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## Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society

### Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024, held using WhatsApp.

**The Meeting opened at 19:35 GMT.**

#### **Apologies.**

None, full committee present.

#### **Secretaries Report:**

- Club insurance now due and John confirmed no insurance tax included in the cost.
- Richard has visited the partially sighted potential amateur at their home and will supply large print training material and do some 1 to 1 tuition if needed. Dave Wilson MDONKX can arrange the exam at Sight Matters in Onchan.
- Matty has responded to the 10 GHz WBFM request.

#### **Provisional numbers for upcoming events:**

- Testing night, 7
- Dinner, 12
- Science behind the new EMF exposure regulations, 7

#### **Treasurers Report:**

- Club funds                    £3,508.09
- Repeater funds            £662.83
- Total at Bank                £4,170.92
- Club cash in hand        £2.90

£120.08 club insurance about to be paid.

Membership number still stands at 29 and circulation lists updated.

#### **Plans for AGM:**

- Date confirmed as Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 19:30 GMT.
- Discussed possible constitutional change to lower quorum for committee meetings from 5 to 3. Agreed this would be put to the membership at the AGM.
- Details to go out to the membership at least 2 weeks in advance, Richard to draft agenda for committee approval.

### **Upcoming events reviewed and agreed as follows.**

- 27<sup>th</sup> November Richard, GD8EXI, Testing night
- 29<sup>th</sup> November Dinner at Creg-ny-Baa.
- 11<sup>th</sup> December AGM in Ballasalla.
- 25<sup>th</sup> December Ballasalla meeting cancelled.
- 1<sup>st</sup> January Ballasalla meeting cancelled.
- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Richard, GD8EXI, The science behind the new EMF exposure regulations.
- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Richard, GD8EXI, Test equipment for Amateur Radio.
- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Richard, GD8EXI, Site selection for VHF operation.

### **Action Points**

- Lists for dinner will be closed next week, after final call, Richard.
- Events February to March 2025 to be publicized on Facebook and our Webpage, Richard
- Details of events in 2025 to be sent to Radcom, John.
- The events except the dinner will be included in the RSGB news broadcast over the GD repeats on Sunday afternoon, John.

### **Possible Construction projects.**

- The remote antenna switching project based on the November Radcom article, the cost and difficulty probably too high, no further action.
- The PGA-103+ based 144 and 432MHz preamp project to be further investigated including just buying the premade preamps from China, which is probably cheaper than a kit. Band pass filter and relays still needs further investigation, Richard.
- Investigate a simple 10GHz WBFM transceiver project, Matty.

### **Any other business**

- Matty helping local family to sell unwanted amateur radio.
- Thanks to Gavin, the Webpages now up to date re future events and minutes for this year, except the AGM agenda yet to be approved.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

Meeting closed at 20:47 GMT.