

Minutes of the IOWRS AGM held on the evening of April 25th, 2025 at Haylands.



Present: Steve Cownley (2E0RQD) - Chairman & webmaster
Mark Mearns (M0LXQ) - Treasurer
Roger Wilkins (G8NHG) - Secretary
Rod Angel (G4ZUP) - Governance & Compliance
Mike Reaney (M0IES) - Training
Daniano Cirelli (M1NCR) - Facilities
Chris Flux (G7IVF) - Events

A total of 21 Members attended the meeting.
The meeting opened at 19:30.

Apologies for absence

John Rivers (G7MAR) & Chris Westlorton (M7DDY).

Minutes of the previous AGM

These had been previously sent to all Full Members by email. There being no comments the Minutes were accepted by the meeting as accurate.

Chairman's report - Steve Cownley

The Chairman gave his report (attached) to the meeting. Overall, the Club has prospered during the year with the shack facilities expanded and better organised and better used.

Treasurer's report – Mark Mearns

The Treasurer's provisional* report (attached) was made available to the Members just prior to the meeting. In summary; income was £3,734.84 compared to the previous year (£6,200.58) which benefited from the sale of surplus equipment. Expenditure was £5,231.39, down by £347.35. Cash was £4,454.49, down by £1,456.25 and the estimated asset value was £11,000.00, up by £1,775.00. The total value of the Club is £15,454.49, up from £15,135.74.

The provisional accounts were approved by the meeting.

The Treasurer then recommended no change to the membership fees, a proposal accepted by the meeting.

It was noted by MM that the previous treasurer, Jan Kelly was still a signatory of the Club's Santander account despite extensive attempts to correct this. Once again, it was confirmed that Jan Kelly stood down at the last AGM and should no longer be a signatory to the Santander account. Further attempts with Santander will be made to correct this. The Committee thanked Jan Kelly for her ongoing patience in this matter.

* The Chairman reported that the Club accounts had gone to the Accountants, but not yet been processed. The full audited accounts will be made available to the membership when delivered.

Secretary's report - Roger Wilkins (G8NHG)

The Secretary reported on membership numbers; 78 members at the previous AGM, 15 chose not to renew their membership, 6 resigned plus 4 new members this year

making today's membership of 61 members. The Club continues to buck the national trend, a credit to the website and an active shack.

Voting for the Webmaster and Governance posts that were up for renewal:-

51 voting papers were sent out to full and honorary Members of which 29 were returned, i.e. a 57% response.

John Navin, M7OPD kindly agreed to scrutinise the votes and reported the results as follows:-

Webmaster Steve Cownley, 2E0RQD, 29 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

Governance Rod Angel, G4ZUP, 28 for, 1 against and 0 abstentions

SC and RA therefore continue in post for three more years. The Chairman thanked the membership for contributing to the votes.

AOB

Damiano Cirelli advised the meeting that due to his employer closing their facility on the Island, he expects to leave the Club in the next three months to find work elsewhere.

John Earley (M7EJI) proposed a vote of thanks to DC for his hard work and dedication to the Club - he has made a significant difference to the shack which is now fully occupied and busy on Friday evenings. The Committee wholeheartedly endorsed the membership in their appreciation.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanks all those who attended and closed the meeting at 19:58

Roger Wilkins, Secretary, G8NHG,
1st May 2025

The Chairman's Report:-

And so another year has passed and there have been some big changes to the club. The plans we set out last year are now pretty much complete and the club house and shack are almost there.

You asked for more space in the questionnaire we sent out about 18 months ago or so and with no small amount of help from Damiano. I think we have got there.

The clubs purchase of a shed which allowed us to get the bulky gazebo, whiteboards, empty boxes and so on out of the room has meant that we now have the space to accommodate more people. The club used the local community service team, thanks to Rod for sorting that out, who provide all the workers for free which allowed us to have a concrete base for the shed built for us for just the cost of materials.

More shelving has been added to the benches for test and fix which has meant that there is now more workspace for those using the facilities along with more equipment, like proper soldering stations and scopes etc and I would like to extend my thanks to those members who have donated equipment to the club.

We now have more radio operating bays and radios all set up and ready for use. The HF radio donated to the club by MLS which is less complicated to use than the FTDX10, a request from some of the members, now has a new vertical antenna and tuner on it so that it can be used at the same time as the DX10. The removal of the stuff from the shack has meant that the DX10 has more operator space for when the club is taking part in contests but also has provides space for the satellite receiver alongside with the SDR attached to it which will become the operating station for the QO100 satellite transmitter once it has been completed.

The club has a spare TV/Monitor which we will put the Ham Clock onto so that there is information easily seen for those members using the radios and mount onto the wall. We are also looking at a way to add speakers to the radios which the other members in the shack can turn on to hear both sides of the conversation taking place while doing something else.

The CW group that Rod started has grown and is now moving out from the shack which, when less than a year ago it was just Rod and me is great news that more have seen that its worth learning and using.

We now have all the equipment needed for field days from poles, tuners and cables and so on, so that we no longer have to rely on members bringing their own equipment. Reminder that its Marconi day tomorrow and we will be at the needles by the Marconi monument. We will have the opportunity to use the fort at Bembridge in the near future and will be able to setup a permanent radio station there so that there is more opportunity to go and play radio but still have all the facilities.

And finally, on behalf of the committee I would like to express my deep thanks to the people who have donated equipment to the club from SK for us to sell, which has allowed us to not only maintain the savings which the club has while making the purchases needed to move the club on and bring it up to date, finances which Mark will talk about, but will allow us to have a nice place to operate from and the fact that we have more people in there than ever would seem to indicate that this is now the case.

The committee also want to thank Dave Downer and Mike Reaney for continuing the training which brings new people into the hobby and the club.

I would like to express my personal thanks to the committee, particularly Roger who has taken some of the workload from my shoulders and Rod who has stood up and taken the Parish news for me while I am not there and organised the work for the base of the shed while I have been dealing with my Wife's cancer and subsequent chemotherapy and so have been otherwise pre occupied.

And to all the members who turn up every week and come and use the equipment and to Pete who invariably opens the hall and locks it up every week.

Isle of Wight Radio Society Accounts

Receipts	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Weekly Collections	£787.25	£925.79	£719.36
Subscriptions	£1,413.01	£1,761.62	£1,493.50
Donations	£228.00	£3.00	£12.00
Sales	£1,298.96	£3,432.95	£1,388.72
Interest	£11.65	£77.22	£121.26
<i>Total</i>	£3,738.87	£6,200.58	£3,734.84
Payments			
Miscellaneous	£178.27	£642.66	£693.89
RSGB	£52.00	£61.00	£68.00
Rent	£1,490.00	£1,850.00	£1,440.00
Equipment	£1,935.93	£1,234.03	£2,801.76
Website	£71.86	£147.17	£71.86
Zoom	£0.00	£143.88	£155.88
Bank / Building Soc.	£2,000.00	£1,500.00	£0.00
<i>Total</i>	£5,728.06	£5,578.74	£5,231.39
<i>Balance</i>	£10.81	£621.84	-£1,496.55
Opening Balance	£3,778.09	£1,777.25	£2,399.09
Closing Balance	£1,777.25	£2,399.09	£902.54
Santander a/c	£1,741.85	£2,321.87	£744.36
Cash in hand	£35.40	£0.00	£0.00
Bucks B/Soc a/c	£2,011.65	£3,588.87	£3,710.13
TOTAL	£3,788.90	£5,910.74	£4,454.49
Estimated assets	£2,000.00	£9,225.00	£11,000.00
Grand Total	£ 5,788.90	£ 15,135.74	£ 15,454.49