

8th Mar 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
Bill Kenway (2E0WGK) - Communications

Onlookers: John Navin (M9OPD), Bob Koscinski (KO4DXQ), George Powell (2E0IYO).

Apologies: None

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

Managers' Reports:-

Treasurer's report –

MM reported that there is £1087.62 in the current account and Haylands rent is paid to the end of March.

SC will continue to follow up our efforts to close the Santander Club account.

Our ongoing requirement will be noted in the forthcoming AGM minutes to satisfy Santander.

SC reported that Haylands are increasing our rent from £120/month to £150/month as from April. There is some indication that Haylands are investigating the shack repairs as the cabin appears to have broken its back. It is likely that the rent increase will result in an increase in Club Membership fees - to be decided.

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 corresponding with the Iran situation.

There were no threats to our website and no planned changes.

The domain has been renewed.

Communications – Bill Kenway

BK is standing down; SC thanked him for his contribution.

Training – Mark Dunsford

MD's training policy can now be uploaded onto our website.

Compliance – Rod Angel

The Training Policy and the revised hierarchy of policies are ready for loading onto the website.

The risk assessment carried out prior to the GB125IOW event and approved locally was considered and confirmed at this meeting.

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 resulted in the Club being top of the SSB section. The next session is on March 26th.

The World Amateur Radio Day is on April 18th.

The annual Marconi day is on the 25th of April - CF to liaise with The Needles.

MOTA is coming along and we have Calbourne and Bembridge locations on the Island.

A group from Belgium is due on the Island from April 8th until May 5th, staying near Freshwater. SC proposed that we pay them a welcome visit.

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, now after the AGM.

Our QO-100 station - the equipment construction is complete. Commissioning has been held up whilst MD sets up the Pluto+ device.

AOB:-

1. The AGM is on its way and RA will re-issue the associated timetable and essentials. The Committee has agreed the AGM date as Friday 24th April. Simon Ball (G2CNN) has volunteered for the Treasurer's post. John Navin (M9OPD) has volunteered for the Events position. Trevor James (G4RFM) has shown interest in the Secretary's role.
2. Possible talks to the Members:- Egypt by RW on 27th Mar., QO-100 by MD/RW on 29th May and Signaling systems by RA in the Autumn.
3. The idea of an all UK Islands net on HF once a month has been re-kindled.
4. John Navin's video recording of his talk was praised and it was agreed to put its link in the Member's area of our website.

Date of the next Committee meeting – Sunday 19th April at 19:30 via Zoom, just prior to the AGM.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 9th Mar 2026