

# PORTSMOUTH NAVAL GLIDING CENTRE

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup>.August 2008

**Present:** Chairman David Durston  
 Vice Chairman Tony World  
 Secretary Alan Turner  
 Assistant Treasurer Chris McCulloch  
 Chief Flying Instructor John Hale  
 Ordinary Members Representative Phil Moore  
 Special Members Representative Gerry Holden  
 Full Members Representative Andy Durston  
 Junior Members Representative Andy Payne  
 Membership Secretary Kevin Hills  
 Events Co-ordinator Neil Shaw

**Apologies:** Full Members Representative Nick Lambert

1.00	<b>APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES</b> These were approved by unanimous vote	
2.00	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b>          The soil infilling work is still ongoing          Work on the fleet upgrade remains ongoing. Andy Durston advised the meeting that the Club input was now only required to be 20%.Our bid should be in by the end of the month.</p> <p>The hoped for promotional film had proved a non event as when received consisted of only still photographs. We will make alternative arrangements.</p> <p>The Secretary had received confirmation from Nick Lambert that civilian instructors could attend courses at Halton but Services personnel had priority so civilians could only take up spare places. Bids need to be submitted early. Charges should be minimal</p> <p>The organisation of the August course instructors is complete although there is a query regarding Ian Harris.</p> <p>The enquiries into the possible involvement of RN engineering personnel as inspectors continue.</p> <p>The negotiations regarding the avoidance of clashes with Yeovilton Course dates continue</p> <p>Negotiations to gain greater involvement with the Navy PTI's remain ongoing</p> <p>Work on the business plan is ongoing.</p> <p>Phil Moore has clarified the substantially increased bill for the work done on the engine for VH. The original estimate made incorrect assumptions regarding items which were</p>	<p>Tony World</p> <p>Gerry Holden</p> <p>John Hale</p> <p>David Durston Phil Moore/Nick Lambert David Durston Tony World</p>

