

## Minutes of BATC Zoom committee Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>Present:</b> Martin Charman (chair) Dave Crump (Treasurer) Noel Matthews (Secretary) Rob Burn Frank Heritage Phil Crump	Clive Reynolds Tim Forrester Brian Summers  <b>Apologies</b> Dave Mann (President) Tony Stone Ian Parker
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Martin opened the meeting at 8pm.

Minutes of previous meeting held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 were agreed.

### Finance

The accounts have been examined by Tony Stone and the financial report for 2023 will appear in CQ-TV 283.

Following the purchase of the Serit NIMs the club balances are as follows.

Lloyds current account: £5,727.78

PayPal: £5,566.99

Building Society: £14,521.20

### Membership

Total Paying membership is currently 1390, a reduction from our peak of 1440 last year.

### Web services

No major problems to report – the forum software is due an update and the annual reboot of our servers will happen in the next few weeks.

### Shop

Benno PA3FBX has volunteered to run a fulfilment centre in the Netherlands. This means there will be no customs clearance required for EU orders - this will reduce the shipping time, sometimes by several weeks, and members will not have to pay any customs duty when they receive their orders.

Benno has read and understood that he must comply with the BATC GDPR policy when handling customer orders. We are currently evaluating plugins to enable us to automatically balance stock in 2 warehouses.

The Serit tuners have arrived and will be put in the shop next weekend. Price will be £54 due to the higher price of the STV0910a demodulator chip. This increase will be explained in an all members email and a note in the shop.

To try and help offset the price increase, BATC has initiated a project to replace the FTDI USB module used on the MiniTiouner PCB with a Raspberry Pi Pico. This new tuner design will be known as the PicoTuner and will not only give a significant cost reduction but will enable 2 separate channels to be received at the same time when used with the OpenTuner software developed by Tom ZR6TG. An adaptor PCB to mount the Pico on the current MiniTiouner PCB will be available from the BATC shop.

### **Bursaries**

Clive queried if the GB3EY bursary application had been received – this was resent after the meeting and will be processed by the committee.

### **Contests**

The 70cms and 5.6GHz on-line ladders need resetting. Phil was actioned to do this asap.

We have seen a very low number of entries for both the ladders and the Christmas contest – we spent some time discussing how we could increase general activity levels which we feel have been hit by a focus on QO100.

Dave informed the committee that he is no longer IARU region 1 ATV contest manager.

### **CQ-TV**

Deadline for issue 283 is March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Brian said he had received the comment that CQ-TV is very RF based. This largely because we can only print the articles we receive but we will be very happy to print articles on other aspects of TV production and technologies.

Dave currently held all the surplus CQ-TV magazines. It was agreed that he would pass one of each issue to Brian for the archive, and then offer the remaining issues up to CQ-TV 240 to anyone interested on the forum. If there was no response, he would dispose of all issues up to CQ-TV 240. Issues after CQ-TV 240 would be used as promotional material and sold as back-issues.

### **CAT24 and BGM**

The Coventry air museum has been booked for August 4<sup>th</sup>.

It was also proposed that CAT24 on-line would be held on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> subject to Dave and Tammy being available to do the production.

A formal announcement of the BGM date should be included in CQ-TV 283. Committee nominations will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Rallies**

Attendance at the following rallies is planned:

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| 14 April | Martlesham MRT = Dave and Noel           |
| 21 April | Norbreck Rally (no BATC shop) = Tony     |
| 23 June  | Newbury Rally = Phil + Dave              |
| 30 June  | Dunstable Downs Boot Sale = Dave and Rob |

14 July            McMichael Rally Reading = Rob + Dave  
11 August        Flight Refuelling Rally Wimborne = Dave and Noel and Rob  
1 September    Telford HamFest (No BATC Shop) ??  
27/28 September    Newark Hamfest = Clive + Rob  
11/13 October   RSGB Convention Milton Keynes = Noel and Phil and Gareth  
13 October        Hornsea ARC Rally (No BATC Shop) = Clive  
November        CATS Bazaar = Martin  
December        Midland MRT = Noel and Dave

It was agreed in principle that BATC should attend Friedrichshafen in 2025.

#### **AOB**

It was agreed we would welcome bursary applications to support projects using the Serit NIM.

Phil gave an update on the HamTV status and his visit next week to the ARISS conference where he present the proposal for the Digital Communication System.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.