

3rd December 2023 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30

Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chair
Jan Kelly (M0LZS) – Treasurer
Mike Reaney (M0IES)
Chris Flux (G7IVF)

Guests: None

- Apologies for absence: Rod Angel, Roger Wilkins and Damiano Cirelli.
- Minutes of the last meeting: already circulated with no comments, accepted as true.
 - Matters arising: None
- Managers' Reports

Treasurer's report – Jan Kelly

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

The agreed purchases that were made of the PSU and the camera have been made but there is still an outstanding value for both the drawers which FM wishes to have and the cost of a ferry to visit the mainland.

The club is in a relatively healthy position and its likely that we will have a surplus which can be added into the savings account.

SC also asked that the cost of the rent in the forecast was changed to match its actual value.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC reported a fairly static set of web site figures once the spike from the islander 3 section is removed.

He also showed a comparison against the same period last year which shows a 33% increase of traffic which indicates that we are moving in the right direction and attracting new users.

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

A draft press release was looked at by the committee and agreed was suitable.

Training – Mike Reaney

There are 2 people now in training for the intermediate licence, both of whom are doing well and are expected to pass. There are currently no Foundation licence pupils.

Compliance – Rod Angel

There was no report from compliance.

Events – Chris Flux

The 4M net went well with the new radio and reports were good. CF also reported on the results of the SSB contest which the club had taken part in. The club came 78th out of 221 in the overall scores which the committee agreed was actually a good result for the first effort. SC suggested that for the next contest it might be a good idea to put up an

80M dipole for it to give us some good NVIS and a dedicated antenna.

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

There was no report from Facilities

New AOB:-

The Christmas lunch information has been sent off and there will be 20 in total including 4 from overseas from the north island.

The Needles Marconi award will have a radio station setup and will be attended by SC, RW and John Navin who has kindly donated the use of his van to transport the gazebo and equipment.

Date of the next formal Committee meeting – Sunday 7th January 2024 at 18:30 via Zoom.

Next informal meeting – There isn't one planned this year

Steve Cownley – Chair - 4th December 2023