

1st May 2023 Committee Meeting on Zoom



Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chair
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Jan Kelly (M0LZS) – Treasurer
Rod Angel
Nicholas Ashley
Chris Flux
Damiano Cirielli
Mike Reaney

Members : Terry Slack (G4ANW)
Adrian Johnson (M0NOD)

1. Apologies for absence: None
2. Minutes of the last meeting: Rod thought there was some action regarding the library and after clarification that it was data cards from Practical Wireless, the minutes were proposed by Rod, seconded by Jan, and agreed.
 - a. Matters arising: None
3. Managers' Reports

Treasurer's report – Jan Kelly

The budget and forecast spreadsheets had previously been circulated. To date, 28 members had re-joined including 8 associates. Rod suggested that it was only necessary to have a simple balance sheet plus the forecast each month.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

A report was shown online. The issue with the IW repeater had skewed the figures as people were looking for info. There were peaks Mondays and Thursdays, more on desktop v. mobile with some Mac. users. Having put the 'for sale' in the front resulted in more spam. Figures were expected to be more normal next month.

Communications – Nick Ashley

The next article for Radcom is due 21st May. Four articles to write: Spring, summer, autumn and winter. Suggestions given for current feature. Need to build up relationship with Radcom.

Training – Mike Reaney

Mike gave a quick update regarding the training provided by Dave Downer. He also mentioned that the RSGB offer downloadable posters advertising Amateur Radio and proposed he would get them put up in the Island libraries.



Compliance – Rod Angel

Rod outlined his program for producing documents covering privacy and GDPR policy plus a radio operating policy. There was some discussion about expanding the radio operating policy to include simple instructions for our Club radio's.

Events – Chris Flux

Marconi Day was discussed and some observation made about repeating it, or something similar, again. The IoW Scout JOTA event is due to take place at Corf Camp on May 20th/22nd Oct and Chris is beginning to prepare for our contribution.

A number of other "on the air"s and contests were discussed and it was realised that this list forms the basis of our forthcoming events calendar. It was agreed to consider the list and discuss it further.

SC provided the following comprehensive list of radio events

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php>

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

Damiano has created a list of all the donated equipment and has added estimated selling prices and his plan is to firstly calibrate our RF power meter and then set about testing the equipment prior to it being offered for sale.

The Committee agreed with Damiano's proposal that the his equipment list should be made available to the Committee via Dropbox so that the expected updates could be tracked and managed. Also that there should be an equipment borrowing register on the website.

The Chairman then took the opportunity to outline his incoming thoughts and proposals:-

The Club needs to re-locate to more suitable premises given our growth etc

Committee members were reminded that the ToR's were devised for the efficient running of the Committee.

That the £2k on deposit should be progressively increased to £3k.

AOB

It was suggested that we should receive some "training" regarding the accounts and forecasts to increase our joint ownership. This was agreed and will take place at Haylands on Saturday, May 13th.

The 4m net was discussed and it was agreed to run the net monthly and use it as an opportunity to promote the Club. The other Fridays remain available for fledgling operators to have a go in a fairly gentle radio environment.

The format of the forecast to be re-jigged so that the row titles appear on the left hand side of the spreadsheet – JK to progress.

RW suggested that a message be added to our website landing page extending a welcome to summer visiting Amateurs – SC to progress

RA had previously agreed to contact the Editor of Practical Wireless to seek access to and permission to add their series of InfoCards to our website – RA to progress.

RW suggested that we should recognize on our website the silent keys for their equipment that has come our way, a kind of “in memoriam” – SC to progress



RW suggested that in addition to our budget we keep a register of our equipment and its value (an asset register) and an additional register of equipment we intend to sell plus its value (a stock list). This would then give us a complete view of the Club worth – Damiano to progress.

The Newbury Rally (Sunday June 25th) would be an ideal opportunity to sell our stock equipment. Whilst this would pre-date our local equipment sale (Saturday 1st July) overall we should sell more at hopefully a better price. RW agreed to look into the cost of a pitch etc.

Date of the next formal Committee meeting – Sunday 4th June at 18:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 2nd May 2023