

6th Jan 2025 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30



Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chairman
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP)
Damiano Cirelli (M1NCR)
Chris Flux (G7IVF)

Onlookers: None

Apologies: Mark Mearns, Mike Reaney

- Minutes of the last meeting; previously circulated, approved as true.
- Matters arising: none

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns

No Report from MM due to his work related absence.
SC advised the Committee that Jan Kelly was now off the Club debit card and MM was now on it. The issue with the Santander account is still outstanding, but SC expected to make some progress this week.
RW reported that the current membership stands at 69.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC took the Committee through the website stats that declined due to the Christmas period. SC requested a flow of material for inclusion to the Club website.
The average dwell time is now 1m 52secs, down from November's 2m 17secs.

Communications – unfilled role.

John Earley has sent an email to several members regarding a Scout Communications Badge event being held on Feb 4th in Cowes. He is asking if the Club would support the session with some radio demonstrations. The Committee agreed. The basic risk register was considered as covering this activity.

Training – Mike Reaney

MR sent in a training report that was read out by RW. The headlines were Vaughan Barber is now M7VBZ, 3 members working towards their intermediate exams and several non-members are being encouraged to take the foundation training.

Compliance – Rod Angel

Nothing to report.

Events – Chris Flux

SC updated the Committee regarding forthcoming events.

The 80 + 40m contest begins on 18th Jan from 13:00 to 17:00.

The RSGB 80m contest series re-starts on 3rd Feb.

The POTA activity was discussed again regarding a demonstration session at the Club and an off-site session at Fort Victoria in February.

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

RA reported the situation for clearing and prep'ing the ground for the shed using Community Service people through the Island's Probation Service. A suitable work gang leader has been identified, a materials list to be drawn up and obtained by the Club. The shed base to be finished by the end of January.

RA is fabricating two support brackets for the ATU, to be installed by the end of January.

DC updated the Committee regarding the geosat Club project - he now has all the materials for the receive part except some cables and a tripod dish mount. The system is expected to receive its first signals in early February.

AOB:-

AOB carried over - *Haylands* - the Committee agreed to close this action.

AOB carried over - *e-qsq cards; RW has created a design.*

SC to help load the design onto the eQSL platform on 17th Jan Club meeting.

AOB carried over - *RW suggested that articles published by Members in recognised journals should be featured on the website. SC to receive appropriate information.*

AOB carried over - *The Committee had agreed to start a Club project that would build and operate a station capable of using the QO-100 geostationary satellite. This action is moved to the Facilities section of the minutes.*

AOB carried over - *the Heckington Initiative - published in the Nov 2024 RadCom, it describes how the Heckington & District Radio Group successfully met the challenge of attracting younger members. It was agreed that we should give positive consideration to adopting the Heckington methods via an ad-hoc Committee Meeting still to be arranged.*

AOB carried over - *the recent JOTA at Corf Camp reminded the Committee of an earlier plan to permanently install aerials at Corf Camp. The committee agreed to close this action.*

AOB - Bembridge Fort; this facility is now owned by an IoW interest group headed by Tim Wander. The Committee has expressed an interest in installing radio equipment at the Fort. SC will be visiting the Fort with Tim Wander on Jan 9th to discuss the possibilities.

The Repeater Group plan is to move GB3IW from Newport Golf Club to Bembridge Fort and to move G3RQD from Sandown Airport out to Alum

Bay. SC showed the Committee various coverage predictions that looked very encouraging.

Date of the next formal Committee meeting – Sunday 2nd February at 18:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 7th Jan 2025