

## 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30



Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chair  
Mark Mearns (M0LXQ) - Treasurer  
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary  
Rod Angel (G4ZUP)  
Chris Flux (G7IVF)  
Damiano Cirelli (M1NCR)

Apologies: Mike Reaney (M0IES0).

Onlookers: John Navin (M7OPD), Bill Appleton (KF4MCG), Milton Garb (N6MG).

- Minutes of the last meeting; previously circulated with no comments, accepted as true.
- Matters arising: none
- The Committee welcomed Milton Gard, N6MG, a new Associate Member from California.

### **Managers' Reports:-**

#### **Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns**

MM reported that access to the Santander account has improved and that we have £3371 in the current account.

The budget was briefly discussed and individual items would be dealt with under their section headings.

#### **Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley**

The stats remain static with an indication of a slight upwards drift..

#### **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. Joly has gone to sea so he has not yet been approached. RA agreed to write a piece for RadCom re our presence at Cowes Enterprise College Science Fair and the BBQ held for the Newbury Radio Club IOTA squad.

#### **Training – Mike Reaney**

MR reported by email that they have one foundation candidate in training using both Haylands based tuition and their Google Classroom facility. The new RSGB training manuals have been published and have attracted a lot of criticism and suggestions for improvement.

## **Compliance – Rod Angel**

Lizzie Clothier, the Club's safeguarding officer, has not yet renewed her membership. RA is still trying to make contact with Lizzie to clarify the possibilities

## **Events – Chris Flux**

The post-event signoff of the risk assessment and lessons learned docs for Marconi Day were signed off at the Friday 5th July Club meeting.

CF then took the Committee through the calendar of events:-

- The 80m contest results were good for the Club, us being 13th overall, pretty good for our first attempt. The next series begins in September where we will use CW and Data as well as SSB.
- IOTA - 28th July, the Club did not participate. However we did provide the NADARS IOTA squad with a BBQ on the Saturday night that was well received. Some useful contacts made and it was good to see how a well-practiced Club sets up its operation.
- 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, some additional clarification is required from the Scouts.

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

RW updated the Committee on a decision reached at a recent Kitchen Cabinet meeting that the risk assessment/paperwork/individual event management process will be condensed until the Membership numbers grow to a level that will support the full Governance process. So (a) all the paperwork will be kept inside the Committee and (b) the previously required Activity Leader will be scaled back to at least one Committee Member being in attendance at each event.

It is hoped that as the event organisation stays inside the Committee, the Membership will see events as being less formal and therefore more attractive, more spontaneous and more fun.

## **Facilities – Damiano Cirelli**

It was reported that John Navin has generously spent time installing the pole for the, now purchased, HF vertical. Our thanks to John. The next step is to cut and terminate the feeder and then install the aerial on its pole, RW and RA to organise.

A monthly link between GB3IW and the repeater close to Bill Appleton in California to support cross-member QSO's has now been agreed at both ends with a start date of Aug 10th.

DC agreed to recommend a shed, a VNA, 5 headphones and 1 headset for purchase by SC on the Club card.

SC has still to contact Haylands management to clarify our tenure.

**AOB:-**

RW reported that we had 77 Members, 7 confirmed resignations and 15 yet to pay that makes 55 paid-up Members. The renewal cutoff date is 31st July. There will be no further communication with those yet to renew.

Our attendance at Cowes Enterprise College Science Fair provided a contact with the IoW Aviation Museum at Sandown Airport who are prepared to give the Club a talk on Black Knight and the Prospero satellite in return for a talk from us. The likely date will be some time in October. There was a request from Bill Appleton that the talk be made available on Zoom for non-attendees. It was agreed to commission this capability.

There has been no progress on the Bembridge Fort opportunity, RA to chase up. *[Post-Meeting Note: Contact re-established with Tim Wander re possible use of Bembridge Fort. Now work-in-progress.]*

Also, SC agreed to look for an ideal radio location for a Bembridge/Sandown satellite repeater slaved off GB3IW. Pete Wade to be approached as part of this activity.

The Clarke pump-up mast has been offered for sale to the Friday Membership and the offer will be extended to the full Membership. The associated pump has been confirmed as being owned by the Club.

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

*There has been a proposal to run a monthly Saturday HF net to replace the previous poorly attended Wednesday shack night. Actual details to be agreed after discussions with the Membership.*

**Date of the next formal Committee meeting** – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 18:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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