



## Isle Of Man Amateur Radio Society

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### Minutes

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

#### Apologies:

Matty MD0MAN secretary  
John GD0TFG treasurer

#### Secretary's Report:

Matty was unable to attend this meeting but did supply a written report.

#### The club has had correspondence about:

- The possibility of a 60m FT8 QSO with GD.
- An inquiry about a member who is unfortunately SK.
- An inquiry about an amateur on the Island who has not been a member for many years.

This correspondence was either answered directly or past on to other amateurs where more appropriate.

Applications for stalls at Tynwald Day have just gone live and the club needs to select the most appropriate site ASAP. Matty and Simon to follow up on this.

#### Treasurers Report:

In the absence of the treasurer this item will be held over till the next meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Chairman's Report:

10 amateurs attended the first modern era Creg meeting. So planning to hold a similar one at the Creg on 20<sup>th</sup> March with two possible start times, 17:00 for those wanting to eat and from 19:00 for those just wanting to come for a drink and a chat. We will poll the attendees re alternative venues.

Thanks to Gavin the Club Website now has three new sections, Equipment for Sale.

Equipment for loan and Competition Results. I added 7 items of surplus club equipment to

the “for sale” page and 4 contest certificates to the competitions page. After a bit more discussion we will start adding items to the “for loan” page.

We are now sending out monthly newsletters by e-mail, second one to be sent in the next week, after the text is approved by the committee.

#### **Inventory of Club Equipment.**

91 items now on club inventory with photos but still not quite complete. Currently 7 items priced for sale and posted on the club website. Still need to inspect, price, and advertise the club’s mobile shack.

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

##### **5<sup>th</sup> March visit from the Scouts.**

The plan for the Scout visit being two parallel streams one for listening to amateur radio and the second an informal talk about radio communications. Stuart to prepare handouts listing the phonetic alphabet, morse characters and commonly used Q codes.

##### **12<sup>th</sup> March Bring and Buy sale.**

Will post ads on Facebook as well as on our club website.

Table for club equipment and tables for members equipment to be set out.

##### **20<sup>th</sup> March meeting at the Creg 17:00 for those eating, 19:00 for those not.**

##### **26<sup>th</sup> March, Richard GD8EXI, “Site selection for VHF operation”.**

##### **30<sup>th</sup> April Testing night run by Richard GD8EXI.**

Plan to run two testing stations, one with a spectrum analyzer and scalar network analyzer and a second one for RF power measurements.

##### **21<sup>st</sup> May Operating evening. (NB one week earlier than normal because of the TT.)**

We will try an outdoor operating evening weather permitting.

##### **25<sup>th</sup> June Bob Barden talk at the Creg.**

Beginning with a meal with the speaker starting at 17:00 and the talk starting at 19:30, to be held in the upstairs room. Upstairs room to be inspected and booked.

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

There was discussion about helping our membership with additional links on our website to organizations which can meet welfare needs. e.g. sight matters, men in sheds. Also the club where possible to arrange lifts to allow more members to attend our meetings and to advertise this option on our website and in the newsletter.

Meeting closed at 20:45

#### **Next committee meeting:**

Provisionally Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.