	<p>though to be sound but in the event had to be replaced. Regarding Wednesday flying rostering is in place. Keith Morton will no longer be able to instruct due to his medical situation. We may be able to involve the RNGSA for the provision of instructors.</p> <p>Phil Moore advised that there would be another weekend course on the 6/7<sup>th</sup>.September.</p> <p>David Durston advised that the replacement wind sock had been obtained and we now need to install it.</p>	Andy Durston																		
<b>3.00</b>	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported good progress in the work to secure our tenure of the buildings but time is running short and whilst we have a number of excellent allies we must accept constraints that could limit our terms.</p> <p>Our options have been set out with Defence Estates and we continue to pursue with the RAFAA and the Aviation Staff, agreeing Service sponsorship to underwrite PNGC activity, bringing all business into line with Service Fund requirements as the basis for land acquisition.</p> <p>We must establish a realistic Business Plan prior to negotiating a cost-share balance with RNEO to meet future liabilities and obligations.</p> <p>Key forums on surplus equipment have been identified.</p> <p>The matters of boundary's and fencing are ongoing.</p> <p>Changes in the Charities Act mean that a Board of Trustees will be required to ensure proper lease custody prior to Defence Estates acquiring the title.</p> <p>With time remaining very short our priority must remain the recruitment of Service personnel and engineers in particular and an appropriate 'message' and program need to be developed quickly. To this end a capability to include Service personnel at all levels on Wednesdays is essential.</p> <p>We should continue to liaise with the local Naval Establishment to identify interested personnel. There is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October a PTI's seminar and we should identify a small cadre to champion gliding.</p> <p>More work needs to be done in tidying up the Clubhouse and hangar to present ourselves in the best possible light.</p>																			
<b>4.00</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b></p> <p>The Assistant Treasurer produced the usual statement of the books:-</p> <table data-bbox="391 1696 941 1902"> <tr> <td>At bank</td> <td>£86,600.06</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance claim outstanding</td> <td>£ 9,800.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flying Account Balance</td> <td>£ 648.73</td> <td>(cr)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invoices Outstanding</td> <td>£ 3,092.42</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance paid flights</td> <td>£ 1,839.75</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediately available</td> <td>£78,231.77</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	At bank	£86,600.06		Insurance claim outstanding	£ 9,800.00		Flying Account Balance	£ 648.73	(cr)	Invoices Outstanding	£ 3,092.42		Advance paid flights	£ 1,839.75		Immediately available	£78,231.77		
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5.00	<p><b>EQUIPMENT STATUS</b></p> <p>a) The Stock take of all Club equipment remains ongoing</p> <p>b) Unserviceable Equipment. The grass cutter has been fixed. N11 requires weighing and this should be done on Wednesday. 805 have a damaged seat pan and the rudder for N19 is damaged. Both items will be taken to Tim Dews, on Wednesday for repair. N15 will be worked on when N28 leaves the workshop. The Motor Glider DA remains U/S .We now plan to liaise with RAF Halton to get a temporary permit to fly to get the aircraft to Halton who will carry out the work.</p> <p>Tony World will also liaise with Geoff Clark as to his continuing position as Inspector of Motor Gliders.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the damage to N19 and 805 evidently sustained as a result of the recent visit to Ocana. We must now institute a system whereby all Club aircraft must be signed out by the CFI as to their condition when taken from the Club and when they are returned they must be similarly inspected for damage/defects.</p> <p>Tony World will liaise with Henry Freeborn regarding the C of A work to be done.</p> <p>The Club workshop needs sorting out generally.</p> <p>c) Tugs. VH is back from the Inter Services Competition. Only two hours have been added to it's time so David Murray will carry out the 50 hours check this week so that the aircraft is available for the course starting on Saturday.</p>	<p>Alan Turner/Tony World</p> <p>Tony World</p> <p>John Hale Tony World</p>
6.00	<p><b>DIARY OF EVENTS</b></p> <p>a) Family Day event. The event went very well and was enjoyed by all concerned. Many thanks were extended to all concerned in particular to Andy Durston who set out the rosters and Jackie Pearson who ran the log all day. The social event in the evening was also very successful. Mandy World organised the excellent food.</p> <p>b) Support for RNGSA events. We need get more of our aircraft used in these events provided that this fits in with Club requirements.</p>	
7.00	<p><b>CFI REPORT</b></p> <p>The CFI had little to report other that July had been a poor month due to the weather. Flying was one third down. Trevor Barnes has now qualified as a tug pilot.</p>	
8.00	<p><b>UPDATE ON AIR/GROUND RADIO TRAINING</b></p> <p>The CFI reported slow progress with only 5 members qualifying to date. 2 more should qualify soon.</p> <p>Tony World will send out a letter to all instructors setting out the reasons for them to obtain the licence. Various incentives were discussed</p> <p>Tony World updated the meeting regarding the new radio frequency. On 21st.August the system will be implemented and the rule 45 exemption issued. The system will become</p>	

	<p>effective for us on the weekend after that date. A new transmitter system will be installed in the log cabin shortly and the 135.70 will remain as a listening frequency. Some of our aircraft will require new crystals to accept the new frequency.</p> <p>There will be another meeting this week to agree a charging tariff for powered aircraft.</p>	
<b>9.00</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>RNGSA Events. There will be a development week in September. Bids will be required by the end of the year for requirements for 2009.</p> <p>The Cost of tug hire is still set at £1 per minute. We need to consider whether this is remunerative and will liaise with David Murray.</p> <p>The question of Club inspectors was raised again. A meeting will be arranged between those qualified (plus Andy Payne and Ray Timlet) and Tony World, John Hale, Andy and David Durston to sort out who will be available and what the Club's requirements will be.</p> <p>The general view around the table was that all C of A work should be sent out and minor repair work carried out at the Club.</p> <p>Question was raised as to whether we had any candidates available to go on a BI Course. The 'grass roots' package for RN personnel is no longer available.</p> <p>It is open to question as to how effective our communications are and now many members read the Forum.</p> <p>Andy Durston and Gerry Holden will work on a presentation for Collingwood/Sultan.</p> <p>Discussion took place on a possible name change for us. Preferred choice is Royal Naval Gliding Centre.</p> <p>The next 'ab initio' course starts on Saturday for 16 students. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.we will be entertaining a number of high ranking officers.</p> <p>It was agreed that the LFA must have no formal use of our Clubhouse.</p>	<p>Andy Durston/Gerry Holden</p>
<b>10.00</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>29<sup>th</sup>.September 2008</p>	