

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL GLIDING CENTRE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting dated 7th.July 2008

The Meeting was opened at the new Clubhouse at 1930

Present: Chairman	David Durston
Vice Chairman	Tony World
Secretary	Alan Turner
Treasurer	Peter Waugh
Assistant Treasurer	Chris McCulloch
Chief Flying Instructor	John Hale
Ordinary Members Representative	Phil Moore
Special Members Representative	Gerry Holden
Events Co-ordinator	Neil Shaw
Aircraft Inspector	Henry Freeborn

Apologies: Full Members Representative	Nick Lambert
Full Members Representative	Andy Durston
Full Members Representative	Cat Stevens
Membership Secretary	Kevin Hills
Junior Members Representative	Andy Payne

1.00	ITEM	ACTION
2.00	APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES These were approved by unanimous vote.	
3.00	MATTERS ARISING John Hale confirmed that the work on the log cabin had been completed. The soil in-fills have still to be done due to the absence of Martin Heneghan for personal reasons. The Club shirts have been ordered. The fleet upgrade remains ongoing. The promotional film by film4lee is now expected this week .We will have to do the editing. The instructor's fees situation is being dealt with and the Secretary will contact Nick Lambert for an update. The organisation of the instructors for the August Course is in hand. The review of the package fee for annual checks continues. The plans for the involvement of RN engineering personnel as inspectors remain in hand. The £3000 from Collingwood has been received	Tony World Andy Durston Gerry Holden Nick Lambert Neil Shaw/John Hale John Hale David Durston

	<p>The Negotiation regard the avoidance of clashes with Yeovilton on Course dates remains ongoing.</p> <p>The negotiations to gain greater involvement with the Navy PTI's and gliding continue.</p> <p>Work on the business plans continues.</p> <p>Consideration of the Visitors Day continues .Possible dates are 10th.or the 17th.September.Instructor availability is being looked into.</p> <p>Tony World attended a meeting on the 4th.July with the ACC of Hants. Constabulary to discuss the General Aviation issues .Landing costs have been suggested at £200 p.a inline with Henstridge, though these are still to be agreed.</p> <p>The new frequency has been allocated on 118.925 and will take effect on the 24th.July.</p> <p>Henry Freeborn advised the meeting that the vario in the rear cockpit of E7 was functioning and pilots need to be educated as to its use.</p>	<p>Phil Moore/ Nick Lambert</p> <p>David Durston. Tony World Phil Moore/Neil Shaw</p>
<p>4.00</p>	<p>CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT</p> <p>The Chairman continues in close negotiations with Robert Smith of Defence Estates and Peter Ambrose of Naval Estates.</p> <p>Negotiations continue with Richard Parkes, of MCA Defence Estates and SEEDA regarding fencing. Preferably to be deferred until our boundaries are established. Peter Ambrose is also involved.</p> <p>Affordability remains the key question and the production of a business plan is essential. There is also the question of maintenance.</p> <p>Unless firm plans are in place we will be confronted with hangar rental of £120k. Next year. We should aim for a five year plan. The URD needs to be completed by the 25th July. Naval Estates and Defence Estates need to have justification for the 'Buy Back' and financial support. Hangar maintenance could be a problem the Club have been doing such work as has been required since 1995 and this should continue. The business plan should reflect this and the RNGSA may be able to assist.</p> <p>It remains to be seen whether we become part of a Service Unit. It may be that Trustees will be required to secure Service funds but the question of our security of tenure is crucial. We may have access to surplus Service equipment.</p> <p>Service personnel recruitment into the Club remains a priority.</p> <p>Our plans for the purchase of a Duo Discus remain on track.</p>	

<p>5.00</p>	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS The Assistant Treasurer produced the usual statement of the Books. At bank £92,855.88 Insurance claim outstanding £9,800.00 Flying Account Balance: £1,135.88 Invoices Outstanding: £3,903.05 Advance paid flights: £2,305.88 Unpaid Invoice £7,795.16 Immediately available £74,647.57 The Assistant Treasurer drew attention to the unpaid invoice which relates to the engine rebuild for VH. Original estimate was between £5/ 5.5k. More work than envisaged had been carried out but Phil Moore will investigate. We have now considerably overspent our allocation for tug maintenance. Fuel costs continue to rise. Launch fees to be kept under review each time fuel is purchased</p>	<p>Phil Moore</p>
<p>6.00</p>	<p>EQUIPMENT STATUS a) Stock take of all Club equipment is in hand. b) Unserviceable equipment: N11 .C of A work is almost complete. N28 Registration letters to be affixed E7 has a cracked rear canopy which will be repaired in house. N15 will be done after all the above work has been carried out. The belts on the large grass cutter have failed and require replacement. c) The tugs are all OK d) & e) Henry Freeborn produced a paper setting out the EASA Transition requirements: We will need to apply to the BGA to become an approved facility and there will be a need for some investment by the Club to bring our facilities up to standard. Andy Payne is going through his training process to gain Inspector status. Our existing Inspectors should get grandfather rights. A vote of thanks was recorded for Henry and Andy for their good work in maintaining the Club's fleet. Keith Morton had raised a question as to who was in overall charge of the maintenance of the Club's fleet. It was agreed that Henry would prioritise glider maintenance. N28 was next as G registration was imminent.</p>	

7.00	<p>DIARY OF EVENTS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Longest Day has been rescheduled for 12th.July and all matters are in hand. b) Ocana Exped. Expedition CFI Peter Waugh told the meeting that this had been a great success and several badge claims had been achieved. A full report for the RNGSA was in hand. All the equipment used had been returned to the U K and was in good order. c) Inter Services Regional Gliding Championship. Takes place from the 7th.August and we have agreed to supply a K21 and the tug VH. d) Wednesday Naval Flying. Problems here as only The CFI and Bill Roebuck are available to instruct. Keith Morton is still medically unfit and Roy Hewitt has retired. The Collingwood people want to come on Wednesdays so the situation will be kept under review. e) Phil Moore advised that the next weekend course Was the 12/13th.July then either 2/3rd.August or 30/31st.August. 	John Hale Phil Moore
8.00	<p>CFI REPORT</p> <p>The CFI advised of a new full cat. Instructor Trevor Barnes. He was formerly the CFI at RAF Cosford and will be a good asset to the Club.</p> <p>The training courses for the new A/G Licenses are proceeding slowly. Keith Morton was supervising the instruction. Five members have passed so far.</p>	
9.00	<p>ESTATE</p> <p>All matters are in hand</p>	
10.00	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that he was looking at the possibility of obtaining used tractors from surplus RN stocks. Also the Airfield would be used as a base for the display aircraft for the forthcoming Portsmouth Navy Days. A fuel bowser will arrive on the 24th.July and six helicopters on the 25th.On the 26th.the Swordfish will come and will probably require housing in Bellman 1.We will have to move aircraft to accommodate.</p> <p>Events Co-ordinator Neil Shaw advised that he had been in touch with local M.P. Sir Peter Viggers regarding the Mode S Consultation. As a result questions have been raised in Parliament and the BGA are being kept advised. It is proposed to obtain a 30kt.wind sock to replace the worn out one for the centre of the airfield.</p> <p>Instructor's reports for course students need to be standardised.</p> <p>It is suggested that our title be changed to reflect the connection with the R N... Robert Smith would welcome such a change and this is under consideration.</p>	John Hale.

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11.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
11TH. August 2008