

3rd Mar 2024 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30



Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chair
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Jan Kelly (M0LZS) – Treasurer
Rod Angel (G4ZUP)
Chris Flux (G7IVF)
Damiano Cirielli (M1NCR)

Onlookers: John Navin (M7OPD), Pete Wade (2E1PHW), Chris Westlotorn (M7DDY)

- Apologies for absence: Mike Reaney
- 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 and accepted.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the following items should be purchased:-

an HF vertical aerial for the new operating pod	£100
a new soldering iron for the test & repair bench	£100
six headphones for the CW battleships trainer	£100
a garden locker for external storage	£400
a one-off donation to GB3IW	£300

There is also scope for transferring additional funds into the Club stash to be agreed at the next Committee meeting.

RW reported that we have 74 members.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC reported a fairly static set of web site figures except for one day showing an increase in hits, interesting but of little concern.

Communications – unfilled role.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the post should be mothballed until a suitable candidate joins the Club. In the meantime, communications will be spread amongst the Committee members as required.

Training – Mike Reaney

MR had sent in a summary of the training activity *"2 candidates in Foundation training and 2 in Intermediate training. DD and MR are reading all that is available to be able to switch to new syllabus when needed. The new syllabus exams start first of September 2024 barring any delays."*

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA gave a brief summary re a possible revision to our GDPR Policy may be required in the near future.

Events – Chris Flux

CF advised the Committee about various contest opportunities starting with the next 80m CW contest on 10th March followed by the 80m SSB contest on 28th March.

Other events include Parks-on-the-Air and CF had suggested Newtown as a likely location. Further investigation ongoing.

Marconi Day was discussed - it's still a few months away.

The contents of the Field Box was discussed and it was agreed to review its contents and update as required.

The petrol generator has yet to be tested and JN (M7OPD) agreed to start it up.

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

There was some discussion about the new HF operating pod to be set up based on an existing transceiver and ATU plus the new HF vertical agreed in the budget.

DC pointed out that he had had a preliminary review of the contents of the Field Box and also reminded the Committee about the need for some additional (external) storage, also now in the budget.

AOB:-

The recent survey of the Membership regarding the proposed change to an alternative Club night has closed indicating Wednesday as the preferred choice. The was agreed that there should be a formal vote as part of the forthcoming AGM on the proposal which may include retaining Friday night in a secondary, shack only capacity.

The AGM was discussed and the date fixed for Friday 19th of April. In line with the Constitution, all the associated papers must reach the Membership by 19th March.

It was understood that JK will be standing down as Treasurer and SC reported Mark Mearns willingness to take up the post. The Committee thanked JK for her contribution throughout the period of change to the Club.

RA to prepare all the papers for sending out on March 18th.

[SC later confirmed that Sheila Robinson has agreed to audit the accounts.]

After some discussion in SC's absence, it was agreed that the Club should make a one-off donation to the GB3IW fund to support the prolonged relocation and setup costs.

The next talk will be on 29th March when SC will offer an insight into some of the digital modes now available.

RA had proposed a trip to the RAF comms museum which is due to close and also to the museum of military intelligence, up one day, back the next. 6 to 8 people have expressed interest and RA will obtain some possible dates.

Date of the next formal Committee meeting – Sunday 14th April at 18:30 via Zoom.

There will be an informal meeting on Thursday 18th March, 10:30 at The Lounge to finally check the docs for the AGM and stuff the outbound envelopes.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 5th Mar 2024

Club finance summary - up to the end of Feb 24

2023 - 2024 **(1/5 to 29/2)**

Receipts £

Weekly Collections	831.25
Subscriptions	1,761.62
Donations	3
Web shop	185.04
Equipment	3,205.57
Interest	77.22
<i>Total</i>	<u>6,063.70</u>

Payments £

Miscellaneous	253.22
RSGB	61
Rent	1490
Equipment (incl. PSU, tuner, camera)	1,116.64
Website	75.31
Web Sales	105.4
Zoom	143.88
Bank / Building Soc.	1,500
<i>Total</i>	<u>4,745.45</u>

Balance 1,318.21

Opening Balance **1,777.25**
Closing Balance **3,095.50**

Santander a/c 3,018.28
Cash in hand 0
Bucks B/Soc a/c 3,588.87
TOTAL **6,607.15**
Assets (estimated,
Including unsold items) **9,225**

GRAND TOTAL £ 15,832.15