

8th Aug 2025 Committee Meeting at Haylands starting at 18.00



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

Onlookers: Mark Dunsford (G4DOT)

Apologies: none

- Minutes of the last meeting; previously circulated, approved as accurate.
- Matters arising: none
- Mike Reaney (M0IES, Training) resigned from the Committee and his Training role on July 17th due to personal circumstances. The Committee thanked him for his contributions and looked forward to his return to the Club when he is able.

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns

MM reported that there is £2379.55 in the current account.

The Committee agreed to move away from the Santander account due to the charges just introduced and an ongoing failure to change the signatories.

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.

The 24/25 Accounts are still with our Accountant for completion but in the meantime, the draft accounts to be made available on request.

RW reported that last year's membership closed at 64 and we now have 57.

The renewal period has now ended and RW agreed to email those now ex-Members confirming their status and requesting feedback.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC reported no significant change.

The Committee agreed to increase the prices of our merchandise because of the cost of the payment facility

Communications – unfilled role.

The Committee decided to discontinue Bill Kenway (2E)WGK as our unofficial communications person and continue looking for someone to fill the role.

Training – Mike Reaney

As recorded above, MR stepped down on July 17th as the Training Manager due to personal circumstances. In addition, he is no longer supporting Dave Downer.

Dave Downer is also stepping down and Mark Dunsford (G4DOT) has agreed to take over the training activity. Well done Mark.

Consequently, the Committee agreed to co-opt MD onto the Committee as the Training representative. MD, being at the meeting, agreed and the Committee welcomed him into their ranks.

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA raised the updating our Safeguarding issue - the Scouts route appears to be floundering, so an alternative will be looked for.

The changes to the Risk Assessment policy previously circulated by RA where accepted by the Committee.

The big linear amplifier currently under test/repair will require some guidelines to be devised regarding its usage before it is released for service.

Events – Chris Flux

CF reported that the Club came 16th out of 43 in the recent RSGB 80m SSB contest. The contest will re-start on Sept 1st.

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

Bembridge Lifeboat day (Sunday Aug 10th) will be supported by the Club.

The Flight Refueling rally (Sunday Aug 10th) will not be supported because of lack of interest.

CF agreed to resurrect and maintain a list of future events that the Club may, or may not, get involved with. The list to be lodged on the website.

Facilities – Damiano Cirelli

DC announced that he will be departing for his new job in HBlund on the 15th of Sept. DC has made a massive contribution to the Club and the Committee wishes him all the best.

The proposed improvement to the shack RF earthing is ongoing.

The emergency mains kill switch has been installed.

The geo-sat project has slowed down. However MD has assembled his own QO-100 station, so the Club could capitalise on his knowledge/experience.

A 500Hz CW filter for the entry level HF TRX has been purchased and needs installing.

DC brought two quality oscilloscopes into the Club as donations from his employer, great stuff! We now have an excellent range of test equipment.

Members are beginning to use the shack out of hours, operating their own equipment. We need some basic guidelines to cover this activity.

AOB:-

none

Date of the next Committee meeting – Sunday 7th Sept at 18:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 11th Aug 2025