

**DRAFT Minutes of the BATC General Meeting  
Held at the Midland Air Museum  
on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 2pm**

**1** Apologies for absence received from Dave G8ADM and Tim G4WIM. It was noted that 52 paid up BATC members were present.

**2** The Minutes of the 2022 General Meeting were accepted unanimously as previously published. Proposed by Dave Crump, seconded Brian Summers.

**3** Martin Charman made the Chairman's report on behalf of the committee. A copy of the slides will be made available on the BATC wiki.

As part of the chairman's report, Martin announced that BATC is very pleased to award Honorary Life Membership to Brian Summers in recognition of his many years of service on the committee and as treasurer.

**4** Dave Crump gave the Treasurer's report and presentation of the accounts.

Brian Summers proposed that the previous (Committee-endorsed) policy of a very gradual reduction in the club's cash and shop stock assets be amended to a policy of maintaining the cash and shop stock assets at a constant level. The usefulness of a large reserve had been highlighted by the club's recent bulk purchase of tuners to maintain the digital ATV receive capability.

The Treasurer advised the members that this policy change would require an increase in subscriptions (and possibly shop prices) within the next year.

The motion was seconded by Justin G8YTZ and carried with 3 votes against and 5 abstentions.

**5** Award presentation

The Grant Dixon award was presented to Colin G4EML and Tom ZR6TG? For development of the PicoTuner.

Contest awards were presented as follows:

70cms ladder to David MOYDH, runner up Tony G0AZQ

5.6GHz ladder to Chris G4AYT, runner up to Dave G4ASR.

Christmas ladder contest to Ken G8VDP, runner up Graham M1ASR

Christmas repeater contest to GB3EY group

Leading UK station in 2024 IARU contest to Noel G8GTZ, runner up Dave G4FRE

## 6 Election of Committee members.

Two members of the committee will be standing down this year; Rob, G8NXG and Tim, G4WIM.

The following committee members were due for re-election and were willing to stand again:

Brian Summers, G8GQS

David Crump, G8GKQ

Frank Heritage, M0AEU

Clive Reynolds, G3GJA

Phil Crump, M0DNY

Tony, G3UIS

It was proposed to have a block vote for re-election of committee members. Proposed by Graham G3VZV and seconded by Phil G8XTW. Accepted unanimously by the meeting. The 5 members were then re-elected unanimously to the Committee.

Gareth Evans G4XAT was proposed as a new Committee Member by Noel Matthews G8GTZ and seconded by Justin G8YTZ; he was unanimously voted on to the Committee.

The meeting closed at 14:48

### **Post meeting Q+A**

Brian Summers said the BATC page on Wikipedia was out of date and was there a volunteer to update it – Tim MW0RUD volunteered.

Dave G0YDH stated that SOTA do not recognise DATV as a valid mode for contacts and asked if BATC could approach the organisers to see if this could be changed.

Albert G4DHO Proposed a vote of thanks for all the committee for the work they do for the club.

Jen G4HIZ commented that should we ever require a replacement venue for CAT meetings, VMARS use Baginton village hall for their meetings and seems to work very well.

G8GTZ and G8GKQ made the members aware that they will both retire as club officials in 2 years time.