

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL GLIDING CENTRE

(Company No: 811423 / Registered Charity No: 1148381)

Minutes of Committee Meeting – 11th December 2012

The meeting opened at the PNGC Clubhouse at 19:30.

Present:	Chairman	Capt David Durston RN (DD)
	GM/CFI:	Tony World (TW)
	Full Members' Representative:	W/O1Cat Stevens (CS)
	Treasurer:	Chris McCulloch (CMcC)
	Ordinary Members' Representative:	Martin Heneghan (MH)
	Special Events Representative:	Neil Shaw (NS)
	Membership Secretary:	John Hale (JH)
	Minutes Secretary:	Lloyd Brown (LB)

	Item	Action
1	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies were received from Gerry Holden (GH) and Nathan Liddle (NL)</p>	
2a	<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate 	
2b	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft budget plan is being prepared –ONGOING Mini digger purchase – ONGOING Q Hangar is in need of painting with members' support – ONGOING Clubhouse refurbishment is planned for the winter period – members' support is essential - ONGOING One Range Rover, the bus and the JD tractor are still in need of repair. The Secretary (LB) was asked to seek from Nathan Liddle (NL) and update on progress and intended method of resolving. CS awaits a spreadsheet of planned glider usage over the winter months LB reported that EBP no longer wish to use PNGC facilities for the STEM activities in Spring 2013 	<p>TW/CMcC</p> <p>TW</p> <p>TW</p> <p>LB/NL</p> <p>TW</p>
3	<p>SAFETY MATTERS</p> <p><u>FLYING:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CFI reported that there had been one incident since the 	

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	<p>previous meeting involving a hard landing by a K13. The minor damage had been inspected by CS. The CFI was concerned that the nature of the damage contradicts the two pilots' narrative of events. He will therefore be speaking to the pilots concerned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman emphasised the absolute need for openness and honesty in reporting incidents. CFI to report back • MH will be attending an airfield safety meeting on 12 Dec and the CFI will attend an airfield users meeting on 24 Jan 13. • There will be a CAA Safety Meeting for all airfield users on 23 Jan 13 to be held in the PNGC Briefing Room • Concern was expressed that circuit traffic seems to be increasing significantly and that airmanship is frequently poor. In particular go-arounds above aircraft/gliders getting airborne were thought dangerous as was spacing behind motor gliders. This should be highlighted at meetings whenever possible • It was agreed that airfield management and users must be made aware that the previous CFI's ruling that PNGC operations would be 'grass only' has been rescinded and that PNGC will use the runway as necessary. CFI to ensure total clarity with airfield user regulations and other operators. Power operations have no priority but it was agreed that PNGC should vacate the runway as expeditiously as possible • The CFI reported that airfield operators are coordinating their responses to the proposal to build Europe's largest solar farm to the north east of the airfield. The CFI will represent PNGC's interests <p><u>NON-FLYING:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH is to make a safety inspection of the new log cabin shortly • (PMN: In light of the pending interest in licensing of the airfield, which would bring with it CAA requirements for airfield vehicle marking and lighting, the Chairman feels it prudent for the new log cabin to meet those requirements before entering service. To that end the paint finish should be agreed with the nominated licence holder and the log cabin should be wired to allow a light to be fitted to the highest point in due course) 	<p>TW</p> <p>TW/MH</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>TW/MH</p> <p>TW/MH</p> <p>TW</p> <p>MH</p> <p>TW/MH/JH</p>
4	<p>CHAIRMAN'S POINTS</p> <p>The Chairman reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Fund assets will be transferred to the CLG in due course • Land and accommodation leases, currently held by DD, may also be transferred to the CLG. • Defence Estates have indicated a licence will be issued by HCA but the details of the licence are not known . 	

