

PNGC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday 8th November 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
Nobby Noble	DCFI	NN
Neil Shaw	Safety Officer	NS
Jim Chapman	Membership	JC
Siggi Ingasson	Admin/Website	SI
Sam Hepburn	A/C Maintenance	SH
*** Vacant ***	Ground Maintenance	
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 received from: DD, NS, NN, SI, SH, EM
2. The minutes of last meeting were agreed.
3. Matters Arising – Nil.
4. Governance Issues – no changes reported from previous minutes.
5. Estates (TW/DH)
 - a. Shelterit have now erected the hangar framework and are returning to complete from 9 Nov to complete by the end of 12 Nov.
 - b. Electrical fusebox installation and connection by EDF is now due 10 Nov. On completion, TW, Joe Li to install power cables around the site, between ISO, Briefing Room, Hangar etc, and lay water pipes soon afterwards.
 - c. When the ISOs have been moved into position the MT shelter installation can be done in stages.
 - d. New hangar dolly has been manufactured and is currently being galvanised.
 - e. CFI expressed thanks to RLB and Mike Cormacey for keeping the grass down this year.
 - f. All gliders to be removed from Hangar 1 and returned to the grass parking areas on Fri 10 Nov.
6. Planning & Events (DH)
 - a. The Annual Meeting will be held on 25 Nov in the clubhouse at 1630/1700 on completion of flying. The trophies listed in PNGC Rules Part 1, Section 8, will be presented (except the Goodhart Trophy which was presented at the Inter-Services Competition.)
 - b. Current holders are to return their trophies to either TW or JC, ASAP.
 - c. There will be a short winter shutdown from 19 Dec until late January, dates tbc.
 - d. Joint RN/Army Sisteron Exped 5-20 April 24.
 - e. PNGC (RN) MG Course in July 24, dates tbc.
 - f. JM to investigate opportunities for RN X-C weekends.
 - g. JM to investigate possibilities for RN/Club exped in 2024.
 - h. Summer course will be 17-23 Aug 2024.
7. Safety (NS)
 - a. BI flights being 3x winch rather than 1 x aerotow is putting pressure on instructor, glider and launch availability resources.

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8. Air Ops, Training (TW)
 - a. Training: 3 candidates for AsCat, to be trained in house by TW/external FICs, aiming to complete before the soaring season. Also 1 BI candidate (Nick English).
 - b. NN requires a flight with BGA RE to qualify as FIC.
 - c. MGIR Examiner to be booked for JM (Part 1 & NN Part 2) plus TMG ratings for 2-3 members.

9. Air Engineering (SH)
 - a. Members will be required to assist with aircraft deep maintenance in the hangar at SULTAN. SH to coordinate.
 - b. Gliders will be maintained sequentially during the winter, and taken away one at a time for ARC & Annual inspections.
 - c. ZZ update: engine repairs progressing well; fuselage assessment/repairs underway. Forecast completion remains early spring.
 - d. FUG has 44 hours remaining and ARC due in Jan24, to be completed at MW hangar.

10. Ground Equipment (SG)
 - a. The CFI proposed a vote of thanks to SG for his many years of hard work on ground equipment, a role he has now relinquished.
 - b. Ant Stone and Mick Monson are both actively supporting the maintenance plan.
 - c. Chris Parvin has taken over as Winchmaster with RLB assisting where required.
 - d. Heron winch is u/s until new rollers held by TW are fitted.
 - e. PNGC winch also requires attention to the roller support spring.
 - f. TW to order a new tyre for the K21 wing dolly; wing dolly to be adjusted.

11. Membership (JC)
 - a. From 1 Jan 2024, the new annual membership rates will be as follows:
 - **Civilian members.** £160 for 1st year. From the 2nd year onwards, it will be £320 which, as previously, can be discounted by £4 per hour for work done for the benefit of the club. This will be capped at 40 hours (ie a minimum fee of £160 will always be payable). Hours worked should be reported to the Membership Secretary.
 - **Military members.** Fee will remain £120 but no discount can be applied.
 - b. Glidex will be updated to reflect the above.
 - c. Military membership is now at 63.6%.
 - d. There will be a pause on new civilian memberships until the instructor cadre has been enlarged, and thereafter it will remain restricted to match military member intake.
 - e. New Members 'induction' package is half complete – ACTION:JC

12. Finance (JS)
 - a. Last month we had the independent inspection of accounts for the last financial year (ended 31 Aug 23). Despite the continued expenditure throughout the year on improving facilities at Middle Wallop, we were able to turn a small profit, which includes allowance for insurance costs which have recently been agreed with our broker.
 - b. In this new FY, there has already been considerable capital expenditure on the hangar project and related works, leaving a much-reduced bank balance of £20k.
 - c. Bids for grant funding iaw the PNGC 5-year plan have been submitted to the RNGSA Secretary. However, due to MOD resource pressures most of these may remain unrealised.

13. Admin.
 - a. SI has retrieved the projector from storage.

14. Media & Comms (EM)
 - a. EM reports he has:

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- Continued engagement via social media and publications including S&G magazine.
- Printed A4 & A3 size posters for promotion in the local area. Will hang these at local sites such as Army Flying Museum, local shops and public spaces in Stockbridge as well as HMS Sultan upon my return in December.
- Shot time-lapse footage of the hangar build. Waiting for completion of the construction to make a video.

15. AOB

- a. **Volunteers are needed** to help refitting blinds in the Briefing room and with other tasks. Contact Jim Chapman 07973 655048.

16. DONM

- a. Wednesday 3rd January 24 at 7pm via Teams.
- b. **Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday 25th Nov at the PNGC Briefing Room, Middle Wallop, on completion of flying, nominally at 5pm.**

Note: this will be rescheduled if flying is cancelled due to adverse weather.

Barney Wainwright

Hon Sec PNGC

8 November 2023.