

PNGC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Wed 18 May 2022 1900-2100

MINUTES

In Attendance		
Name	Role	Initials
David Durston	Chairman	DD
Barney Wainwright	Hon Secretary	BW
Tony World	CFI/General Manager	TW
Adrian Noble	Deputy CFI	AN
Jay Stewart	Treasurer	JS
Siggi Ingason	Admin	SI
Jim Chapman	Membership	JC
Simon Gutman	Ground Equipment	SG
Sam Hepburn	Maintenance	SH
Tom Chapman	Junior member	TC
Jonny Mion	AT Course Rep	JM

1. Apologies received from: Neil Shaw, Dave Howell, Lee Allinson,
2. Chairman's opening address.
 - a. "Tony's nomination for formal British Gliding Association national recognition (*reproduced at the end of these minutes*) was not only accepted, but also - unusually - elevated by the BGA to the Royal Aero Club, whose patron is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. At their annual awards ceremony this week, aviation minister Robert Courts MP. presented him with a medal on behalf of the RAeC.

"This was a great accolade and the citation for the award is attached. Congratulations, Tony, from all of us in PNGC and very well deserved. All of us value and appreciate all that you have done for our club, particularly through the recent and most difficult times of its 70+ year history."
 - b. Congratulations to NS and NN who both passed their Full Cat Course this month.
 - c. It is more important than ever not to ruffle any feathers at MW, by unnecessary incidents or safety occurrences as we progress towards the final stages of agreeing a Lease.
3. Minutes of last meeting were approved. (BW)
4. Summary of Outstanding Actions

Date	Item	Action	Update
5/4/22	Wings & Wheels – 2 July 22	JS	Ongoing: email to members required
5/4/22	COLLINGWOOD Families Day – 2 Jul	DH/TC/JM	Ongoing: email as above
5/4/22	Review emergency response/access to NOK information (Paper/Glindex)	JC/SI	Complete
5/4/22	Trailer payments need tightening up	JC	Ongoing
5/4/22	Record of members reading/signing for reading key documents	TW/BW	Complete
5/4/22	DBS Checks for new Bls	SI	Ongoing
15/2/22	Annual checks to be standardised	AN	To be added to Rules – see minutes below, item 8d.
15/2/22	Tractor replacement study	SG/NS	Ongoing

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15/2/22	Minibus issues	SG/AN	Ongoing
15/2/22	Dyneema Repair Demonstration	SG	1 conducted, further req'd
15/2/22	Emergency equipment: log sheet & training	DH/AN	Partially complete
15/2/22	Fuel Bowser Training/BFI permissions	TW	To be arranged when Lease in place

5. MW site progress

- a. Portakabin to be installed w/c 23 May for new Briefing Room
- b. DD enquired about relationship with Vinci (MW site contractors) – TW action as req'd

6. Planning & Events

- a. 'Open Days' – both on 2 July:
 - i. Wings & Wheels: no BGA Simulator this year – JS lead
 - ii. Collingwood families day: Glider & PR material required (fliers/cards). JM can advise on use of RN logo – DH/TC lead
 - iii. JC to organise raffles at both venues – prize a BI flight
- b. Courses
 - i. JM to put weekend course dates on PNGC Calendar
 - ii. Salisbury U3A have enquired about flying – 30/31 July – BW/TW
 - iii. 14 & 27 Aug – URNU groups - TW
 - iv. 20-26 Aug – HCAP/FAAOA Scholarship courses – DH
 - v. SH approached by a Portsmouth Scout Group – SG can advise
- c. BI course for JM & Neil Sexton tbc end June
- d. Ass Cat course to be scheduled in Sept

7. Safety

- a. Winch cable: All are reminded that trace-ropes are ESSENTIAL between the parachute and strop. If they are not fitted then the winch cable MUST NOT be attached to a glider. Remedial action has been taken to prevent any possible future occurrence.

8. Air Ops, Training

- a. The club has been very busy and all gliders have been in use in recent weeks, with safe and efficient running of the launch point.
- b. 2 new Full Cat instructors and 3 new tug pilots have been qualified.
- c. TW to arrange a ROC course in the Autumn.
- d. Proposed Annual Check Flights: to be included in PNGC rules Part 2.

18(a) Annual Check Flights

Annual check flights for qualified pilots are to include the following as a minimum:

- 3 x Winch launches to include min of 2 launch failures and 1 full circuit.
- 1 x Aero tow with spin awareness training.
- 1 x Aero tow simulated failure (preferred method to be in the Motor glider).
- Field landing check in the motor glider to be conducted every 15 months for cross-country pilots unless the pilot has made a successful field landing within the last 12 months.

