officer & Coach
	Norman Fookes	Trustee & Sponsor

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

1.1 CC welcomed Mike Hawkes and David Ward to the meeting.

1.2 The Chairman also thanked RH for arranging use of a room in City College Plymouth for our meeting.

1.3 The Chairman wished to recognise the continuing efforts by DBW in taking Future Fit forward at an amazing pace.

2. APOLOGIES

1.1 TL is languishing in his holiday retreat in France, but passed on his apologies for not being able to attend this meeting and wished to remind the board that he would be stepping down from the Board after AFD, but would continue with school training.

1.2 SM would not be joining the meeting at City College Plymouth due to work commitments.

1.3 NF had a hospital appointment on the day of the Meeting, which he wasn't able to change.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1.1 CC reported that he has written to the Patrons updating them on the continuing progress with Future Fit and Junior Field Gun.

1.2 CC informed the Board that FF's patron, Fitz, would very much like to help if he can by promoting Future Fit's activities on BBC Devon.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1.1 BOH proposed that the Minutes be agreed as a true record of the Items discussed and decisions taken at the Meeting in January 2019. RH seconded the proposal, which was accepted unanimously.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1 (5.3) BOH reported that he has written to the Fairfield American Air Base and also talked to the local school regarding American children taking part in Junior Field Gun, at the Mayflower 400 Celebrations. He has had no response. CC suggested bringing in the Naval Attache to help. DBW, with DW, will also chase up USA leads. DBW informed the group that Rebecca French works with Simon Chapman and this may be a way forward. CC stated that there is now a book out about Mayflower 400 and this included information regarding International Feld Gun Competition. This information may help to stimulate interest.

Action CC to contact Naval Attache in London. MH suggested ACF might help.

5.2 (5.7) Completed.

5.3 (5.9) Barney has now retired.

5.4 (8.9) Action required from CC and DBW in order to send an updated letter to Her Majesty the Queen.

Action CC & DBW..

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6.1 Outside the Meeting BOH invited approval for MH to be appointed to the role of Trustee, which was accepted by the other trustees unanimously. The Chairman took pleasure in welcoming Mike onto the Board.

6.2 BOH suggested that FF hold another Ladies Night in late September 2019. The Board agreed. DBW said that the Auctioneer from March and Petit would be very happy to support the cause again. The Board agreed that the evening should take place at Moorlands Hotel where it has been held successfully before. A Friday evening would be preferred. There would need to be an after dinner speaker arranged and donations for the auction.

Action DBW & RH Action CC to organize the Hotel.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

7.1 **Financial Activities.** Accounts are good, but will start to reduce now that we are looking to fund two positions within the Organization.

7.2 1.5 It is hoped that with the newly recruited and funded members will be begin to see organic growth moving from reactive to proactive.

7.3 BOH touched on other financial matters, as presented in his circulated Report (see Annex A).

7.4 BOH mentioned that Captain Nick Kettlewell had, once again, made a donation. Almost as an afterthought the Chairman suggested that the Captain should be asked if he would consider becoming a Patron, as he continues to show great interest in FF's affairs. The Chairman was requested to make the necessary overtures.

8. OPERATION'S MANAGER REPORT

8.1 End of January taster session with Knowle Primary School. Starting with one year at a time.

- 8.2 Meeting with Plymouth City Council – Emily Bullimore and Mike Hawkes reference Junior Field Gun in the Piazza.
- 8.3 Meeting with Capt of HMS Raleigh who would like to help Future Fit and suggested that serving members from HMS Raleigh could volunteer to work with a school, coaching their teachers in the sport.
- 8.4 Meeting with Portsmouth City Sports Council . DBW and SM gave a presentation. They are very interested in have Future Fit and Junior Field gun represented at their D Day Celebrations and will contribute to the cost of the coach to take the children to Portsmouth. Dage 9.6.2019.
- 8.5 CCF using old guns which really should be in a Museum as they are original Boer War Guns. RH wanted to know who they belonged to as they would need to be insured once repairs completed by the College.
- 8.6 Mike Cheetham has sent the proposed running times for AFD. DW suggested that they be grouped with the strongest running against the strongest etc., in order to offer a good spectacle and also in order not to deflate the less practiced teams.
- 8.7 Written to Capt of Vanguard
- 8.8 Meeting with Plymouth City Council reference Mayflower 400.
- 8.9 Presentation to Brunel Primary School.
- 8.10 Duke of Cornwall presentation to Mayflower 400 with MH.
- 8.11 DBW asked the `Board's view on Field Gun Governance because Commodore Little would like to take control of Junior Field Gun. Board agrees that FF stands alone and will not be governed by outside parties.
- 8.12 Presentation to Hooe Primary School.
- 8.13 Delivered full sized unit the Wellington School.
- 8.14 Ordered and collected trophies for AFD.
- 8.15 Meeting with COB reference Sea Cadets and July 26th Babcock Families' Day.
- 8.16 Shakespeare and Burraton School competitive run in HMS Drake on May 22nd. Trophy provided by Director of City College `Plymouth RH.
- 8.17 Manufacture of field guns continues every day with help form the Salvation Army workshop and the Probation Service.
- 8.18 We have recruited 4 more schools since last AFD. This is the rate of increase which we can cope with at present.
- 8.19 We now have 16 crews entereing AFD.
- 8.20 CC suggested that in the future we should be looking for a business unit to incorporate, not only the manufacturing process, but have an office for administrative purposes, as well.
- Action CC and all Trustees**
- 8.21 The Argyle Community Trust has volunteers who would be willing to train as coaches for schools. **Action MH**

9. AOB

9.1 SM would like to start a day a week as soon as possible.

9.2 DW would also like to start two days a week as soon as possible.

Action BO'H & DBW.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

9.1 After AFD in July 2019.