PORTSMOUTH NAVAL GLIDING CENTRE

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 02 Aug 2011. PNGC Clubhouse

1 **Present** Chairman David Durston Vice Chairman / Gen Manager Tony World Chief Flying Instructor Andy Durston Special Members Representative Gerry Holden Ordinary Members Representative Phil Moore Special Events Neil Shaw Treasurer Chris McCulloch Nathan Liddle Junior Members Representative **Apologies** Rob Hines Secretary

Full Members Representative Nick Lambert

Full Members Representative Cat Stevens
(Safety Officer Martin Heneghan)
(Membership Secretary Claire Durston)

2 MATTERS ARISING (previous ref last minutes 3 May 11)

1. The previous Meetings Minutes were approved and the remarks of the Trustee's representative noted as attached. One amendment at Para 2.2 (K21 work) should read ten thousand pounds, not one thousand pounds.

Treas

2. Matters Arising

(2.2b) In addition to £150 approval for airband radio/scanner backup safety communications, £500 was approved to replace the primary communications which at 8 years old had become unreliable at the end of their useful life. CFI to report final cost next meeting.

CFI/Treas

(2.2d) Debit card recovery system was delayed in implementation pending the installation of a secure broadband radio link to the launch point. Action is in hand.

CFI/Treas

3 SAFETY MATTERS ARISING

Flight Safety.

Meeting scheduled 3 Aug between CFI and new airfield manager; still no structure in place and many iterations of Airfield manual had been generated as part of the new licensing arrangements. PNGC had fulfilled its remit, but the constraints on hours of access looked to be a wider stumbling block.

CFI

4. CHAIRMANS POINTS

- Contracts exchanged with SEEDA.
- 2. The Charity Commission sought more information and revised submission before agreeing PNGC's application. Concern centres on RNGSA custody of the Trusteeship, form which a meeting was scheduled, but diary constraints (its Chairman's) precluded achieving that before November.
- 3. A possible option on 'N' hangar was expected to come to fruition in September, which would be helpful to improving safety and facilities for vehicles and place PNGC centrally in the strategic plans for aviation facilities that had been further advanced with the council.

5 GENERAL MANAGERS POINTS

- Grass cutting requirements had been masked by dry weather this year, but BN had no known plans to address it. Anxiety remained over weed control and its insidious effect on destroying expensive to restore surfaces.
- 2. Crashgate 3 might be reopened for access to western site, and Crashgate 4 for other air users. (reduce traffic across main runway)
- 3. Airfield vehicle permit scheme was to be revised to exercise better control over the site. They would be issued in future on an annual basis.

6 OPERATIONS

- I. Friday evenings had proved successful, but now in recess during the holiday period. Option to re-open for other youth groups was welcomed.
- 2. K21 being collected from Poland this week. Expected on budget, time and quality, but additional £2000 was approved for replacement canopy.

 CCF G5 Long Course cancelled. CCF HQ factors were contributory, including gapping of the booking officer billet; and delays to HMS Bristol's refit schedule. The one remaining course this year would be supported.

4. Air-ability (independent charity) plans welcomed to accommodate them adjacent to PNGC and maximise their scope within the terms of the lease. Possibility of in-Service disability programmes to be explored to enhance further possible links.

Treas

GH/Chair

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7 TRAINING

1. RNGSA provision already in place to cover AssCat fees.

CFI / Treas

8. Social

1. Short notice event agreed for Saturday 6 Aug to mark the sad loss of one of PNGC's most popular members, Sir Julian Oswald.

2. Thanks recorded to Neil Shaw and all who helped with a successful Families' Day and Hangar Party

CFI

9. FINANCE

1. Minor Grant to be pursued for Nav fit for Duo Discus (see Item 6.4 Mar 11)

CFI/Treas

10 **EQUIPMENT**

- I. GH undertook to lead on new Log Cabin.
- 2. G-ZZ was delayed by repair and maintenance work on VH, for which grateful thanks were recorded to Chris Adams for his considerable work.
- G-ZZ cracked cylinder head was unexpected; Tugmaster to review the way in which airborne cooling cycles were being managed.
- 4. Transit minibus brakes to be repaired.

FLOW

NL

GH

DONM - Tuesday 27 Sep 2011 at 19:30, PNGC Clubhouse

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D H DURSTON Captain RN / CFAV Chairman

Encl 1. E-mail from SMT rep