

Minutes of BATC Zoom committee Meeting - 25 June 2025

Present: Dave Crump (Treasurer) Noel Matthews (Secretary) Tony Stone Ian Parker Phil Crump Gareth Evans Clive Reynolds Jen Easdown Brian Summers	Apologies: Martin Charman (Chair) Dave Mann (President) Frank Heritage
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Noel opened the meeting at 8pm, and Gareth agreed to chair it.

Minutes of previous committee meeting held on 23 April 2025 were agreed. The actions arising are covered below.

Finance

Lloyds Current Account:	£7832.90
PayPal:	£2676.07
Teachers BS	£35,001.78
Cash Float	£30.60

The available funds had depleted somewhat since the last Committee Meeting. This was due to it having been a heavy spending period with payment for the annual WordPress support contract, 2 bursaries and duty on products for the EU warehouse. Shop sales had also been low.

Membership

We currently have 1381 members.

Web services

No significant issues. The staging server has been rebuilt and should be activated in the first week of July; carefully managed to prevent spurious e-mails being sent to members.

Phil proposed a main server rebuild, which would require a day of downtime, sometime in the next few months.

Shop

A very quiet period for shop sales. The issue of EU stock management had still not been resolved, but efforts were ongoing.

Jen proposed that the shop should stock the Portsdown Test Equipment interface PCB designed by G0MJW to support a forthcoming CQ-TV article. Jen would liaise with G0MJW to send the right Gerbers to Noel for the next PCB order.

Bursaries

The bursaries for the GB3EN to switch to digital and the GB3PV streaming encoder had been paid. No further applications had been received.

Contests

Six entries had been received for the International Contest.

It was agreed that Clive should order trophies for presentation at CAT 25.

Publicity

No issues with social media; normal activity levels.

CQ-TV

Ian reported that there appeared to be enough articles for CQ-TV 288; it had all been sub-edited and Frank was putting it together.

Chairman and Committee

Gareth agreed to stand as Acting Chair until CAT 25. Dave would contact another potential Committee Member.

Jen proposed that a rota be drawn up for QO-100 Net Controller. Gareth would float the idea on the net for the next 2 Thursdays.

Online Safety Act

Russ G4SAQ had taken on the task of looking at what we needed to do to ensure compliance with the Online Safety Act. He would recommend further actions in addition to the recent disabling of PMs on the forum.

2025 Rally Update

27/28 June	Freidrichshafen. Dave and Benno would run a stand.
13 July	McMichael (Reading). Dave would lead, possibly assisted by Gareth and Jen.
3 August	CAT 25 Part 1 – see below.
10 August	Flight Refuelling Rally, Wimborne. Dave had booked a table.
31 August	Telford HamFest. Dave to ask David M0YDH if he would run a stand again.
5/6 September	Newark HamFest. Clive to lead. Dave available to help if no local volunteers.
12 October	Hornsea Rally. Clive to lead.
11/12 October	RSGB Convention. Noel to lead. Gareth and Dave available to help.

CAT 25 Part 1

Planning for CAT 25 part 1 was well advanced. The format would be exactly the same as CAT 24, but without the BGM. Noel agreed to set up ticketing in the BATC Shop. Tony would prepare name badges and manage entrance. Gareth, Jen and Phil would provide demonstrations. Dave would coordinate final preparation by e-mail. Set-up would commence on the Saturday afternoon.

CAT 25 Part 2

Martin had agreed to contact David and Tammy to check on hosting for Saturday 18 October. Gareth would double-check with Martin. All committee members were requested to consider who might speak. HamTV (ISS) was a potential subject.

AOB

In an effort to reduce the storage space required, Dave proposed to give away all but 5 of each previous CQ-TV issue; 5 of each would be retained for online sales. Distribution of the surplus to the NRC and the BVWS was also discussed. Given that the primary aim was to give the magazines away as publicity material, the proposal was approved.

Dates of next meetings

The annual in-person meeting would be held at CAT 25 Part 1. The next Zoom meeting would be on Wednesday 3 September at 8pm.