

9th Nov 2025 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 (2E0OPD), Julian Parfitt (M0XPJ) 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 – Mark Mearns

MM reported that there is £1626.04 in the current accounts, including £60 left in the Santander account. Letters have been prepared for Jan Kelly and Jolyon Menhinick to send to Santander to close the account, transferring the balance into the Lloyds account.

RW reported that we have 67 Members..

Webmaster's report – Steve Cownley

1m 08s dwell time, down slightly. The monthly Marconi Net seems to produce a jump in website interest. There has been some interest from South America and also from the Far East (thought to be spiders).

The Club shop software is due for renewal, \$89.00 for the year, SC to pay from the Club account.

Communications – unfilled role.

The article written by RA and submitted to RadCom looks like it will be included in their piece on the recent JOTA event.

Training – Mark Dunsford

MD presented his draft training policy which prompted some positive discussion. Committee Members are requested to comment on the draft version prior to it being adopted.

Compliance – Rod Angel

RA updated the Committee regarding our Safeguarding issue - an approved Scouts course is on offer and any Friday after 18:00 is proposed.

Work on the high power linear usage guidelines is still in progress.

Events – Chris Flux

LOTA was discussed. RA reported some progress from his enquiry into Trinity House.

The next phase of the RSGB 80m contest is on Wednesday, Nov 12th. We are currently in 3rd place in the SSB category and 11/32 in the overall table..

The RSGB 160m contest took place on Saturday Nov 8th. John Navin (2E0OPD) and Pete Badham (G0WXJ) operated in the field and SC led the shack group.

The ongoing events list to be added to the Club website.

SC wants more ad-hoc radio meets next summer.

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

CF suggested that we collect and collate the Activity Leader docs for any additional consideration.

Facilities –

The shack earthing to be upgraded on Friday 21st Nov.

Our QO-100 station - the equipment construction will follow the solution implemented by MD. RW reported that most of the materials have either been obtained or are on order. It is likely that commissioning the new kit will take place in the shack.

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. A Zoom meeting has been booked by Jason Dale of UKBOTA for Sunday Nov 16th at 18:30. SC, RW and John Navin to take part..
2. The Club Christmas lunch has been booked for Saturday Nov 29th at The Bargeman's Rest. Invitations have been emailed to all Members. Currently we have 17 places booked out of the 25 reservations. The closing date is Nov 19th.
3. Following a suggestion that our entry level HF station in the shack could be put to better use e.g. military and/or classic radios, an email was sent out to the membership to gauge the interest There were only two replies. Subsequently, 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 going to investigate.

Date of the next Committee meeting – Sunday 4th January at 19:30 via Zoom.

Roger Wilkins, Secretary 10th Nov 2025