

FUTURE FIT - JUNIOR FIELD GUN

Patrons: Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope GCB OBE ADC, Cdre Peter Coulson ADC RN
Cdre Jamie Miller, CBE - Lt.Cdr Stephen Carbery, CEng, RN (Retd) - David Fitzgerald, BBC Presenter



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MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES' MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Present:	Cdr Charles Crichton	Chairman
	David B Worrall	Operations Manager & Coach
	Robert Hunter	H&S and Risk Assessment
	Margaret Worrall	Temp Minutes Secretary
	Samantha Morecombe	Schools Liaison Officer & Coach
	Jed Stone	Trustee
	Nick Pryne	Coach
	Brian O'Hara	Treasurer/Secretary

Apologies; Wg. Cdr Francis Reis Trustee

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

1.1 CC welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was held via Zoom.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

2.1 Minutes were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 CC has written to Admiral Burns asking him if he would consider being one of our Patrons.

3.2 CC has written to Her Majesty The Queen updating her on Future Fit's progress and activity.

3.3 CC has not yet written to Commander Little but it is on his agenda.

3.4 No other matters were discussed from the previous meeting, because Covid has derailed plans for 2020 so far.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

4.1 Today we will discuss items on the agenda, as the meeting is not being carried out in the usual format.

AGENDA ITEMS:

5. WEBSITE

5.1 Lots of new ideas for the content of the Website. We need more information to enlarge the Website, but we are slightly hampered at present because of lack of photos of FF in schools or competitions this year. We will need to have details of everyone's email addresses to go on the Website. Can any of the Trustees who have photographs of FF please pass them on to SM, who is co-ordinating the Website details. BO'H asked who would manage and keep the Website current once it is set up. SM is happy to do this in conjunction with the person who is setting up the Website. CC said it would be good to launch the Website once completed, perhaps using one of our Patrons, i.e. Fitz?

6. CLOSURE OF THE SIGN SHOP

6.1 DBW informed the group that the Sign Shop has now closed. It was thought that we might be able to buy the CNC machine from them, in order to carry on FF work, but BO'H suggested that we have sufficient funds to purchase our own. RH is working to place the new CNC machine at City College Plymouth, where FF would have priority use, but it would also be used by the students at the College, aiding their education. RH will get quotes for a new machine, probably after half term. Members of the Board can then meet and discuss purchase/timeline. The College will undertake the negotiations over the purchase price. It is thought it would cost £16000 - £22000 and this would include training and support. We would need to check the specification before ordering then look at the price range. SM suggested that it would be good to check that the companies are financially stable, because of the effect of Covid on businesses. SM to carry out a PR exercise in order that FF benefit from any media coverage of FF's collaboration with CCP.

7. ARGYLE TRUST

7.1 No action due to Covid.

8. HALT MANUFACTURE OF LARGE FIELD GUNS

8.1 DBW informed the Board that, other organisations that carry out Field Gun as a sport, are using other manufacturers for their units. However Cadets in Northern Ireland would still like a large unit. DBW to keep in touch. There are 3 to 4 units cut out ready to be completed but will stay as they are until orders come in. DBW informed the Board that the store in the Dockyard, which holds all the field gun unit stock, has to be vacated so that maintenance work can be carried out. DBW will organise the move but the Dockyard will move the equipment for us.

9. SPONSORS

9.1 Fix Auto have 'gone under' so we no longer receive their support for the FF van. We need to find a new Sponsor to fulfil this role, DBW working on it.

9.1a Need-a-Cab – purchased the trophies for this year (although not used) they intend to continue this donation going forward.

9.1b Bogey Knights – the new owner is very keen to work with FF. DBW and SM will visit to discuss a role they could carry out which would benefit FF, i.e. purchase of any items from them at cost?

9.1c BO'H says that any Sponsors should be put on our Website and suggested that Bogey Knights new owner visit one of the schools when they are back up and running.

10. PORTSMOUTH – DBW has spoken twice with Portsmouth, during Covid, and they are definitely interested in continuing their JFG development. Apparently seven head teachers were very interested and Portsmouth City Council has said that they will pay half towards any unit purchased and will help with the school training.

11. GRANT

11.1 BO'H says that by the end of the year we should know if we have been successful with our Covenant Bid.

12. MAYFLOWER

12.1 The Inter-School Tournament will take place on Saturday 10th July 2021, on the Plymouth Hoe. The Competition will be held on the grass behind the Cenotaph, on a slope. Although not ideal, we will have to go with what they are offering. JS said that we would need a new Risk Assessment for that. DBW said he would keep the Board updated regularly on what plans there are for next year.

12.2 Portsmouth would like FF to take part in their AFD, which DBW agreed to support subject requirements.

13. AOB

13.1 NP informed the board that the FF Ambassadors started off well and had plans to carry out fundraising but, unfortunately, Covid hit and everything is now on hold until things become more settled. The children involved are very keen and enthusiastic.

13.2 JS asked if the Board were open to looking at other suppliers for clothes etc., the Board agreed that it was, although the present company were still fulfilling their role. JS to look into this, and get some prices, etc.

13.3 BO'H explained that Gordy (FF's resident Chippy) is a volunteer, to whom FF expresses its gratitude by the occasional gratuity. BOH recently paid £800 to Gordy for voluntary work carried out, during the previous 6 months, and proposed that this form of goodwill be acknowledged by the Board and approved. In view of the periodic nature of the awards the Board approved.

14. FURTHER ZOOM MEETING AT THE END OF OCTOBER 2020.