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Isle of Man Amateur Radio Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Monday, 6th January 2025, held using WhatsApp.

The Meeting opened at 19:30GMT.

Apologies:

None

Present:

Simon MD0ZRT, Stuart GD0OUD, John GD0TFG, Richard GD8EXI, and Matty MD0MAN

Secretary's Report:

- Normal meeting format to resume from 8th January - to inform RADCOM/RSGB news.
- Richard's EMF talk at end of month, send details to RSGB before the 15th.
- Need to send out personalized e-mails thanking or reminding members to re-join.

Treasurers Report:

From Stuart, GD0OUD - 13 people paid up so far (historically not a bad figure)

- Club funds £3865.86
 - Repeater funds £662.83
 - Total at Bank £4528.69
 - Club cash in hand £2.74
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- Refund from over paid Insurance received.
 - Scout hall hire yet to be paid for.

Possible changes in Wednesday Evening meeting format:

Options:

- Keep status quo, meeting almost every Wednesday at Scout Building – few members in a large room, bad acoustics, hard chairs and not really paying for itself.
- Suggestion to contact Scouts re going to fortnightly meetings (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) - John will contact Scouts.
- Meeting on other weeks at Pub.
- To meet at a café in daytime.

Inventory of Club Equipment:

- 2020 inventory to be updated, with all equipment photographed and a new database setup including location.
- Shelves to be labelled.
- Unwanted equipment offered to membership at bring and buy sale.
- Some retained equipment available to borrow by members and listed on Club website.

Plans for IOMARS Website:

- List of what we want to change to be made.
- Committee members to do these changes themselves were possible before passing to Gavin.

Review of upcoming events:

- 29th January, Richard GD8EXI, The science behind the new EMF exposure regulations.
- Provisional date 19th February- bring & buy sale.
- 26th February, Richard GD8EXI, Test equipment for Amateur Radio.
- 26th March, Richard GD8EXI, Site selection for VHF operation.
- Possible talks for April onwards discussed.

Possible club projects:

- Preamps - antennas - Richard to look at aluminium & Stauff clamps for building antennas.

Any Other Business:

- Simon suggested a presence at Tynwald Day - Matty to ask organizers about a 'stall' – that backs up to the hedge (mitigating antenna issues) -ask about prices for a not “for profit organisation”.

Next meeting:

Monday 3rd February 2025

Meeting ended 21:13