

PNGC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Thursday 8 June 2023

Minutes

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
David Howells	Site Manager	DH
Kevin Hills	Tugmaster	KH
Tom Chapman	Junior member	TC
Jonny Mion	AT Course Rep	JM
Emre Mutlu	Branding & Marketing	EM

1. Apologies NS, SI, SG, TC
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Outstanding Actions

Date	Item	Action	Update
8/6/23	Social Programme	SG/JC SH	Summer BBQ planned for 22 July 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 Chris Parvin will be asked to lead on practical training.
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 8/6/23

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.	17 May 23. DD & MW met Pres and Chair RNGSA, who declined to take the issue further. Pres RN Gliding clarified that he has no formal role in gliding.
New Issue. RNHQ wants PNGC to change its Articles of Association (AOA) which is the formal construct of the business entity under which PNGC operates as both a company and a registered charity. Its reason is that it is now 'too busy' to attend the specified 2 hours per annum. This opposes Charity Commission initial rejection of PNGC on	Actions: 1. MW to investigate pro bono legal support or Tem funding to act as they seek 2. MW to investigate the other formal ex officio post holders (FAA and Area)	no progress yet no progress yet

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grounds of insufficient direct Service management involvement, and then approval only on grounds of including four Service ex officio management posts.		
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.	17 May 23. Pres RN Gliding stated he had received a response from MOD Centre about differences in funding methods, saying that each Service can act separately and differently. Follow up: seek copy of the response for formal records and independent audit to justify the additional annual financial cost to PNGC (currently ca £3300 pa)
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 further progress.

4. Matters Arising

- a. A summer BBQ was discussed and 22 July agreed upon. TW nominated SI & SG to lead.
- b. Chris Parvin to be requested to lead on Dyneema splice training.

5. Chairman's comments

(DD)

- a. PNGC has very much to stand on its own with further decreased interest from all but one of the RN *ex-officio* Directors and Trustees, and the recruiting section also having specifically and very firmly detached itself from RN gliding.
- b. The funding position set by the Land HQ, means that PNGC must pay increased commercial 'rent' charges when the proportion of Service membership declines. Civilian recruitment needs to be driven forward harder, but RN recruitment even more so. The less percentage proportion of Service personnel the more the rent that is payable.
- c. Safety lapses remain largest threat to our existence. We cannot be complacent and should be enforcing rules and standards in as professional a manner as possible.

6. Estates

(TW/DH)

- a. TW met with DIO/MW staff. Holmlea Cottage will be demolished due to it's delapidated state. However PNGC now has permission to tap into power/water. To be progressed by SSE through Paul Carder, self-help for trenches etc.
- b. Hangar progress slowed by Joe Li's temporary unavailability but hoping for footings in 2 weeks' time followed by concrete. 1 month later the hangar can be erected. ISOs to be moved, fittings welded by SpecFabs, then vehicle shelter roof erected by members.
- c. Aiming to have a proper 'opening ceremony' with full PR.
- d. Thanks to those who did the grass cutting recently.
- e. CCTV is now functional. Action if intrusion detected is a 999 call to Hampshire Police.

7. Planning & Events

(DH)

- a. 1 July Collingwood open day – Discus
- b. 1 July – Wallop Wings & Wheels. BGA Sim to be transported fm Southdown GC & to Shuttleworth o/c.
- c. Summer Course students – HCAP x8, FAAOA x ? – winch only & Grob.

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- d. MG course with FUG & NA w/c 24 July at Lee on Solent. TW to push for the course at MW in 2024. Rich Croker i/c. BW to ask CO SULTAN to present at end-of-course.
POST-MTG Note: CO SULTAN has been asked but is not available.

8. Safety

(NS)

- a. Generally quiet period, various safety comms issued as normal.
- b. ZZ taxiing incident on 27 May:
 - i. Discussed with CFI, Chairman, pilot concerned & others
 - ii. BGA Incident form raised and acknowledged by BGA Safety Chair, likely NFA.
 - iii. AAIB contacted. They intend to record a summary line only, and have advised the DAIB (Defence AIB).
 - iv. Short summary sent to Instructors, and other club power-flying members.
 - v. Obviously other follow-on actions are in hand with Tony, Jay, Kevin & others.
 - vi. BW has raised a DASOR.
- c. Dis (&DI2s) reminded that filling in the occurrence log should always be done at the time.
- d. Rigging is strongly in focus at BGA. People involved in this crucial task must not let themselves be distracted. Positive checks are mandatory.

9. Air Ops, Training

(TW)

- a. Sutton Bank exped to go ahead
- b. 3 x BIs have completed ASCat training seminar. TW to lead on training. Barry Elliot to be used for examining JM and the others.
- c. MW Airfield management now responsible for Keevil, operating drones and Apache.
- d. Navy Weekend courses must be restarted to keep service membership numbers up.

10. Air Engineering

(SH)

- a. K-21 LPV was weighed and returned with Spinning Certificate. Ready for use.
- b. SH to provide a Defect Book in the Log Cabin.
- c. N3 has a number of defects relating to the instrument panel.

11. Ground Equipment

(SG)

- a. All vehicles serviceable.
- b. Heron Winch – one vertical roller getting stiff, requires bearing replacement.
- c. PNGC Winch is 's'.
- d. Bus may only be driven by authorised drivers.

12. Membership

(JC)

- a. JC has updated by email. The bottom line is that civilian membership is growing; we have had some new Service members but urgently need to attract more.

13. Finance

(JS)

- a. Bank balance building again after low point in the winter.

14. Branding, Marketing & Website

(EM)

- a. EM reported social media is progressing – over 8000 hits.
- b. Working with S&G magazine. Poster completed for print advertising. Banners & flyers to be designed.

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- c. Tom Li flew his first solo on 27th May at 14 years and 2 days, as the youngest ever pilot to fly solo at Middle Wallop. Needs to be put into local papers.

Chairman's remarks

- a. Portsmouth Naval Gliding Centre (PNGC) will retain its current name.
- b. Many and various possible name changes had been advanced, but none were compelling enough to support a change. Some of the reasons include:
 - o Continuity including especially at the Charity Commission and especially when the club's transition to MW is not yet completed.
 - o Clear and simple association with Portsmouth Naval region at a time when the club badly needs more RN military membership. HMS Sultan remains part of PNGC's footprint, and is crucial to maintenance and servicing aspects of PNGC's gliding operations.
 - o Current and future capital spending support from Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RN&RMC) and associated charities.
 - o Naval focus to distinguish clearly from AGC interests in the MW area, especially when Land HQ has suggested no need for another GC in the area.
 - o A suggested possible title of RNGC could confuse with RNGSA, HGC and SGC, which are separate entities.
- c. In the course of consulting, some feedback was received that the club's logo was 'too fiddly' and too hard to read especially as the logos are often small in size when reproduced either on paper or clothing. This is for the club (MC) to initiate any design change and stands separately from any RN 'branding,' although it can be placed adjacent as set out in RN service branding guidelines.

15. AOB

- a. SULTAN open day – signing up members unnecessarily delayed. We need to do better at COLLINGWOOD if possible.
- b. Members bringing guests to fly must ensure they are at the club for the day in order to help. Guests should join the flying list at the bottom when they arrive.(Trial flights have a booked slot).
- c. For the time being while ZZ is unserviceable, Trial Lessons will consist of up to 3 winch launches and a maximum of 30 minutes or a 30 minute flight in the motorglider, subject to conditions and availability.

16. DONM Wed 26 July at 7pm via Teams.

Barney Wainwright
Hon Sec PNGC