

**Inaugural General Meeting of British Top-Band Direction-Finding
Association
20 February 2000
Goring Heath Parish Hall**

Present

Steve Stone, Alan Simmons, George Whenham, Brian Bristow, Bill Pechey, Graham Phillips.

Apologies

Trevor Gage, Bob Gray. Mike Hawkins. Doreen Pechey. Graham Nicholls.

Notes of Last Meeting

The notes taken at the meeting on 23 January 2000 were distributed and agreed.

Matters Arising

It was decided that the new organisation would be called the British Top-Band Direction-Finding Association.

Revue of Draft Constitution

A draft constitution had been written by Bill Pechey. Several amendments were agreed. The document can be obtained from the secretary and will be published on the web site.

Election of Officers

The following officers were elected:

George Whenham - Chairman

Bill Pechey - Secretary

Graham Phillips - Treasurer

Auditors - Alan Simmons, Graham Nicholls.

Contest Manager - Mike Hawkins.

All were elected nem con.

Ordinary members will be co-opted later.

Trophy for National Final

It was agreed that the team coming second in the National Final should NOT qualify for the following year's Final.

It was agreed that there should be a trophy for the runner-up but it would not be engraved.

It was agreed that Bill Pechey would contact Don Beattie about the Council Trophy and ask whether it could be awarded by the new association?

It was agreed that the Derek Newman trophy should be insured against loss. It was thought that it is currently held by Phil Cunningham. It was agreed that the winner of the National Final would receive both trophies.

Subscriptions

It was agreed that the Clock fund should be transferred to the association.

It was agreed that the initial subscription be £5 for individual members and £10 for organisations.

The Secretary will produce a membership form which will be handed out at events and be placed on the web site.

Bank Account

It was resolved to open a bank account. This was proposed by George Whenham and seconded by Alan Simmons. The resolution was carried nem con. The treasurer will organise it.

Any Other Business

Trevor Gage had suggested that there should be a press officer. This was agreed but the Secretary will do the job for the moment.

It was agreed that the association should raise funds for new transmitters. There will be raffles at each contest and an annual dinner; perhaps shared with the Mid-Thames club this year. Organisers of events should be encouraged to run raffles or, perhaps, the association could arrange them separately.

The email reflector has now been set up and operates satisfactorily. There are still some people known to be interested in Top-Band DF whose email addresses are unknown. Anyone who knows the address of someone not on the reflector should send the details to the secretary (bpechey@cix.co.uk)

There has been a problem in setting up the Web site but this will be resolved soon between Bill Pechey and Chris Plummer.