

Minutes of BATC committee Zoom Meeting – 25th January 2023

Present: Martin Charman (chair) Dave Crump (Treasurer) Noel Matthews (Secretary) Rob Burn Phil Crump Brian Summers Frank Heritage	Clive Reynolds Ian Parker Apologies Tim Forrester Dave Mann (President)
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Dave opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

Minutes of the meeting of 20th July and August 7th 2022 were agreed.

Actions:

Paypal return URL – action completed

Shop USB modules – see below

Membership secretary

1y Cyber	280	
1y Full UK	109	
1y Full EU	34	
1y Full RoW	10	
2y Cyber	317	
2y Full UK	146	
2y Full EU	35	
2y Full RoW	18	
Repeater	83	
Honorary	18	
Special Event	16	
Complementary 2		
Lifetime	1	
Student	34	
3y Cyber	501	
Active Paid Subscriptions:		1450

It was confirmed, as per the constitution, that student membership is for under 25 year olds only.

Action Noel to update the web page

BATC shop

Royal Mail are still not accepting International post – this is affecting shop orders for overseas members.

It was noted that we only have ~ 150 Serit 4334 NIMs left in stock. Efforts are ongoing to find a replacement.

Bursaries

The BATC HD repeater development had been funded by 2 bursaries to purchase LinkPi encoders.

Action Noel to update forum

Contests

Activity levels seem to have dipped and input is welcome from committee and members with ideas to boost participation.

It was agreed we would award trophies for the following contests in 2023:

70cms and 6cms activity ladders

Leading UK station in the IARU contest

Christmas repeater and activity contests.

It was agreed we should ask RSGB news to include news of upcoming BATC activity days and contests.

Action Ian

Social media

An overall increase in users and engagements on Twitter and Facebook but see anomaly with YouTube

Twitter: Only eight users short of 1,000 followers. No moderation issues.

Facebook: 1,000 followers (probably more but once you go over 1k the numbers are more rounded) 50% in UK; 30% Europe; 10% USA and Canada; 10% Australia.

2% female 98% male; Top contributor G8YTZ Posts about activity and equipment (especially Portsdown and Ryde) get most engagement from members No moderation issues

YouTube: 795 subscribers

Most watched (still) Emily Moor TX then the archived CATs Interestingly the CAT22 viewing figures are well down on previous years (some 80%). Pretty sure this is because the individual items aren't clipped up and you are supplied with some six hours to navigate

Unrelated but good to see viewer numbers on qo100 net and HV net breaking the 50 viewers mark Agreed we should get individual talk videos of CAT22 put on Youtube.

Action Ian / Noel

Treasurer

Brian (outgoing) gave a summary of 2022. The highlights were approximately £3,000 shop surplus although sales were down on 2021 and we are holding £7.5k of stock

Dave (incoming) then took over and gave the current status summary

Lloyds (the new current account) £20,983.83

HSBC (the old current account) £124.72

PayPal £2966.03

Teachers BS £48437.42 (not including 2022 interest accrued – waiting for a statement)

Migration to new treasurer and automated system update:

Teachers BS transfer to Dave complete.

Lloyds current account set up and running. Dave now holds a debit card on the account.

It was agreed unanimously that Brian should close the HSBC by the end of January.

Paypal handover is ongoing

Quickbooks, the new automated accounted system, is running live and syncing to the Woocommerce shop.

It is proposed to put expense claim form on-line and all claims and receipts will be held on-line for 5 years.

CAT23

It was agreed CAT23 will be held on Sunday August 6th at the Coventry Air Museum from 10 – 4pm (museum closes at 6pm).

Dave to book an informal meal for up to 20 on Saturday night.

Committee meeting minutes

It was requested at CAT22 that the committee meeting minutes should be published on line – this was agreed and all minutes will be published on-line after approval by the subsequent meeting.

Action Noel to generate a webpage.

HamTV

The proposed relaunch of HamTV was discussed briefly and agreed BATC should support the implantation of the TS merger multiple receive system.

Rallies

It was agreed that BATC should attend HamRadio in Friedrischaven on a maximum of a biannual basis and so will not be attending this year.

It was confirmed Phil should go ahead with the previously agreed purchased of a gazebo for use at UK rallies.

The committee agreed that BATC will support but not organise any mini CATs that members arrange in 2023.