9. Air Engineering

- a. Grob now serviceable after another cylinder head replacement.
- b. 805 oxygen kit refitted for Sisteron expd.
- c. KPE oxygen system still leaking. Rear LX screen made serviceable in Slovenia and refitted.

10. Ground Equipment

(SG)

- a. PNGC winch to be collected by TW for some welding work
- b. Mazda suspension – TW to contact garage

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11. Estates NSTR (DH)

12. Membership (JC)

- a. Glidex payments – system needs to be enforced so that people in debt do not fly.
- b. DD to scrutinise latest membership list

13. Admin, Website (SI)

- a. New trial lesson booking system is up and running with the automated updating of the events calendar.
- b. 3 charity gliding vouchers given to Hampshire Medical Fund charity / fundraising event.
- c. New email address setup: oudie@pngc.co.uk
- d. Currently developing a facility to show all flights on the members section of the PNGC website. This will allow members to see their own flight data.
- e. Working with John (Glidex developer) on appropriate extract from Glidex of all flights.
- f. DBS review.

14. Finance (JS)

- a. Income generation is good and has enabled investment in the Briefing Room.

15. Comms & Media - NSTR

16. AOB

- a. PNGC members will receive Upavon weather forecasts every weekend by email.
- b. Motorglider hours logging needs to be handled better.
- c. Poor Log keeping has been letting the club down; this is an important task and the logger needs to hand-over properly to someone else if they are going flying or elsewhere.

17. DONM: **Tue 28 June at 7pm via Teams**

Barney Wainwright
Cdr RNR
Hon Sec PNGC

NOMINATION FOR BGA RECOGNITION AWARD – TONY WORLD PORTSMOUTH NAVAL GLIDING CENTRE (PNGC)

Tony World is nominated for British Gliding Association recognition through the awards programme for his central and pivotal role at Portsmouth Naval Gliding Centre, where he has personally developed, sustained and extended the club's reach to include gliding for all age groups despite a wide range of major challenges besetting and threatening the club's very existence in recent years.

Tony's personal gliding expertise, business acumen, leadership and sheer determination to succeed, have been key against often overwhelming odds as commercial predation has sought vigorously to convert PNGC's gliding site options into commercial building land. He has ensured that the club continued to function safely, despite being closed down after 69 years of existence at the former Royal Naval Air Station, Daedalus, Lee-on-the-Solent, when the site was sold by the Ministry of Defence to leave the club with no prospects elsewhere else. It was set to close for ever.

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Tony played a vital role in an exhaustive search and evaluation of nearly a dozen potential sites in Hampshire, finally resulting in re-establishing – after initial rejection - at former RN Air Station Middle Wallop, now under the Army's military aegis. Fitting in safely has been a major undertaking, compounded by Covid-19 restrictions and loss of flying currency for all instructors and pilots. The local and Headquarters Army command are now very satisfied that the club can operate safely in all regards and has moved to the next phase of establishing a licence for a suitable ground area, with infrastructure development and a lease in the longer term to follow.

Setting up within the complexities of military operations, mixed air traffic, site restrictions and military tasking was very difficult, yet Tony grasped all of these facets with efficiency and aplomb, retaining the very highest regard for his professionalism by the many and various agencies with whom he has had to work in essential, often very complex, detail.

Underpinning this immensely challenging task has been Tony's unusually high level of financial and business acumen, particularly as Charities Act regulations and laws changed. His tireless patience for explaining the issues to many and various MOD personnel, invariably with minimal understanding of either the business construct or of gliding, has been critical in providing a service to military personnel of all three Armed Forces as part of their formal training goals by judicious use of civilian personnel in support. Throughout all that time, which extends to over three decades, but the last ten years or more in particular, the club's safety record has remained unbroken under his personal leadership, and a large number of civilian and military personnel have gone on to embrace gliding as a sport, or from which they have been spurred into professional aviation careers.

Tony's unstoppable energy, stamina and drive; his inspirational leadership; his personal commitment and determination; and investment of immense amounts of time and financial resources, have led the club through exceptionally difficult challenges that would have closed many other organisations of a similar kind. Instead, PNGC is now viable, safe, vibrant and ready for the next stages of future investment at its new home of Middle Wallop, near Andover.

***Captain David H Durston MA MBA FCMI FRAeS Royal Navy
Chairman, PNGC Board of Trustees and Directors***