

Extraordinary General Meeting of the BATC

Basingstoke 7th September 2014, 1.45 pm



Committee Members Present.

Peter Blakeborough	President.
Noel Matthews	Chairman
Brian Summers	Treasurer
David Mann	Secretary
Graham Shirville	Liason
Frank Heritage	CQ-TV Editor

Apologies for absence:

David Crump	Contests and Forum	(Abroad)
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Scrutineers

Peter Blakeborough and David Remnant were chosen to count and confirm the votes.

Members voted by showing their blue members badge. This blue badge was issued to members only at registration, this is proof that the person voting is a member. White badges were issued to non members.

A short discussion was held during which Trevor Brown circulated a leaflet listing his objections to the new constitution and Henry, G3REH, stated that he believed the member's consultation period had been too short. Members were then asked to vote taking into consideration these points.

Motion: To accept the new BATC 2014 Constitution that had been previously published in CQ-TV 244 and on the BATC forum.

Members present:	51
Members in favour:	46
Members against:	3
Members abstaining:	2

The motion was therefore passed. The new BATC 2014 Constitution now applies to the General Meeting, to be held after this meeting, and henceforth.

David Mann
Secretary BATC

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The General Meeting was Chaired by Noel Matthews.

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 7th October 2012 were approved by Mike Cox and seconded by Graham Shirville.

A formal vote of thanks was given to Chris Smith, who resigned last year, for his many years in office as Technical Manager of the clubs computer system and as CQ-TV Editor.

Thanks were also expressed to Darren Storer who resigned from the committee last year due to pressure of work.

Thanks were expressed to Dave Mann for temporarily acting as editor CQ-TV 241 and 242.

David Remnant offered to manage the BATC Facebook and Twitter pages. This was accepted with thanks.

Noel gave a presentation of the BATC review including the Secretary's report.

Brian followed this with the Treasurers Report.

This report was proposed to be adopted by Roy Powers and seconded by Henry Neale. Members voted by showing their blue members badge.

Members present:	50
Members in favour:	48
Members against:	2
Members abstaining:	0

The Treasurers report was therefore accepted.

Motion of No Confidence in the BATC Committee, by Trevor Brown

Trevor Brown made a presentation of the Motion of No Confidence in the current BATC committee. He wished to replace the committee with a new committee of his choosing with him as Chairman.

Trevor questioned the validity of the voting that took place to remove him from the BATC Committee in the spring of 2013.

Trevor raised questions about the closure of BATC Ltd.
(The directors of BATC Ltd. are not on the BATC (Club) committee.)

There was also some discussion about the introduction of CQ-DATV, an on line magazine produced by Trevor Brown, Ian Pawson and others.

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Members present:	50
Members in favour:	3
Members against:	45
Members abstaining:	2

Trevor's motion was therefore rejected by a substantial majority and the current committee is retained.

Some members present asked Trevor and the current committee if they would work together in the future as conflict was bad for all of us. It was agreed that the committee would maintain contact with Trevor with a view to finding common areas where we can work together.

Committee Members up for Re-Election

Brian Summers, Graham Shirville, Dave Crump were all prepared to re-stand for election. Frank Heritage, currently a co-opted member as CQ-TV editor, was prepared to stand for election.

Members were asked if anyone present would join the BATC Committee and Clive Reynolds offered his services.

The above 5 members were elected by the members to the committee by a block vote.

BATC Membership Subscriptions

The chairman informed the meeting that the committee were considering increases in membership subscriptions and were looking for feedback.

Comments included that BATC subscriptions were too cheap compared to other organisations and there was a danger that the perceived value would become too low. It was also commented that it would not be right to increase subs when BATC held so much money in bank. The committee will discuss the topic and agree a way forward.

The meeting ended at 4.00pm

David Mann
Secretary BATC