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5	<p>GENERAL MANAGER’S POINTS</p> <p>The GM reported that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">owing to a renegotiation between BN, HCA and Selex, PNGC will no longer receive income from Selex. This is a regrettable loss of income to PNGC	
6	<p>OPERATIONS</p> <p>a. <u>CFI POINTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The CFI reported that the CAA are still considering the proposal to establish an Aerodrome Traffic Zone around the airfield. Indications are that this will be unpopular with EGHI ATC and with some airfield users. The CAA are expected to consult on this proposal <p>b. <u>FLYING FEES</u> NTR</p> <p>c. <u>OTHER OPERATIONS:</u> NTR</p>	
7	<p>TRAINING PLANS</p> <p>The CFI reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sarah McCulloch has recently completed her BI training and will attend the Sept 2013 ASCAT course with the approval of the RN	
8	<p>CAPABILITIES</p> <p><u>DUTIES:</u> NTR</p>	
9	<p>FINANCIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The financial report is attachedThe Treasurer detailed the outcome of the recent audit including clarifying some anomalies regarding apparent losses and the auditor’s obligation to report ongoing VAT irregularities if any.The Treasurer confirmed the current auditor would continue as auditor to the CLG.The GM confirmed that Solent Aviation, the trading element of PNGC, had registered for VAT voluntarily.The Chairman offered his thanks to the Treasurer for his significant achievements	

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10	<p>EQUIPMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Discus will be returned shortly for completion of its recent repairs and C of A • Ground equipment status as detailed in 2b 	
11	<p>MEMBERSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Membership Secretary reported that 62% of PNGC members fall into the 'Entitled' category and 38% 'Non-Entitled' • He also offered 3 names requesting Special Membership, one of which was accepted and 2 were carried forward for further information • It was agreed that the Application for Special Membership form needs redesigning to allow applicants to clearly indicate their skills which will benefit PNGC. A list of club 'task groups' is to be presented to applicants to allow them to commit to one or more groups depending on their abilities. Continued membership following a probationary period would be dependent on their input to club activities. 	<p align="center">JH</p> <p align="center">JH</p>
12	<p>FAAOA FEEDBACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD reported that he attended the recent AGM and was impressed by the efforts made by the FAAOA to keep courses running in face of MOD backing away from funding commitments and investment returns remaining generally low. • Phil Moore is working on dates for future courses; the possibility of Yeovilton's commitment being absorbed to some extent by PNGC was noted. 	
13	<p>TRI-SERVICE/RNGSA FEEDBACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairman reported that he, TW and CS had attended the recent RNGSA meeting, but he remained disappointed with RNGSA's approach to the issue of securing an operating licence at Secretary of State level, leaving PNGC's long term interests very vulnerable to commercial pressures after change of airfield title on 1 Jan 13. MOD had found every reason imaginable, and more, to sidestep the issue and ward off too easily the related RNSA emails, despite the obligations transferred from MOD to the MCGA and unbroken continuity ever since. 	
14	<p>DIARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social dates are as published • Course dates are posted online • Development course dates are yet to be finalised 	
15	<p>COMMUNICATIONS NTR</p>	

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16	POLICY NTR	
17	RNGSA ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CFI reported that RNGSA have requested written reports on recent PNGC accidents/incidents.	TW
18	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chairman reported that he had received an approach from a charity organisation 'Hounds for Heroes' requesting a voucher for a familiarisation flight, to be auctioned along with other items at a fund raising event. This received unanimous support and DD tasked LB to notify the charity accordingly and request material for publicising the charity's activities• The GM reported that the front door of the Clubhouse would soon be repaired• CS reported that he expects to be unavailable, for duty reasons, for much of 2013 and that Ziggy will co-ordinate flying for Scouting groups in his absence. The Chairman highlighted that other Youth opportunities geared more towards the Navy, most significant being the CCF initiatives at close to nil costs to the public purse, had been closed off; and that CNR made little or no contribution. Thus local amenity requirements to sustain the PNGC business plan were best served by accommodating Scouts' interests; although ATC engagement remained a future possibility.• CS also raised the important issue of serving RN representation on the Committee, querying whether there were constitutional and practical irregularities in not having the required number of RN members, particularly in his absence. In reply; the Chairman highlighted that any such regularity was only defined at the CLG Board of Directors' level.	LB TW

The meeting closed at 2200

Date of Next Meeting:
14 Jan 13 at 1930 in
PGNC Clubhouse

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Chairman PNGC

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