

5th Oct 2025 Committee Meeting via Zoom starting at 19.30



Present:- Steve Cownley (2E0RQD) - Chairman
Mark Mearns (M0LXQ) - Treasurer
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP) - Compliance
Chris Flux (G7IVF) - Events
Mark Dunsford (G4DOT) - Training

Onlookers: George Powell (2E0IYO)

Apologies: none

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

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns

MM reported that there is £2634.59 in the current account. The accounts were reviewed. Money is now flowing into the Lloyds account.

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

The 24/25 Accounts that are still with our Accountant for completion are making progress regarding their re-formatting and sign off.

The two card payment facilities to be reassigned to the Lloyds account.

£1500 to be transferred from the Santander account to the Lloyds account.

George Powell (2E0IYO) appears to have renewed his membership twice - to be sorted out.

We have received an invoice for £100 from Haylands for damage caused to some cladding stacked in the car parking yard. The result of a brief discussion was to pay the invoice and move on.

RW reported that we now have 67 Members including Tom and Sue Morgan.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

1m 24s dwell time, down slightly. Overall results similar to last year, hence much as expected.

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

Communications – unfilled role.

Non

Training – Mark Dunsford

MD has agreed to generate some information that we can give to prospective trainees showing the way we will assist them along their path. There will be less emphasis on individual tuition replacing it with on-line learning (Bath and Essex Radio Soc's) supported by mentoring.

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA updated the Committee regarding our Safeguarding issue - an approved Scouts course is booked for the afternoon of Saturday, October 18th at the end of the first day of JOTA at Corf Camp. All Committee members are expected to attend, although MM is unable to be there due to shift patterns, but he is separately safeguarding approved elsewhere.

RA had previously distributed the framework of the outstanding Radio Operating Policy and will be progressing it.

Events – Chris Flux

ROTA was on Sept 27th and 28th - CF reported that there were 220 contacts including 25 other ROTA stations and was considered a success.

LOTA was discussed. Contacts in Trinity House to be approached to find out how much of St Catherine's might be accessible.

The next phase of the RSGB 80m contest is on Thursday, Oct 23rd. We are currently in 3rd place.

The recent Wolverton Manor fete was discussed and RW has sent an email to the organisers regarding us being there next year. No reply as yet.

JOTA is taking place on October 17th to 19th. John Early is managing the activity the Activity Leader.

Facilities –

The shack earthing has yet be upgraded.

Our QO-100 station - the equipment construction will follow the solution implemented by MD. The Committee agreed to purchase a Pluto+ SDR transceiver and a GDP disciplined oscillator. Build information has been provide to RW who will assemble the station.

AOB:-

1. We have received an enquiry from UKBOTA requesting our help in their plan to operate stations at next year's Bunkers On The Air event. The Committee agreed to chat to John Navin (2E0OPD) who has some appropriate knowledge and with his agreement, set up a Zoom meeting with Jason Dale of UKBOTA to see what we can offer.
2. The date for the "My Dad" talk was fixed as 14th November. The event to se recorded/streamed.

Date of the next Committee meeting – Sunday 9th Nov at 19:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 7th Oct 2025