

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL GLIDING CENTRE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 30th March 2010 at the Clubhouse.

Present:	Vice Chairman Full Members Representative Ordinary Members Representative Special Members Representative Treasurer Events Co-ordinator	Tony World Cat Stevens Phil Moore Gerry Holden Chris McCulloch Neil Shaw
Apologies:	Chairman Full Members Representative Chief Flying Instructor Membership Secretary	David Durston Nick Lambert Andy Durston Claire Bradley
Absent:	Secretary Junior Members Representative	Rob Hinds Nathan Liddle

ITEM	ACTION
1. REPORTS	
1. Tony World reported that the list of privately owned assets was still being compiled.	Tony World
2. APPROVAL OF LAST COMMITTEE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING.	
2. The last Committee Meeting Minutes were approved.	
3. Tony World advised that alternative plans were being devised with respect to the launch point cabin although it was agreed that caution should be employed with respect to size and manoeuvrability. Meanwhile new steadies, for the old log cabin, are in the process of being fitted by Alan Turner.	CFI / Tony World
4. Terms of Reference are still being drafted for Alan Clark to oversee the clubhouse lecture room construction.	CFI
5. Work to achieve Charitable Status is ongoing. Chris McCulloch advised that the Charities Coordinator remained unwilling to support an application whilst the Centre maintained its position under a Single Trustee.	Chris McC / Chairman
6. Grass cutting contracts have been verbally agreed, subject to confirmation that the Centre's insurance is sufficient to cover risks.	Tony World

<p>7. Ropes are in production to support a trial of dual aero tow.</p> <p>8. The small fuel bowser has been returned to service to offset the fuel price increases in effect from 1st April. Disposal investigations are now suspended.</p> <p>9. Crofton School flying is looking doubtful as the proposed dates clash with other commitments. Gerry Holden will discuss alternatives with the school.</p> <p>10. Opportunity will be taken during the Easter course to capture photographic images of gliding with a Naval / Portsmouth theme.</p>	<p>CFI</p> <p>Cat Stevens</p> <p>Gerry Holden</p> <p>Phil Moore / Gerry Holden</p>
<p>3. CHAIRMANS REMARKS.</p> <p>11. It was noted that the Chairman’s address at the AGM described a more stable footprint and the likelihood that we will occupy our current accommodation for at least the next 5 years.</p> <p>12. The RNGSA continue to encourage clubs to register with the charities commission.</p> <p>13. The vision for the next 12 months was spelt out at the AGM.</p>	
<p>4. GENERAL MANAGERS REMARKS.</p> <p>14. The grass cutting contract has been verbally agreed subject to insurance confirmation. No capital purchase will be made until the contract has been signed however it was as agreed, subject to contract to purchase a second tractor of older design similar to the current John Deer for £10 – 11K. Newer designs contain electronics which would make maintenance expensive. The contract will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cutting all grass within blue fenced area. b. Cutting around runway lighting c. Strimming grass between wooden and wire fences at the threshold of 05. d. Spraying weeds on the runways. <p>Cutting will be invoiced and paid on 3 occasions each year and will assume 5 cuts. For this the club will receive £19K.</p> <p>15. The fuel price increases with effect from 1st April amount to 9.6 pence / litre price and 4.3 pence / litre tax. Current stocks are expected to last until August however to cover costs it was decided to review the cost of flying.</p>	

<p>a. Aero Tow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2000ft - £18.30 ii. 3000ft – £23.10 <p>b. Motor Glider.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. £33 Hr ii. Soar 40 pence / min (unchanged) iii. £57 Hr total <p>c. Tug hire (training / retrieve).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. £81 Hr <p>d. Winch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. £5.50 <p>e. Soaring fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wood – 20 pence / min (unchanged) ii. Glass – 25 pence / min (unchanged) <p>Full pricelists to be published on Web Site</p> <p>16. The treasurer will continue to monitor the cost of fuel and adjust prices as necessary to present the best value for money possible to the members.</p> <p>17. The sale of N25 remains in hand however the Isle of Wight club is having issues with their insurance and are not currently in a position where they are able to meet the terms of the agreement. The PNGC position remains that the cost of the glider is £10K by re-payment with the glider comprehensively insured by Vectis GC and loaned to PNGC for courses.</p> <p>18. It has been confirmed that the bid for a 2 seat glider grant has been approved with £50K available from service charities and RN sports lottery funding. A decision on how best to spend this money has yet to be made.</p>	<p>Chris McC / John Hale</p> <p>Tony World</p> <p>CFI</p>
<p>5. OPERATIONS</p> <p>19. Gerry Holden attended the latest Airfield Safety meeting. There had been no criticism of PNGC operations and cooperation on the field continues to grow.</p> <p>20. Whilst the cadet flying last weekend was successful it was agreed that more coordination is required to ensure a smooth operation. Gerry Holden will look at how this flying can be better achieved.</p> <p>21. Following discussion at the AGM regarding lost revenue from ad-hoc trial lessons it was agreed that a fixed price should be</p>	<p>Gerry Holden</p>

<p>introduced for the first flight of entitled personnel (Full members, Scouts, Cadets etc).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3000 ft Aero Tow - £30 b. 2000 ft Aero Tow - £25 c. Winch - £7 d. No soaring fees 	
<p>6. CAPABILITIES</p> <p>22. The FAAOA has agreed to fill a 50% shortfall in DNR funding for courses.</p>	
<p>7. FINANCIAL</p> <p>23. Account statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Bank £63,300.96 • Flying Account £2,160.01 (debit) • Invoices Outstanding £1,604.02 • Advance Paid Flights £4,411.38 (debit) • Immediately Available £57,389.69 <p>24. £18000 to be spent on avgas 31 March which will reflect in the next statement.</p> <p>25. Investigation in to the feasibility of direct debit payment is ongoing.</p>	<p>Chris McC</p>
<p>8. EQUIPMENT</p> <p>26. The new generator has now been fitted to the bus and will be ready for use this weekend. Any problems or faults are to be reported to John Hale or Cat Stevens for rectification.</p> <p>27. It was reported that the phone in the log cabin is not functioning. This will be investigated along with the defective radio.</p> <p>28. N25 is due annual next week - Geoff Clark will progress this week. All other gliders are serviceable with the Discus having returned with a new canopy hinge.</p> <p>29. FO is to be test flown on completion of the engine repairs.</p> <p>30. Work on ZZ is progressing and whilst it is taking time the quality of work was agreed to be of an exceptional standard.</p>	<p>Gerry Holden</p> <p>Phil Moore</p>
<p>9. COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>31. Possible involvement in a Lee on the Solent Business Group</p>	

<p>event was discussed. Gerry Holden will investigate proposals.</p>	<p>Gerry Holden</p>
<p>10. DIARY</p> <p>32. The diary is promulgated on the web site.</p> <p>33. The dates for the Germany Exped are shown 1 week prior to the proposed timing and should be 04 – 28 Jun. This conflicts with the Marie Curie event and Families Day thus restricting the equipment available to the expedition.</p>	
<p>11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>34. Positive feedback has been received from club members with respect to the AGM.</p>	
<p>12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>35. 27th April 2010 - 1930 at the clubhouse.</p>	<p>All</p>