

30th Sep 2024 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30



Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chair
Mark Mearns (M0LXQ) - Treasurer
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP)
Damiano Cirelli (M1NCR)
Mike Reaney (M0IES)

Apologies: Mike Reaney (M0IES), and Chris Flux (G7IVF)

Onlookers: John Navin (M7OPD), Bill Appleton (KF4MCG), Bob Koscinski (KO4DXQ), George Powell (2E0IYO)

- Minutes of the last meeting; previously circulated and with one minor correction, accepted as true.
- Matters arising: none

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns

MM reported that there have been no big changes to our finances and we have £3232.27 in the Santander current account.

The Haylands payment is due.

The situation with Santander remains unhelpful; MM can only get into the account by pretending to be SC and the two people we wanted removed from accessing the account are still there.

RW reported that the current membership stands up one at 58.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC took the Committee through the website stats that are following last year's seasonal trend. The average dwell time is now 2m 4secs down from last months 3m 16secs.

Communications – unfilled role.

The prospect of Jolyon Menhinick (G6RTE) re-considering a partial role in communications is unlikely due to health issues. The Committee offered their best wishes to Joly for a timely recovery.

RA submitted two pieces to RadCom re our contribution at the Cowes Enterprise College Science Fair and the BBQ held for the Newbury Radio Club IOTA squad. RadCom confirm receipt but no sign of publication.

Training – Mike Reaney

MR reported by email that they have one foundation candidate and one intermediate candidates in training plus their support of a Member who is self-training for the Full License.

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA has started a GDPR policy.

RA is to write a new Strategy document for consideration by the Committee.

Events – Chris Flux

The IoW JOTA event has been cancelled. However John Earley (M7EJI) who represent the IoW Scouts had emailed the Committee with a proposal to run a cut down version of the Corf Camp event asking if the Club could help. The Committee voted to support the event, but subsequent checking with JE indicated that he had arrangements organised and in place, so no help required.

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

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

DC agreed to identify a 7' x 5' shed with base so that SC could place the order and arrange delivery. The site requires further preparation and SC will approach Haylands to see if they have any helpful/available resources.

DC is looking to improve the component storage capability.

DC pointed out that the Club has a number of PSU's too feeble to drive a transceiver, so surplus to requirement. After a short discussion, they will be offered to John Navin.

AOB:-

The IoW Aviation Museum at Sandown Airport has agreed to give the Club a talk on Black Knight and the Prospero satellite on Oct 11th.

The Sandown repeater should be operational on Oct 2nd.

Haylands - a recent email (19th Sept) from Jo Freeman, the Accounts Officer at Haylands has changed our understanding of our tenure. We pay for one meeting in the Club shack and get the free use of the main hall. Any further meetings at the shack must be paid for. Our occasional presence beyond Friday evenings does not constitute a meeting, but that leaves a grey area. SC to further clarify.

Marconi Net - a recent message from Bill Appleton (KF4MCG) suggested a change to the Nov and Dec dates for the Net. The Committee agreed that the Nov date should be re-scheduled to Nov 16th and the Dec date cancelled.

After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed to start a Club project that would build and operate a station capable of using the QO-100 geostationary satellite.

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.

RW suggested that articles published by Members in recognised journals should be featured on the website.

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

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 2nd Oct 2024