



## Isle Of Man Amateur Radio Society

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### Minutes

**Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 held by WhatsApp  
19:30 GMT start.**

#### **Apologies:**

None, all committee members present.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Matty, MDOMAN made comment about the current online application form as a member had asked about making an online payment, it was agreed to keep the banking details off the website for security reasons, but to continue to send an email with these details to any online applicantes.

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Overall balance £4,528.64

Repeater fund £662.83

Club funds £3,865.81

Cash in hand £168.08

#### **Current members: 18 paid up.**

Need to make sure the e-mail circulation lists are updated and include the over 80s who get free membership.

#### **Possible change in Wednesday Evening meeting format:**

Options:

1. Continue as is, almost every Wednesday at the Scout Building.
2. Meet 2 times per month at the Scout Building, other Wednesdays at a Pub.

It was decided to go with option 1 until November 2025 when our agreement with the scouts renews. However, Richard suggested a monthly meeting in a pub on the 3rd

Thursday of the month so it doesn't clash with the 50MHz contest, John - suggested we can also use it to advertise the following weeks talk.

Provisional the first one being on the 20<sup>th</sup> February at the Creg-ny-Baa to see how it goes (advertise via email, Facebook & Website).

The Scout Hall will be paid for up to November 2025 by which time it should be clear how popular the pub meetings are. The membership will be consulted in early October. To see what they want to do regarding weekly / monthly meetings.

### **Inventory of Club Equipment progress and Issues.**

Richard suggested we're around halfway done with the equipment inventory, the Kenwood TS-570 has been found boxed. 50amp PSU not yet been found.

Still need to add to the inventory the contents of the two go boxes.

Committee to locate the file that lists the "on loan" equipment and forms for loaning kit out.

### **Date and plans for Bring and Buy Sale, including sale of club's surplus equipment.**

Committee agreed to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March for the Bring and Buy Sale.

Photos of surplus club equipment that will be for sale to be put on the club's Website and Facebook page.

Suggest to members to take photographs of any kit they will have for sale and put this on Facebook with a brief description or e-mail the details to the committee at [info@IOMARS.IM](mailto:info@IOMARS.IM)

Suggestions on what to do with the mobile shack trailer – it isn't being used. It will be offered to club members at the Bring & Buy sale, and if not sold advertised online to see if the club can get something for it. Important to make sure any buyer bears responsibility for its removal and safe transport off-site.

### **E-mail policy.**

The clubs e-mail policies were discussed. All committee members using either the clubs e-mail address or their own to conduct club business are asked to cc [info@iomars.im](mailto:info@iomars.im) That way the whole committee will know if an inbound email has been replied to and avoid duplication.

### **Talk to Scouts.**

Ricky Smith scout leader for Castletown Group has asked if the club can help the Scouts towards obtaining their communication badges, they meet on a Wednesday evening at Mul Na Carty (just north of Silverdale Glen, Ballasalla).

As they meet on a Wednesday evening, it has been suggested we invite them to the shack in Ballasalla Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to give them a demo / talk on some of the kit – we can set up one of the go boxes for them to get an experience of radio.

Matty to get in contact with Ricky to organize.

#### **Review of upcoming events:**

- 26<sup>th</sup> February, Richard GD8EXI, Test equipment for Amateur Radio. Richard suggested this won't be a 'talk' as such, with a suggestion of members bringing their own test equipment (Antenna Analysers, VNA, Dummy Loads, Component Testers, Oscilloscopes etc) and for members to say what they like, or don't like about their test kit.
- 26<sup>th</sup> March, Richard GD8EXI, Site selection for VHF operation.

#### **Ideas for talks for April, May and June:**

Gavin has provisionally agreed with Matty to a demo/talk on some of the datamodes such as VaraHF at some point, Matty will ask if April is a suitable date.

Gavin and Matty have also discussed a talk on 3d printing for amateur radio use, will discuss suitable date for this.

Matty to see if it's possible for someone from DHA/Comms commission to give a talk on the Tetra radio network, or possibly what happens in the Emergency Joint Control Room (EJSR)

Matty – demonstration / talk on some of the climbing kit used for mast work and short video of tower climb at Maughold – along with some photographs.

Suggestion to bring the May talk to 21<sup>st</sup> as the 2025 Pre-TT is on the Billown Circuit from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> May, TT runs 26<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June so we avoid these busy periods.

#### **Possible club projects:**

There doesn't seem to have been much interest from members in kit building, so far – Richard to arrange bringing in some tube / antenna parts / Stauff clamps with a view to some members making antennas. It will be much cheaper to bulk buy parts within the club, rather than source parts individually.

#### **Any Other Business:**

Matty suggested we resume talk-in on the GB3IM repeater network, it is advertised as talk-in on Wednesday club nights from 6.40pm, as the go boxes have grown to be rather heavy, John has agreed to hook up a handheld radio for this purpose, so we at least have some sort of 'radio presence' at a radio club.

Meeting closed at 21:12

**Next committee meeting:**

Provisionally Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025?