

4th Jan 2026 Committee Meeting via Zoom starting at 19.30



Present:- Steve Cownley (M0RQD) - Chairman
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP) - Compliance
Chris Flux (G7IVF) - Events
Mark Dunsford (G4DOT) - Training

Onlookers: George Powell (2E0IYO), John Navin (M7OPD), Bill Kenway (2E0WGG), Simon Ball (G2CNN) and Bob Koscinski (KO4DXQ).

Apologies: Mark Means (M0LXQ), Treasurer.

- There were insufficient Committee Members to form a quorum.
- Minutes of the last meeting; previously circulated, approved as accurate.
- Matters arising: none

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report –

SC reported that there is £1366.85 in the current accounts.
RW reported that we have 67 Members.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC reported that there has been an increase in interest in our events page.

Communications – unfilled role.

A version of the article written by RA for RadCom has been published.

Training – Mark Dunsford

MD's training policy was approved and can be uploaded onto our website.
MD reminded Committee Members that their annual risk assessment refresh is due.

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA - nothing to report.

Events – Chris Flux

LOTA was discussed. RA reported some progress from his enquiry into Trinity House regarding possible access to St Catherine's lighthouse.
The next phase of the RSGB 80m contest is on Monday, Feb 2nd. Maybe we should try the CW and Data mode sessions.
The Marconi commemorative event between The Lizard and Alum Bay is on the weekend starting Friday 23rd Jan. Special callsigns have been obtained.
The annual Marconi day is at the end of April.
The ongoing events list has been added to the Club website.

BOTA - John Navin (M7OPD has become well integrated into the UK BOTA Group and has activated numerous bunkers on the Island.

IOTA - SC proposed that we run an IOTA station this year and also provide the Newbury Club with a BBQ as in previous years.

POTA - further discussions were held.

RA has issued a radio challenge - to establish radio contact between Alum Bay beach and Luccombe Bay beach. Further discussions to be had.

Facilities –

The shack earthing is still to be upgraded.

Our QO-100 station - the equipment construction is underway and should be ready for commissioning by the end of Jan.

The lighting in the shack to be looked at regarding replacing it with lower noise lamps.

AOB:-

1. Simon Ball (G2CNN) suggested that a lot of the military radios from the old IoW Radio Museum went to the IoW Military Museum in Northwood and they might be open to the idea of the Club powering them up periodically as a demo station. Simon is continuing to investigate.
2. The AGM is on its way and RA agreed to generate the associated timetable and essentials. MM will be standing down.

Date of the next Committee meeting – Sunday 8th February at 19:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 21st Jan 2026