

8th Feb 2026 Committee Meeting via Zoom starting at 19.30



Present:- Steve Cownley (M0RQD) - Chairman
Mark Mearns (M0LXQ) - Treasurer
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) – Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP) - Compliance
Chris Flux (G7IVF) - Events
Mark Dunsford (G4DOT) - Training
Bill Kenway (2E0WGK) - Communications

Onlookers: John Navin (M7OPD) and Bob Koscinski (KO4DXQ).

Apologies: None

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

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report –

MM had sent in a key summary; there is £1045.10 in the current accounts and Haylands rent is paid to the end of March.
SC will follow up (again) our efforts to close the Santander Club account.
SC reported that Haylands are increasing our rent from £120/month to £150/month as from April. This gives us the opportunity of getting the shack repaired as the cabin appears to have broken its back, and to get full access to the main hall. RA reminded the Committee of the pitfalls of being drawn into a formal agreement with Haylands.
RW reported that we have 67 Members.

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

SC reported that background interest in our website remains fairly constant, however there was specific additional interest regarding the recent Marconi commemorative event. The events page attracts most interest.

Communications – Bill Kenway

RA reported that RadComm had refused a well written article about the Marconi commemorative event because they required copyright, and someone else has that!.

Training – Mark Dunsford

MD's training policy can now 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 is waiting to hear from his enquiry into Trinity House regarding possible access to St Catherine's lighthouse.

The recent phase of the RSGB 80m contest was on Monday, Feb 2nd.

Overall, the Club scored 375, a creditable performance.

The next Marconi Net via GB3IW is on Saturday 14th Feb starting at 19:00.

The annual Marconi day is at the end of April.

The ongoing events list is available on 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 - interest remains ongoing.

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 has still to be upgraded, RA and JN to organise.

Our QO-100 station - the equipment construction is well underway and should be ready for commissioning shortly.

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

AOB:-

1. The AGM is on its way and RA has generated the associated timetable and essentials. MM will be standing down. The Committee agree the AGM date as Friday 24th April.
The Treasurer's role to be advertised to all Members.
2. It was noted that a planning application has been submitted to the IoW Council for a lattice mast and hf beam antenna at Tom Morgan's property in Wroxall. The application was refused at a Council meeting. It was agreed that the Club/Committee would support Tom in whatever he wants to do next.
3. Possible talks to the Members were discussed and agreed; BOTA by JN on 27th Feb., Egypt by RW on 27th Mar., QO-100 by MD/RW on 29th May and Signalling systems by RA in the Autumn.
4. The idea of an all UK Islands net on HF once a month has been re-kindled. BK agreed to research and discover/contact other UK Islands radio clubs.
5. QSL cards were discussed following a card received from ON4JL. The discussion was centred on e-qsL cards.

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

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 9th Feb 2026

[] are significant comments/actions carried over from the previous meeting.