

1st Jun 2025 Committee Meeting on Zoom at 18.30



Present: Steve Cownley (M0RQD) – Chairman
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP) - Compliance
Damiano Cirelli (M1NCR) - Facilities
Chris Flux (G7IVF) - Events
Mike Reaney (M0IES) - Training

Onlookers: George Powell (2E0IYO).

Apologies: Mark Mearns (M0LXQ) - Treasurer

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

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns, absent

SC reported that the Accountant has made several changes to the way we have been recording our accounts - these are being discussed/agreed/adopted.

The new bank account proposal is that the Club opens a Community Account with Lloyds. There is a modest fee (~£5/month), but its big advantage is that the change of signatories/officers etc can be managed through the App.

We will ask Jan Kelly to close the Santander account (having first transferred the balance into the new Lloyds account).

The Bucks Building Society account needs changing and they will be approached to replace Jan with MM.

RW reported that the current membership stands at 63 with 43 renewals so far. RW agreed to email out a renewal reminder to Members who have not yet paid.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC took the Committee through the website stats.

The average dwell time is now 2m 35secs, up slightly from May's 2m 10secs.

A comparison was shown with last year's equivalent figures.

The Club merchandise pages are now open to the public.

Recent possible new members have praised our website and cited it as reason to join the Club.

Communications – unfilled role.

SC has been invited back onto Vectis Radio to deliver a regular slot; the start date to be agreed.

To support Bill Kenway as our communications person, it was agreed to copy him with the minutes.

Training – Mike Reaney

MR reported that the Training Team has 3 candidates in foundation/intermediate training plus 2 more preparing to join. In addition, 1 Member is taking his intermediate exam on June 1st. SC added that 2 more foundation candidates came into the Club on Friday for a look-see. Hopefully they will join. MR updated the Committee with likely changes to the Training Team as he will be stepping down. MR's replacement has been identified.

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA raised the Safeguarding issue - we have used the Scouts as a means to achieve qualification. However, their training program has become much more complicated and now looks untenable.

Events – Chris Flux

The recent part of the RSGB 80m SSB contest was supported by Pete Badham (G0WXJ) from his home QTH. As a result of his efforts, the Club's position has risen to 19th out of 39. The Committee noted that Pete Badham was the major participant from the Club and proposed that the Committee buys him lunch in recognition of his dedication. SC to arrange. The next part of the contest is on June 26th.

ROTA will be on Sept 27th and 28th and we shall be taking part from Haven Street station.

POTA could be supported from Fort Victoria.

We have declined the opportunity to take part in the careers event at Cowes Enterprise College as per last year due to the complications of setting up a station.

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

The shack electrics were discussed, specifically the need for an emergency mains kill switch and as a separate issue, the inclusion of a surge arrester in the mains distribution box. The Committee agreed to install both upgrades to our electrical system. RA has installed the surge arrester and will add the red button mains kill switch next week.

The geosat project is making progress - the receive side is now operational. A transmit PA has been sourced and tested. DC is progressing this.

There was some discussion about items gone missing from our food locker. The situation to be monitored.

AOB:-

IOTA - it was agreed that the Club should again host a BBQ for the NADARS IOTA squad. RW to advise them.

Date of the next Committee meeting – Sunday 6th July at 18:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 2nd June 2025