

PNGC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday 26 July 2023

Minutes

Committee Members		
Name	Role	Initials
David Durston	Chairman	DD
Tony World	CFI/General Manager	TW
Jay Stewart	Treasurer	JS
Barney Wainwright	Hon Secretary	BW
Neil Shaw	Safety Officer/DCFI	NS
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 SG, KH
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. To be pursued with incoming admin at MW
1/11/22	Clearance of SULTAN old MT Office	DH	Half completed

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.	19 Jul 23: RNGSA identified a suitable candidate (tbc) to cover Portsmouth local area and FAA ex officio roles; RNGSA line is 'all of one voice' between Temeraire and RNGSA
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 grounds of insufficient direct Service management involvement, and then	Actions: 1. Martin Westwood (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)	AoA draft proposal for minor amendment within the Charity Commission guidelines for Service inputs to be published to the Board approval. Target date 1 Oct 23

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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.	PNGC looks likely to have to 'live with' the financial demands of Land HQ, recognising that these appear to be at difference with RN regs. Pres RN Gliding declined to respond further. The attempts to address satisfies the fiduciary care obligations of Trustees to maximise (financial) benefits to the purposes and beneficiaries of the PNGC Trust.
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.	No RNGSA plan for increased recruitment effort yet seen, but PNGC will continue to support establishment presentation days (Freshers Fairs, Families Days, etc) wherever possible, including support of Heron GC).

4. Matters Arising

a. Nil.

5. Chairman's comments

(DD)

Nothing of additional significance to announce (NB remarks about change of Command at the end of these Minutes). Safety remains of paramount importance not 'only' to preserve life, limb and hard-earned assets, but also for our reputation, acceptance and the accommodation of us within Middle Wallop and its Army Command.

6. Estates

(TW/DH)

a. Ground works still awaited – TW chasing Shelterit for agreement to the plan.

7. Planning & Events

(DH)

- a. 1 July Collingwood open day and Wallop Wings & Wheels. Both events very successful. Many thanks to those who took part.
- b. Summer Course 19-25 Aug: students – HCAP x8, FAAOA x 8 – winch only & Grob. Joining Instructions being sent shortly.
- c. MG course with FUG & NA currently running at Lee on Solent.

8. Safety

(NS)

- a. No further comeback from any authority on ZZ incident reporting. Tony will cover repair status.
- b. New Incident logged for 480 wheels-up landing on 17 June. No significant damage. Reminders to instructors NOT to give a late call if observed, and to all to remember pre-circuit check.
- c. Sundry topical comms forwarded to members.
- d. New Risk Assessment #29 published - and signed off - relating to Static Displays.
- e. Combining CSO role with dual-DCFI position, without conflict, and to positive club effect.

9. Air Ops, Training

(TW)

- a. Weather has impacted several days recently but there has been a good turn-out on the days we have flown. There have been sensible restrictions applied to early solo pilots during the days when there has been a considerable crosswind.
- b. MW DAM is to be re-read annually and new Risk Assessments to be read and signed for.

10. Air Engineering

(SH)

- a. All aircraft currently serviceable.
- b. SH recommended using Miles Bailey for future ARC/Annual inspections.

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- c. Aircraft with a flat tyre should not be left that way for any length of time as the outer tyres then get damaged. TW made the point that spare tubes should be kept centrally unless a glider is going away. SH to arrange a suitably secure cupboard
- d. SH to provide a Defect Book in the Log Cabin.
- e. ZZ has been dismantled, engine at Chris Adams workshop, airframe at E-4. Currently being investigated for preparation of estimates.

11. Ground Equipment

(SG)

- a. Mazda has a problem with starting – to be investigated.
- b. PNGC winch needs to be used to keep it serviceable.
- c. From the flying reports we're getting an increasing number of cable breaks on the dyneema. If they aren't due to friction from crossed cabled etc. then it looks like the dyneema may be near the end of its usable life and we need to think about replacing it. If all the breaks are in the same sort of area, then we could chop that section out and splice in a new one, rather than replacing the whole run.
- d. The bus generator is back up and running. Despite a fault which was fixed, it kept stopping, due to the gas tank being very low. Can the DIs please make sure the tank is topped up every weekend. The gauge is unreliable so the only sure way to know the tank is full is to try filling it. If the generator starts cutting out again the first action is to check for red lights on the control box, the second is to fill the gas tank no matter what the gauge reads.
- e. The domestic hot water heater has been fixed by Mick. BZ.
- f. Weak link carriers and other bits are on order to make up some more winch strops. SG must be informed of any break that isn't fixed, rather than them just being dumped in a corner and forgotten about.
- g. The polished trim on the right side of the bus, under the driver's window is falling off. It just needs pop riveting back on. SG won't be able to fix until September, but another member could do this maybe?

12. Membership

(JC)

- a. Due to some IT issues, recent application emails have been going to the Junk file – including the RN motorglider course. JC to take up with SI.

13. Finance

(JS)

- a. Bank balance showing a modest gain over this time last year.
- b. Various outstanding invoices to be chased/cleared including WGC/Army AT for loan of K-21s.

14. Admin.

(SI)

- a. Sportability flights booked for 6 to 7 persons for the 20th August. Sportability is a charitable organisation which provides sport and challenging pursuits for people with paralysis. These can be both civilians and service people.
- b. Glider Experience Flight for Army Air Corps Veterans Association. 6 people booked to fly on 3 Sept.
- c. CCTV cameras fully up and running. The alarm system has been proved, being set off by club members.
- d. Setup glider battery charging facility, but the current setup is not sufficient to support the charging of the glider batteries. We would have to get additional solar panels and a second car battery before it would work. As we will be getting mains power to the briefing room, this project has been cancelled.
- e. Additional training record cards have been printed and are now in the log cabin.
- f. Additional glider certificates have been printed and are now in the log cabin.
- g. Club BBQ was set for last Saturday 22 July, but was rained off. Suggest waiting until possibly the end of August.

15. Media & Comms

(EM)

- a. Created display materials such as banners, flags etc for events like Wheels and Wings, HMS Collingwood.

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- b. Poster is awaiting approval from Jonny to get printed. Keen to get it printed and display at local places such as Army Flying Museum, local shops and public spaces in Stockbridge as well as HMS Sultan.
- c. Redesigned and updated the flight booking page on the website. It is in line with the rest of the website and branding now.
- d. Continued engagement with public and service personnel on social media and events. Received several inquiries from Wheels & Wings. One junior member willing to visit and join as soon as it's feasible.
- e. Liaising with printed local media to promote the club and member's stories. Tom Li story been sent to local newspapers such as Hampshire Chronicles and Salisbury Journal – expecting the story to be published soon.
- f. Continued contribution and presence on S&G magazine. Been in discussions for Pilot Profile section to further promote Tom Li story and the club.

Chairman's remarks

- a. Deputy Cmdt, Lt Col Stuart Hughes will be leaving MW shortly and has been an ally. MW has a new Commandant – Col Brendan Shaw. DD & TW to call on him in next few weeks.
- b. PNGC Summer course running shortly – being at Upavon it is right under the scrutiny of the Army and therefore absolutely vital that all conduct themselves in a manner beyond reproach; including especially among students throughout all of their time with PNGC including socially. In the event of any complaint or social incident, there would be unlikely to be any fair and balanced hearing, if patterns directed at higher command levels at other establishments were to be followed.

16. AOB

- a. When power and water are available, they will be supplied to Briefing Room and toilet block, then to the hangar and LPG tank in due course.

17. DONM Tuesday 26 Sept at 7pm via Teams.

Barney Wainwright
Hon Sec PNGC