

30th June 2024 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30



Present: Steve Cownley (2E0RQD) – Chair
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP)
Mike Reaney (M0IES)
Chris Flux (G7IVF)
Damiano Cirelli (M1NCR)

Apologies: Mark Mearns (M0LXQ) - Treasurer.

Onlookers: John Navin (M7OPD) Alan Ash (G3PZB), Jolyon Menhinick (G6RTE),
Bill Appleton (KF4MCG), Chris Westlorn (M7DDY).

- Minutes of the last meeting; previously circulated with no comments, accepted as true.
- Matters arising: none

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns

RW & MM have been into Santander to begin the required changes to the account signatories and were sent away to contact Santander's business account centre in Bootle. RW filled in the 14 page form, obtained the supporting documents and posted it to Bootle. RW to progress.

RW reported that we have 70 confirmed members, 6 confirmed resignations and 16 yet to pay. RW will send out an e-mail to all yet to pay Members reminding them that Membership renewal is due by the end of July.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

Little to report - a slight drop in website traffic considered to be seasonal.

Communications – unfilled role.

SC agreed to contact Jolyon Menhinick (G6RTE) to see if his circumstances have eased sufficiently for him to re-consider a partial role in Communications.

Training – Mike Reaney

MR reported one candidate ready for the Intermediate test plus two possible Foundation candidates.

Compliance – Rod Angel

Lizzie Clothier, the Club's safeguarding officer, has not yet renewed her membership. It was decided that Lizzie could remain our safeguarding officer even if not a Member, assuming she is willing. RA to approach Lizzie to clarify the possibilities.

Events – Chris Flux

The post-event signoff of the risk assessment and lessons learned docs for Marconi Day is still outstanding. To be signed off at Friday 5th Club meeting. CF then took the Committee through the calendar of events:-

- The 80m ssb contest continues.
- IOTA - 28th July, the Club will not be participating. However it was agreed that RW would write to NADARS as the host Club to offer them a BBQ on the Saturday night - e-mail subsequently sent, no response yet.
- Bembridge Lifeboat - 24th Aug, the Club to support/participate as previous.
- ROTA - 28th/29th Sept, the Club to participate as previous.
- JOTA - 19th/20th Oct, the Club to participate as previous.

CF agreed to create a spreadsheet of possible/probable events to go on the website.

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

DC reported that the PSU was fixed. It was agreed to buy an all-band HF vertical to support the proposed entry level HF station - subsequently purchased.

There was some discussion about setting up a link between GB3IW and the repeater close to Bill Appleton in California to support cross-member QSO's.

AOB:-

Paul Whitelock's book of remembrances for presentation to Diane; SC is progressing.

Wednesday evenings have begun and will run for several more weeks to assess the demand. Haylands were informed of Wednesday evenings and have told us they want an additional payment. This contradicts our understanding that in return for clearing out the cabin, the Club could have exclusive 24x7 access at no extra cost. However, no record or witness to this agreement can be found. It was agreed to see what the demand for Wednesday evenings is like over the next few weeks and then seek a conversation with Haylands.

eQSL cards were discussed and it was agreed to progress a design. RW to assemble a set of criteria.

The Isle of Wight Science Fair is all day on Thursday 18th July and the Club has agreed to take part. SC to progress. It was noted that the RSGB has a "What is Amateur Radio" video.

Date of the next formal Committee meeting – Sunday 28th July at 18:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 5th July 2024

Club finance summary - up to the end of May 24, unavailable