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MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES' MEETING HELD VIA 'TEAMS' **17th MARCH 2021**

Present:	Cdr Charles Crichton	Chairman
	David B Worrall	Operations Manager & Coach
	Robert (Tab) Hunter	H&S and Risk Assessment
	Samantha Morcumb	Schools Liaison Officer & Coach
	Jed Stone	Trustee
	Major Alex Howard	Portsmouth representative
	Nick Prynne	Coach
	Brian O'Hara	Treasurer/Secretary

Apologies; Wg.Cdr Francis Reis Trustee

1. Despite a Herculean effort by Sam, to get each trustee using 'Teams' Meeting software, the Meeting didn't start until 1920 hrs. Even then, and owing to personal circumstances, Tab and Charles were delayed in joining the Meeting.
2. During the interim period before Charles and Tab joined the Meeting, Alex outlined the first of three points:

Upon leaving the Army Alex will launch a professional Command Field Gun business which will have underutilised capacity at points in the year. He explained that his Running Crew will have spare capacity in Q1 & Q2 2022. It is proposed that a 'train the trainer (T3)' cadre is held at his premises in early 2022 to allow these athletes to qualify as FF Trainers. Subsequently they would deliver training to local schools to grow competition in the Solent area thus enabling a full season after Easter. Once statutory security checks had been made these trainers could go out to schools as JFG representatives and train up school teams.

Alex will contact Kings Active Foundation, an international organisation that aids the development of children through 'activity' camps. DW reminded the Meeting that FF had run a 'taster' session at Kings camps in 2019, which the children taking part thought JFG great fun. Alex will re-establish contact with members of the organisation's senior echelon and was happy to discuss with them JFG becoming a part of their program.

Alex moved onto his final point, which was nationwide sponsorship. With a strategic approach to sponsorship, Alex considered FF's website as a major opportunity to engage with corporate Companies wishing to promote their brand on the back of support for children's sport. DW asked Alex if he would consider the ramifications of such a project and advise on its implementation. Alex accepted the invitation.

3. As the Meeting was now at full compliment the Meeting invited DW to go through his recovery plan point by point, as follows:

1. **Re-engaging with schools.** DW considered it a top priority to engage with schools at

the first opportunity. However, while this can be done it is up to the Head Teacher of each school when clubs can be opened and in accordance with government guidelines. Bearing in mind any catch-up programme the Head Teacher intends to implement, other activities will depend on staff availability, etc. Nevertheless, FF can notify schools that it is ready to provide support at a moments notice.

2. Website/Launch. As Sam is due to discuss the website in detail later, this section will be bypassed.

3. Exeter Chiefs. Dave McIntosh, of Need-a-Cab , has promised DW that he will introduce him to the Chief's Outreach Committee; which, it was hoped, will allocate FF with a spot at half time. However, this has changed and it is now most likely that the slot will be before the game starts. If FF is lucky, BT will be there to film the game and FF could be included as colouring - a term used by Gary Lovejoy. As with everything else, how soon this will happen is subject to Covid rules being relaxed.

4. Training at Brickfields. DW stated that the Brickfields training days must go ahead. He gave an example of one school turning up that had not completed a full run, but by the end of the day was doing full runs with ease. Also, errors in drill had been corrected and the children had been taught about penalties. Nick pointed out that 20th June was Fathers' Day, to which DW pointed out that to the child JFG was far more important than Fathers' Day!

5. Piazza. DW's discussions with Plymouth Council indicate that this is subject to government guidelines.

6. Portsmouth. Both DW and Alex testified to how difficult it is to contact Davie Evans. However, as he is on the spot , Alex said that he will contact Dave with a view to getting confirmation that Portsmouth AFD is still on, and whether the two Portsmouth schools will take part.

7. HMS Collingwood. Alex reported that the Brickwoods competition will not take place this year. Among other things there is no accommodation for Junior Leaders.

4. DW reminded the Meeting that the person, mainly, responsible for the success of FF's 2013 Covenant Bid, which resulted in a grant of £52,900, was Heather Ogburn. Regrettably, Heather's husband died suddenly, prompting her to move up north to be near family. Both Charles and DW felt that Heather would make an active Patron, a proposal that was supported by the Meeting.

5. Since the closure of Plymouth Community Homes, FF has been desperate to find an alternative source of a CNC machine. To this end DW discussed with Tab a collaborative venture with City College Plymouth. CCP have bought a £100,000 machine that should be in place by June. FF have made an offer to contribute towards the machine's cost, but a figure has not yet been decided. In the meantime, DW has located an interim source, that can accommodate our needs until the above is in place.

6. Sam brought the Meeting's attention to a Burlington's Business Park, where there are reasonably priced units for sale as well as lease. At the moment this is a non-starter, but if FF could attract sponsorship, as outlined in Alex's point three - on page one - it would be worth looking at.

7. **Website.** Sam has collaborated with Andy to develop FF's website. Andy has used WordPress, an open-source content management system, which is free. It is not over-complex, has great responsiveness and enables the public to email trustees. Thanks to the marvels of modern technology, Sam was able provide the trustees with a view of the varies aspects of the website. One can drill down from one of the six headings that are:

'About Us' will include statements of a statutory nature, such as:

FF's Constitution, Patrons and Trustees.

'News & Events' will include such things as:

Newsletters, Meeting Minutes and upcoming Events.

Sponsors will, of course, provide a list of :

Sponsors; and, where possible, links to the business website.

'Schools' will list:

schools that are associated with JFG, as well as statutory requirements, such as; Safeguarding, Risk Assessment and a Photo disclaimer. In addition details of all Inter-school Tournaments and the results for each year. Photos of the trophies and who donated them and why they are awarded.

'Purchase & Donations will include:

Memorabilia and the fundraising platform FF uses (Wonderful.com) and the benefits of using Amazon Smile. - Brian to write a summary on each. While this section will include a description of each an opportunity to use Wonderful.com should be clearly visible on the front page. So too should a graphic of Amazon smile appear.

'Contact Us' is self explanatory:

A list of trustees, by responsibilities, and contact details.

It goes without saying that photographs of FF's memorabilia will appear, together with statements celebrating FF's commitment to using local traders and suppliers.

8. **Next Meeting.** Subject to government diktats the next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st April 2021, via 'Teams'.

9. Before the Meeting closed, Trustees expressed their admiration for the work done on FF's website.