



British Amateur Television Club

Minutes of the Bi-Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 16th September, 2018

The meeting was opened at 14:07 by the Chairman, Noel Matthews G8GTZ

1 - Apologies for absence:

Received from: Richard Copeland G4PDF, Dave Mann G8ADM and Dave Cash G7MEG

2 - 2016 Bi-annual General Meeting Minutes:

No comments had been received by committee members beforehand, or made by members attending the meeting; accordingly the Minutes of the previous bi-annual AGM meeting held in 2016 were approved.

3 - Chairman's Report:

This was the final report by Noel G8GTZ (NM) as the BATC constitution forbids a person serving as Chairman for more than three consecutive terms.

NM advised the meeting that membership has increased over his time in office from approximately 800 to 1100 members; more recent gains being due to the effect of the introduction of the 'Portsdown' DATV transmitter,

NM noted that comments had been made about the term 'Honorary' being applied to any serving committee member; this is a legitimate term when applied to officers of a committee and unless there were comments from the floor, which there were none, committee members may use it at their discretion.

The new web presence was highlighted along with the new streamer facility, dxSpot.tv; GitHub the BATC Wiki and the forum with its RSS feed. Use of social media was covered as BATC has accounts with Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, where all video content is now stored.

CQ-TV content has been consistent however more content is always appreciated.

The BATC supports the ATV community in a number of wide-ranging ways: encouraging contest and activity days; a shop where hard to get parts are stocked; and the recent introduction of a bursary fund intended to promote ATV. In the background, the BATC represents the interests of ATV'ers by actively being involved with the RSGB Spectrum Forum; Ofcom; NM is also ETCC representative; and IARU liaison.

Progress with the licensing situation with repeaters was discussed, particularly with concerns about delays and future use of 23cm.

NM introduced the concept of 'Regional CATs', where in alternate years CAT meetings could

be held and run by small groups, as a local event supported by the BATC.

NM closed his report by asking members to feedback opinions on contests, video production (to avoid being too RF centric) and CAT19.

4 - Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented by Brian Summers G8GQS:

Summary accounts have been published in CQ-TV and all details were available at the meeting for members to examine if anyone wished to.

The member's shop has been trading at a surplus which had resulted in a surplus for the year; any surplus is re-invested back into the club to help to finance projects and the new bursary scheme and has helped to avoid an increase in member subscription charges.

PayPal continues to be used as the payment method for subscriptions and shop purchases; commission charges continue to be an on-cost for the club however it is a secure method for members to use.

The club's financial position is in good health, with approximately £13,200 in our account with HSBC; £32,000 with the Teachers Building Society and £6,000 with PayPal. However postage costs of CQ-TV remain an on-going concern which the committee will continue to monitor.

5 - Presentation of BATC Awards

Presentation of the awards was made by Graham Shirville, G3VZV, President of the BATC.

Grant Dixon award: Presented to Dave Crump G8GKQ for the outstanding contribution he has made to the development of DATV and RB-TV through the Portsdown project

BATC June 146 MHz Contest – 1st G8GKQ (however not eligible for the award)

Best DX 2-way 5.6 GHz Contact during IARU contest – G3NWR and GW4CBW at 154 km.

Portsdown system received at the furthest distance (any band) – G4LDR at 64 km on 24GHz

6 - Election of Committee members

No nominations had been received for prospective Committee members and no-one was proposed at the meeting

The following Committee members offered to stand for re-election:

David Crump G8GKQ; Frank Heritage M0AEU; Clive Reynolds G3GJA; Brian Summers G8GQS and Phil Crump, M0DNY who was co-opted during the year:

Henry G3REH proposed that all the above could be voted en-bloc; this seconded by Terry Bailey G6CRF and the vote taken and accepted by a show of hands with no objections;

The Chairman then proposed a vote that the persons listed above should become Committee members; this was accepted by a show of hands with no dissenters.

President:

Graham Shirville G3VZV retired from the Presidency and active involvement in the BATC; Dave Mann G8ADM was appointed as our new President

7 - Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 14:50

The floor was opened for Q&A and Heather Lomond; who advised and invited members to an ATV Day to be held in December 2018 by the Telford ARC.

Copies of the slides from the BGM and CAT18 are available here https://wiki.batc.org.uk/CAT_18 and videos are available on the BATC Youtube channel