

The Shack Mill Road Ballasalla Isle of Man IM9 2EG

Minutes of the Committee Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 held using WhatsApp starting at 19:30 BST.

**Present:** Stuart GD0OUD, Matty MD0MAN, John GD0TFG, Simon MD0RTZ and Richard GD8EXI.

**Apologies:** None

**Secretary's Report:** Only mail received was from an American amateur re broken link on IOM repeater site which will be forwarded to the repeater group.

## **Treasurers Report:**

£4281.69 Bank £557.83 Repeater fund £3723.86 Club funds £0.00 Cash in Hand

## **Chairman's Report:**

15 Bookings for the annual dinner on the 6<sup>th</sup>November at the Creg-ny-Baa Hotel.

## Membership consultation:

The results and comments from the 2025 membership consultation were discussed at length.

## **Question 1**

In a month when there is a talk at the Creg should, we have a separate drinks and chat meeting that month?

Yes 9

No 10

So, a small majority for not having an extra meeting when there is a talk. So we will go

with the majority but if we get lots of talks so a big gap between natty evenings we can still add an extra one on request.

#### **Question 2**

Which Wednesdays and Thursdays of the month would suit you best for meetings?

### Option 1

Creg last Thursday of the month and Ballasalla 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

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### **Option 2**

Creg first Thursday of the month and Ballasalla 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

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## **Option 3**

I am happy with either of the above options.

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So, everybody would be happy with option 1 so Ballasalla meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month and the Creg meeting the last Thursday of the month next year.

## Question 3/4

Which of the following would you be likely to attend at the Scout Hall in Ballasalla?

 A testing night where you can bring along your own equipment and get it tested.

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- A bring and buy sale. 3
- Please suggestion another event you would like to see held at the Scout hut or another venue. 15

So, testing night came out on top however several people said they would attend both events. So, priority to testing nights but will still have a bring and but sale at least once a year.

### **Question 5**

How do you keep in touch with club activities?

- IOMARS Website. 9
- IOMARS Facebook page. 11

- RSGB Sunday afternoon news broadcasts. 4
- Newsletters sent out by e-mail. 12
- Other 2

E-mail came out on top closely followed by Facebook. Based on this feedback we will send out more e-mails. Other feedback suggests one e-mail for each significant event e.g. talk, annual dinner and AGM, so not waiting till we have a few events as this year.

## **Question 6**

Do have any other comments or questions.

10 responses

### **Question 7**

Your Callsign (optional)

17 responses

### **Question 8**

Are you a member of the IOMARS?

- Yes 15
- No 3

## **Review of upcoming events:**

#### Autumn and winter

- IOMARS annual dinner arranged for Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>November 15 booked.
- EMC Talk from David Taylor GD4FMB. arranged for the 27<sup>th</sup>November at the Creg 19:30 start but with the option for a meal beforehand 17:00 start.
- IOMARS AGM 10<sup>th</sup> December at the Scout building in Ballasalla 19:30 GMT start. Agenda to go out before the 25<sup>th</sup>November.
- RSGB General Manager's talk from Steve Thomas M1ACB to be arranged for either late January or February 2026.
- Testing Night winter 2026.

- Bring and Buy sale spring 2026.
- Richard's Scatter talk- Aircraft, Meteor, Graves Radar and Moonbounce for spring 2026.

# **Any Other Business:**

# Plans for the next meeting:

Next meeting planned for the 1<sup>st</sup>December. Meeting closed at 20:33.