

**The 75th annual general meeting of the IOMARS.**  
**19:30 hrs, Wednesday 13 December 2023**  
**Club HQ Scout Hall, Mill St, Ballasalla.**

**Committee present:** Chair – Matty Cunningham MD0MAN, Secretary – John Dowling GD0TFG, Treasurer – Stuart Hill GD0OUD, Stuart Leslie 2D0STL, Jonathan GD0BFN, Simon MD0RTZ

**Members present:** Steve GD7DUZ, David 2D0IMN, Jeannie 2D0JEA, Dave 2D0HXL, Richard GD8EXI, Dave MD1DNT, Colin MD0PHI, Gavin 2DOPEY

**Apologies:** John Martin GD4RAG, Andy Morgan GD1MIP, Keith Daniels GD5IOM, Chris Wood GD6TWF

**Silent keys:** A minutes silence was held for silent keys over the last year;  
Ralf Furness GD4IHC

**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 AGM** Approved

**Chairman's report:**

*Welcome to the 75th AGM of the IOM ARS.*

*We start this evening on a sad note with the recent loss earlier this month of Ralph Furness GD4IHC, so will hold a minutes silence in his memory.*

*1) Apologies for absence Andy Morgan GD1MIP*

*2) Minutes of the previous AGM*

*There are some copies of last years minutes in the hall, if you haven't read these, please do and let us know if there are any issues.*

*3) Chairman's report*

*We've had a few social and operating events this year - thanks to Jonathan GD0BFN for Visit to Harbours Division at the Sea Terminal, Dinner at the Hawthorn, organising the talk from Brian King on the wreck of the Racehorse at Troode and gaining permission to use the Sea Terminal building for the club to setup a station in February commemorating the first radar controlled harbour in the world.*

*Thankyou to John GD0TFG - Oscilliscopes and RTTY evening at the shack.*

*Thankyou to Simon for continuing work on the mobile shack.*

*Thankyou to Stuart GD0OUD for his hard work in trying to get a special event club call to celebrate 75years of the IOMARS, unfortunately this wasn't to be, so members with full callsigns were given permission to operate the clubs call signs.*

*I operated GT3FLH on 23cms and 2 meters for one of the VHF field days.*

*I would like to thank all of the committee members who have served the club this year.*

*As you are all now aware, we have lost the use of the facility at Tromode, so in lieu of this, I propose we could use the second Wednesday of the month here in Ballasalla for something similar - perhaps a monthly theme night, and if Jonathan can arrange it with Brian King - for him to give us his talk and slide show on diving the Mary Rose that had to be cancelled not so long ago.*

*You the club will have to decide where you want to go with this - perhaps you would prefer a different venue for a monthly meeting - if it's possible to find somewhere more central, that doesn't cost the club any more than present - that is up to you the members to drive it.*

*This year, we're not maintaining the costs of the hall due to numbers turning up and donations being made - Stuart GDOUD can enlighten you with this when he gives the treasurers report.*

*Again - to you the members - this is your club, together we'll all need to find a solution and work together if we want to keep the club going.*

**Secretary's report:** We currently have 25 members, with 2 life members Dave HOZ and Arthur GD3TNS. Our Treasurer is on hand to accept your 2024 subscriptions. We had a station at the Tractor Show at Colby and we hope to do more this year.

**Treasurer's report:** Sum at bank £3818.55, of which Repeater £672.83, net £3145.72 cash £57.81

The treasurer reiterated he will not be available for 2025

## **Election of committee for 2024**

The following members were elected: by general agreement.

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| John Dowling     | GD0TFG | Secretary |
| Stuart Hill      | GDOUD  | Treasurer |
| Matty Cunningham | MD0MAN | Member    |
| Richard Baker    | GD8EXI | Member    |

There were no other club members willing to serve on the committee

Jeannie Hill agreed to remain in post as President.

## **Any other business:**

A poll of present members confirmed continuation of Wednesday meetings

There are probably 70-odd amateurs on the IOM. We should try to get more of these into the club.

Website items eg membership forms to be upgraded.

Meeting closed 20:27