

6th Nov 2023 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30



Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chair
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Jan Kelly (M0LZS) – Treasurer
Mike Reaney (M0IES)
Damiano Cirielli (M1NCR)

Guests: John Navin M7OPD; Joly Menhinick G6RTE; Bill Appleton KF4MCG; Peter Scovell G1PRX.

1. Apologies for absence: Rod Angel and Chris Flux.
2. Minutes of the last meeting: already circulated with no comments, accepted as true.
 - a. Matters arising: previous actions completed and discharged. Outstanding and new actions shown below.
3. Managers' Reports

Treasurer's report – Jan Kelly

The budget and forecast spreadsheets had previously been updated and circulated – the finances are in good shape.

RW reported that there are 71 members.

SC has now integrated Direct Debit payment into our website.

The balance in the Bucks BS account has been added to the monthly accounts summary.

Some adjustments to the forecast sheet were discussed and agreed; the purchase of a replacement PSU, a 4m transceiver and audio/video recording were added or relocated in the forecast.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC reported a fairly static set of web site figures.

Interest in the Islander 3 has appeared in the web stats with 137 downloads of info offered in the Islander Support Zone.

Communications – unfilled role due to NA's resignation to take up a sea post.

RW agreed to be the Committee contact with Jolly, now in post as Press Officer.

Training – Mike Reaney

Pete Wheeler in training has just passed his Foundation Exam, congratulations. He is going on immediately to the Intermediate level. The plan is to introduce him to actual QSOs in the Clubhouse asap.

MR has been in contact with the Essex Radio Club who are conducting a survey into the take up of the RSGB Brickworks Development Program. The feeling seems to be that there is little interest and hopefully the Essex Survey will indicate why. There was some discussion about our Buddying/Mentoring offering which was considered potentially helpful to those who might request it.

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA was involved with an alternative Club Committee meeting but had sent in some notes that the Committee had read and noted.

Events – Chris Flux

CF was responding a a work situation and was therefore unable to offer a report.

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

DC proposed that to speed up the purchase of equipment a simple show of hands on the WhatsApp Committee account could be used – it was agreed.

DC has assembled an inventory of the Club's equipment **and will (a) create a loan book where Members can borrow the Clubs equipment and (b) add values to any significant item so we have an overall Club asset value.**

It was noted that there are still 2 pieces of capital equipment available for sale. **SC agreed to look into setting up a Club account on ebay.**

Previous AOB:-

Further attempts to offering our hobby into Ryde School have fallen on deaf ears.

New AOB:-

The Christmas lunch was discussed and **JK agreed to find out what Saturday lunchtimes were available at the 8 Bells.**

Talks were discussed and 5 were identified. **A suitable program to be assembled and put on the Club events calendar; RW and SC.**

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

Next informal meeting – Saturday 25th Nov. morning coffee at the Lounge

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 7th Nov 2023

Banking summary:-**2023 - 2024****{1/5 to 31/10}****Receipts**

Weekly Collections	524.95
Subscriptions	1,725.62
Donations	3
Web shop	126.36
Equipment	3,150.07
Interest	0
<i>Total</i>	5,530

Payments

Miscellaneous	207.43
RSGB	0
Rent	1130
Equipment	88
Website	0
Web Sales	51.6
Zoom	143.88
Bank / Building Soc.	1,500
<i>Total</i>	3,120.91

Balance 2,409.09Opening Balance **1,777.25**Closing Balance **4,186.34**

Santander a/c	4,151.34
Cash in hand	35
Bucks B/Soc a/c	3,511.65
GRAND TOTAL	7,697.99

Rod Angel's sent in report:-

- Please can we make sure that the whole committee understands, and agrees, where we are financially: what we have, what we've spent, and what we intend to spend. The how-goes-it graph is beginning to look more credible and better managed now, but it's still a 'work-in-progress'. We'll need this to be quite polished when we start applying for grant funding.
- I am mindful that I still have an action to prepare the local radio ad. We started developing the design for that before I went on holiday, and agreed to actually make it when both Steve and I were back. Now that we are, that will be a job for the coming month.
- Something else that should start rolling out now is Scout Morse buzzer construction. John Early was going to put a schedule together for up to 15 sessions. We'll need a couple or three club members to help with each session.
- Lastly, news of a forthcoming RAeS lecture that might be of interest to club members:
"From Biggin Hill to D-Day - A Very Secret Radio War", another of Tim Wander's amazingly well-researched talks. This one will be at the IOW College, starting at 6.00pm on 14 December. Club members would be most welcome.