PORTSMOUTH NAVAL GLIDING CENTRE

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

Minutes of Committee Meeting – 13th May 2013

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

Present: Chairman Capt David Durston RN (DD)

Centre Manager/CFI:

Special Members' Representative:

Treasurer:

Ordinary Members' Representative:

Tony World (TW)

Gerry Holden (GH)

Chris McCulloch (CMcC)

Martin Heneghan (MH)

Special Events Representative: Neil Shaw (NS)
Minutes Secretary: Lloyd Brown (LB)

	Item	Action
1	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cat Stevens (CS) and John Hale (JH)	
2a	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting were approved	
2b	 MATTERS ARISING Draft budget plan is being prepared –ONGOING Mini digger purchase – ONGOING Q Hangar is in need of painting with members' support – ONGOING Clubhouse external refurbishment is planned for the winter period – members' support is essential - CLOSED A manager for Friday Scouts flying is required - CLOSED Light signals from the log cabin – ONGOING Hangar socket for Log Cabin/UPS – ONGOING Provision of 'spoon' for moving gliders – ONGOING Simulated cable breaks to be pre-notified to DI – ONGOING 	TW/CMcC TW TW TW GH GH TW
3	SAFETY MATTERS FLYING: The CFI reported that he and MH had attended an Airfield Users' Meeting on 17 Apr 13 and represented PNGC's interests and concerns. They both found the meeting non-productive and were concerned that proposed changes to the Aerodrome Manual would make life difficult	

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	for PNGC. The intended licensing of the airfield would inevitably bring with it CAA or locally originated restrictions such as the ban on non-RTF equipped vehicles transiting the Movement Area. TW will write to the Airfield Manager objecting to the changes currently proposed The Chairman emphasised that the Aerodrome Manual is the legal cornerstone of leases and licences at Daedalus and will now write to HCA executives re-stating his concern and emphasising the need for a robust system of consultation before changes are made to the Aerodrome Manual. (pmn – this was achieved on 16 May and again 17 May seeking HCA intervention for suitable dialogue and agreement before any new issue of the Aerodrome operating Manual. This was rejected by HCA, but written assurances were received that all users would be treated equally. Track record leaves scepticism, so	TW
	implementation shall need to be monitored carefully, especially by DIs, GM and CFI. HCA were praiseworthy of PNGC's high standards to compliance to date and of adopting safe, orderly practices. This must continue.) He also requested that the link to the AM on the PNGC website should be ideally 'live' or at least ensure the most recent version is easily located	NS
	 The CFI has made representations regarding the positioning of the new signage in relation to the taxiway edge, particularly of concern to Grob pilots The CFI reported that RW17/35 is not to be reactivated as a runway but instead become part of a one-way taxying system with a/c departing Sapphire crossing the grass to reach the runway/taxiway It was agreed that the rutted grass strips remain a concern and the condition must be carefully monitored 	
	<u>NON-FLYING</u> : NTR	
4	CHAIRMAN'S POINTS	
	The Chairman reported that:	
	 PNGC is reportedly being awarded a 5 year licence to operate by HCA with a 6 month option on either side after the 3rd anniversary 	
	 He is pleased to see the increase in numbers of RN personnel flying with PNGC, in excess of 100 this year, reinforcing the primary PNGC objective of providing gliding opportunities for RN personnel 	
	 He hopes all members will support the Club and enjoy their flying regardless of any inconveniences which might arise as the role of Daedalus evolves in the coming months and years 	
5	CENTRE MANAGER'S POINTS	
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	OPERATIONS	
6	OPERATIONS OF DOINTS: NITE	
	a. <u>CFI POINTS</u> : NTR	
	b. FLYING FEES: NTR	
	c. <u>OTHER OPERATIONS:</u> NTR	
7	TRAINING PLANS NTR	
8	CAPABILITIES	
	The Chairman expressed his concern that the many responsibilities previously held by Andy Durston (AD) had been assumed by a small number of individuals already heavily laden, eg the CFI/CM. The committee agreed and it was decided that work done 2 years ago by AD and others would be revisited with a view to reviewing the makeup of the Management Committee to better fit the revised charity/corporate status of PNGC. Proposals will be placed before the members at the August AGM for a revised committee structure based on a business orientated model with member representation being shared by all committee members	DD/TW
9	FINANCIAL	
	 The Treasurer provided Profit and Loss statements for PNGC and Solent Aviation Ltd (attached). The donation of £2,500 from the bar to PNGC funds was welcomed 	
	The Treasurer notified the meeting that he would in future record the profitability of PNGC assets such as individual gliders, the winch and tugs. Assets will also be depreciated appropriately	CMcC
	The increase in flying by RN personnel is very welcome but the system of collecting flying fees must be improved	CMcC
10	EQUIPMENT	
	The CFI/CM reported that owing to the much overdue delivery of the Cirrus and with no indication that imminent delivery was likely he cancelled the order and received a refund of monies paid. It was agreed that with glider usage currently depressed any alternative purchase should be placed on hold and the requirement monitored	
11	MEMBERSHIP	
	The Membership Secretary offered by proxy one name for Junior Special membership to the Committee for consideration which was approved	
	The death of Edna Clark, a PNGC Life Member, was reported with regret. She had been a very active and popular member of PNGC as Field Treasurer for many years. Her funeral was attended by 3 CFIs and other club members The Secretary was instructed to seek Nigel Clarks approval for an obituary in S&G	LB
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12	FAAOA FEEDBACK	
12	A complaint has been received from HMS Collingwood relating to wardroom misbehaviour of the students on the Easter course	
	The FAAOA again reported their satisfaction with the ab-initio courses and already have 16 applications for 8 places on the August course	
	Fundraising for student sponsorship is becoming an issue	
13	TRI-SERVICE/RNGSA FEEDBACK NTR	
14	 DIARY 13 Jun - 15 RN personnel to fly/BBQ/bar 18 Jun – Romsey Round Table 3 Jul - HMS Excellent flying 6 Jul - Families Day 	
15	COMMUNICATIONS NTR	
16	POLICY NTR	
17	RNGSA ISSUES The Chairman reported that RADM Lambert remains Chairman of RNGSA which he was to have been until after the ISGC. He stated that apparently the Inter-Service Championships have been cancelled due to lack of support	
18	АОВ	
	MH reported that the BGA has appointed a new Regional Safety Officer, Tim Freeguard, who may well pay PNGC a visit	
	MH reported that the hangar air compressor needs a fan guard	TW
	TW agreed to contact Neil Evans of Phoenix to request that he removes his caravan from behind the clubhouse and settles his account	TW
	It was agreed that the owners of 2 un-roadworthy trailers will be instructed to remove them from the trailer park	TW

The meeting closed at 2150

Date of Next Meeting: 10 Jun 13 at 1930 in the PGNC Clubhouse

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