



**Portsmouth Naval
Gliding Centre**
(Registered Charity No.1148381)

Daedalus Airfield
Lee-on-the-Solent
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MINUTES OF THE PNGC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC) MEETING – 4 September 2017

Present	General Manager/Dep. Chairman CFI Ground Engineering Member Air Engineering Member	World, Tony (TW) Freeborn, Henry (HF) Gutman, Simon (SG) Howell, Dave (DH)	
Apologies	Executive Chairman Finance Member Safety Member Admin and Security Member	Durston, David (DD) McCulloch, Chris (CMc) Heneghan, Martin (MH) Ingason, Siggı (SI)	

<u>Item</u> <u>(a)</u>	<u>Decisions/ Actions</u> <u>(b)</u>
1. Chairman's Opening Remarks.	<p>Submitted by DD prior to the meeting and reviewed by TW.</p> <p>Following the surprise presentation of a Draft Protocol earlier this year, by RCA as FBC's formally appointed aviation services provider, this has been agreed by FBC as being only in 'draft' form and of no authority and standing as yet. It is purported to have been issued on two grounds; alleged safety concerns; and of business preferences for use of the airfield and has nonetheless been invoked by RCAM, particularly in regard to enforced 'grounded days' spanning our busiest time of year. The financial impact is inevitably going to turn out to have been high, against a backdrop of already reduced launch rates under RCA operations at Daedalus.</p> <p>I wish to express deep gratitude to sterling work by Martin Heneghan and Lloyd Brown for their considerable endeavours to set aside any adverse 'Safety Case' both in flying and ground operations. While our overall view in PNGC is that such issues as were raised by RCA were more than fully mitigated, we were rebutted. Any arbitration on this aspect would be a matter for CAA with BGA assistance.</p> <p>In agreement with FBC, we have invited RCA's Airfield Manager to review the document with our CFI by the end of this month, with a view to identifying expressly and explicitly the minimum levels of restriction to PNGC operations, irrespective of reasons. We might not like the outcome, but we hope to achieve (a) a finite limit to what otherwise stands as a potentially open-ended risk to our business planning and (b) the capacity to identify costs of the restrictions through opportunity losses.</p> <p>FBC has also stated that they want our business position on new hangar leases, which is probably a portent of B4 being recovered thereafter. The CFO has been invited to serve any proposals as one single complete package, and nothing less, comprising three parts: a. New Hangar options and terms; b. Site only options and terms; c. A draft contract based on the 'Draft Protocol.' Taken together, these would enable a costings appraisal</p>

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	before the next Trustee meeting (expected late in October) and, in due course, a decision on ways and means of affordability.
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from: David Dusrton, Chris McCulloch, Siggie Ingasson, & Martin Heneghan
3. Agree Previous Minutes.	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed without modification. All actions from the previous meeting have been completed.
4. Special Items	No special items were raised
5. General Manager	TW advised the meeting that Sean Woodward, FBC Leader, had indicated that PNGC would receive notice to quit Bellman 4 by the end of September.
6. Safety Report	There was no report submitted this month
7. Finance	No financial report was submitted, however TW summarised the Centre's financial position as: On Deposit £80K Owing £14K Owed £9K Outstanding vouchers £10K TW also advised that it was anticipated that we would receive an electricity bill of approx £9K as the club had not been billed for some considerable time and HCA were looking to recover the outstanding and regularise the situation
8. Estates	No changes to report. Everything on hold until the situation re Bellman 4 is clarified.
9. CFI	The committee agreed with HF in congratulating Lewis Taylor on becoming the youngest Gold glider pilot in the country. PNGC will be represented at the D100 event with gliders and the BGA simulator. An RN Development week planned for 18 th to 22 nd September. RNGSA will be bringing two gliders. Richard Croker will be the PNGC liaison. The HCAP course was very successful. The committee expressed their thanks to Dave Howell and his team for all the efforts on behalf PNGC. A wave soaring exped is planned for the Autumn half term. A JSAT course is planned for October. The RCA Safety Protocol is to be reviewed in late Sept or early Oct by HF and Lloyd Brown. Action HF HF expressed the opinion that it is likely that the club will have to

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	accommodate further changes in our operation at Daedalus as things evolve.
10. Air Engineering	<p>DH reported that all gliders, with the exception of Discus 805, are airworthy and available for use.</p> <p>Discus 805 suffered a major field landing accident during the Interservices Regional Gliding Competition and will require extensive repairs. Quotes are being obtained and discussed with the insurers. Action TW & HF</p> <p>The DuoDiscus trailer also suffered some damage, since repaired, at the Interservices.</p> <p>Both tugs are serviceable.</p> <p>Work on ZZ's cowlings is progressing.</p>
11. Ground Equipment	<p>SG reported that all the ground support equipment is operational</p> <p>SG asked what the committee would like to do with the Mazda. It was decided to lay it up in the hanger, under dust sheets for the winter.</p> <p>Action SG</p>
12. Administration	No report this month
13. AOB	<p>It was agreed to hold a members meeting 4th November once we had heard more from FBC.</p> <p>There was a discussion within the committee about what hangarage options FBC might offer and what that might mean for PNGC.</p>
14. DONM	The date of the next meeting is 3 rd October 19:30