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Dear Dave

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BRITISH VINTAGE WIRELESS SOCIETY

Representing the views of the BVWS Committee and as Chairman, I recently wrote to you setting out our position on the matters you have raised in various widely circulated emails.

I confirmed that the Committee has already accepted your offered resignation from the post of Membership Secretary and I also advised that the issue of any changes to the distribution of monies raised by various BVWS events, currently devoted solely to the British Vintage Wireless and Television Museum (BVWTM) at Dulwich, would be properly proposed and debated by the full Committee after discussions with BVWTM and other stakeholders.

Your response of 6th August, not solely to me as a reply to my letter but also widely distributed directly to members of the BVWS Committee and to various BVWTM people, contained yet more accusations, innuendo and personal attacks directed at me, at other Committee members, and other BVWS members.

I also asked you to provide us with confirmation that you do not retain any copy or information taken from the BVWS membership database – you have not provided this.

The Committee had hoped that this rather public disagreement might have been brought to a close by our outline of the process by which any possible changes to funding distribution would be debated and decided upon. Sadly, your latest communication seems to indicate that this is not the case.

Article 4.7 of our Constitution states:

“4.7 The Committee shall have the power to terminate membership of the Society for conduct deemed by it to be contrary to the spirit of the Society's objectives or likely to bring the name of the Society into disrepute. Subscriptions will not be refunded.”

Under this Article, the BVWS Committee has, by a majority vote this week, decided to terminate your membership of the BVWS immediately.

The Committee and I regret that this has to happen but we cannot allow a situation which, through the wide distribution of your accusations, has the potential to both bring the BVWS into disrepute in the wider world, and also potentially to sour our long-standing and mutually beneficial relationship with the BVWTM.