

PNGC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 20 April 2023

MINUTES of the meeting on Teams at 7pm

Committee Members		
Name	Role	Initials
David Durston	Chairman	DD
Barney Wainwright	Hon Secretary	BW
Tony World	CFI/General Manager	TW
Neil Shaw	Safety Officer	NS
Jay Stewart	Treasurer	JS
Siggi Ingasson	Admin/Website	SI
Jim Chapman	Membership	JC
Sam Hepburn	A/C Maintenance	SH
Simon Gutman	Ground Maintenance	SG
Kevin Hills	Tugmaster	KH
Tom Chapman	Junior member	TC
Jonny Mion	AT Course Rep	JM
Emre Mutlu	Branding & Marketing	EM

1. Apologies received from SG, SH, NS. No-show: TC
2. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.
3. Outstanding Actions

Date	Item	Action	Update
14/9/22	Social Programme	SG/JC/SH	Summer BBQ, Winter Event agreed. Dates TBC
17/1/23	Dyneema Repair Demonstration	SG	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_Pgqw-vDFM – video located by SI
15/2/22	Fuel Bowser Training/BFI permissions	TW	Ongoing. Expected completion Jul 23
1/11/22	Clearance of SULTAN old MT Office	DH	Started w/e 14/15 Jan... ongoing
17/1/23	Instructors Meeting	TW	Planned for 27 Apr.

Governance Issues - Tracker

Issue	Action Requested	Progress
Mandatory nomination of ex-officio PNGC Board Members by specified serving RN personnel	RNGSA to re-engage RNHQ CoC to identify who is nominated to act as the Temeraire ex-officio member of the PNGC Board of Trustees and Directors, vice Cdr Sean Winkle on his routine departure.	Currently with Pres RNGSA. Raised 14 Mar 23 Chaser 21 Apr 23
Difference between Land and Navy interpretation of financial regulations is fiscally detrimental to PNGC	Clear and specific guidance to be sought through Sec & President RNGSA on the applicable financial regulations for (a) establishing base rental charges, and then (b) the abatement of those charges, to clarify why there are apparent differences between TLBs in this area and identify a way forward to resolve definitively a Joint methodology for treatment of PNGC at MW.	Raised 14 Mar 23 Report 20 Apr 23 that Pres RNGSA is following up.
Insufficient focus on & involvement in gliding of RN personnel	A clear executive plan by the RNGSA is urgently needed to engage Service Personnel, for which PNGC is poorly placed to interact or to progress alone, as historical trends are proving clearly.	Raised 14 Mar 23 Update 20 Apr 23, but no clarity as yet

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4. Chairman's comments (DD)
 - a. New MW Commandant at end May 23.
 - b. BGA trying to encourage women into gliding – Yvonne Elliott seeks to visit at some point.
5. Estates (TW/DH)
 - a. Shelterit visited MW this week: site surveyed and marked. Joe Li & contractors to start groundwork in May; hangar to be erected in June.
 - b. SI is progressing the CCTV installation, hopefully complete by end of May. It will have remote monitoring available to SI, CFI + a couple of others.
 - c. Fence around LPG tank pending – action TW / work party will be required idc.
6. Planning & Events (DH)
 - a. Sisteron exped was very successful. Discus has returned, Duo D returns 23rd.
 - b. Summer Course – 16 students – MW & Upavon
 - c. DH suggested that it would be appropriate to start a schools visit programme, targeting Salisbury/Andover secondary schools. Action: DH/BW to discuss.
 - d. MG course: subject to a/c availability, this should go ahead w/c 24 July at Lee-on-Solent.
7. Safety (NS)
 - a. No Safety Incidents in the period, and no concerns have arisen. Thanks to all members & instructors for the professionalism evidenced.
 - b. The updated Risk Assessments have been signed off. The Chairman has asked we keep a hardcopy at the launchpoint. It's 110-pages long - does anyone have access to a bulk-printing facility?
 - c. 'Flying Suitability and Young People' policy. Ongoing monitoring.... no issues.
 - d. BW attended BGA regional safety mtg on 16 Apr. A synopsis will be produced shortly.
8. Air Ops, Training (TW)
 - a. NS has stepped up to be Deputy CFI in Nobby Noble's absence.
 - b. Instructor situation is not ideal with Lee Allinson, SH frequently unable to attend, and Ben Bennett retiring shortly; however Guy Jarvis has returned to the instructor cadre. TW is only instructor with aerobatics & cloud flying instruction ticket.
 - c. CFI v keen to push X-C flying this summer. TC has volunteered to do training in the Duo Discus & a number of people are keen to experience/learn.
 - d. Sutton Bank exped may not be feasible on safety grounds unless an instructor is available.
 - e. MG is serviceable and we need to maximise its use this year.
 - f. Weekend courses for Service Personnel are our life-blood and we need to ensure these take place. We need to capitalise on interest at the RN 'Freshers Fair' – action JM.
 - g. TW to contact Matt Kent at MW re flying opportunities for Army NCOs.
 - h. Club K-21s.
 - i. Wyvern have requested a K-21 for each GFN week. This will be done by aero-tows – commencing Sunday 7 May.
 - ii. Lasham have requested a K-21 for use during the week.
 - i. CFI will request the Puchacz from HGC, which is currently at Upavon, to increase spinning training/currency.
9. Air Engineering (SH)
 - a. 3 x K-21, Astir, Discus and Duo all 's'.
 - b. MG & Tug both 's'.
 - c. Astir FLARM needs to show correct registration – action JS: COMPLETE
 - d. SH to stock-take on tyres and tubes next week.
10. Ground Equipment (SG)
 - a. Parachutes. Currently we have only 9 parachutes for 10 club glider seats. DH/TW to pursue opportunities to purchase 1 or 2 new or second-hand chutes.
 - b. Both winches are 's'.

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- c. SG has fitted a new master relay to the bus generator but the fault with the safety cut-out circuit is still intermittent.

11. Membership (JC)

- a. JC briefed the membership numbers.
- b. GLIDEX software updated. Discrepancies in G-FUGG hours (Hobbs meter) vs GLIDEX to be resolved.
- c. Debtors list includes trailer fees outstanding; these will be due on 1st May.

12. Finance (JS)

- a. Treasurer briefed the accounts which had been provided by email.

13. Admin (SI)

- a. SI has sent out a summary of Trial Flight customers. We are keen to gather data on how these people 'find' PNGC, therefore BI flight booking now incorporates a 'where did you hear about us?' section.
- b. 'Fit to Fly' statement is now on the website, to be confirmed by customer before booking.
- c. Frame constructed for solar panel on Briefing Room – to be shipped up to MW in 10 days or so. Si aiming to have CCTV system running by end of May.

14. Branding, Marketing & Website (EM)

- a. Social media/advertising to support campaign for women in gliding.
- b. Enquiries from public via social media have been increasing – all contacts passed on to JC- one has joined.
- c. Material aimed at Service Personnel is ready for printing, pending any name-change, and will be circulated to committee members before going to print.

15. AOB

- a. TC has purchased x2 electronic G-meters for LPV.
- b. JM raised the subject of coaching grants.

16. DONM 1930 on Thursday 8 June.

Barney Wainwright
Hon Sec PNGC