

Annual General Meeting of the British Top Band DF Association

06 February 2005

Minutes

Present

Brian Bristow
George Whenham
John Champion
Doreen Pechey
Bill Pechey
Tim Parker
Geoff Foster
Steve Stone (part-time)

Apologies for Absence

Alan Simmons
Phil Arnold
Roy Emeny
Peter Lisle
Chris Plummer
Colin Merry
Rosie Merry
Graham Philips

Minutes of 2004 AGM

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

Tim reported that Peter LARBALESTIER was upset about being pressed for a membership even though he didn't take his place in the final. The rules will be clarified. It was agreed to waive his membership fees for 2004.

Election of Officers

		Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	George Whenham	John Champion	Bill Pechey
Secretary	Bill Pechey	George Whenham	John Champion
Treasurer	Tim Parker	George Whenham	Brian Bristow
Contest Manager	Vacancy		
Auditor 1	Alan Simmons	Brian Bristow	Tim Parker
Auditor 2	Roy Emeny	Brian Bristow	John Champion

A vote of thanks for Chris' work as treasurer was proposed by George and carried *nem con*.

Brian resigned as contest manager but no-one present was able to take on the job. It was agreed to try and find someone after the meeting.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Geoff for Brian's work and carried *nem con*. Geoff may be able to help with the logistics of the distribution of clocks and transmitters.

Chairman's Report

George thanked everyone for their hard work, especially Brian for getting the 2005 events arranged so quickly. Special thanks was also given to the Weston super Mare club for being so keen and running an excellent event in their first season. George added his personal thanks to Chris for his work as treasurer.

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Chris, George presented the report and accounts. The accounts had not yet been audited and contain at least one typographical error. Tim agreed to get them audited and published. He also agreed to handle the change of bank mandate.

During the general discussion of the accounts it was noted that we will need to fund some new transmitters in the next few years.

Subscriptions

It was agreed to keep the subscriptions at the current level of £10.

Amendments to rules

It was agreed that only paid-up members may qualify for and take part in the National Final. Bill agreed to check the wording in the rules and clarify if necessary.

Brian summarised the problem that occurred at Salisbury when the transmitter operator was taken ill just before the event. It was agreed to change the guidance to organisers to make it clear that the transmitter operator should inform the organiser as soon as possible if unable to run the station. It was also agreed to recommend that there should be a means, such as a mobile phone, for the operators to keep in touch with the organiser before, during and after the contest.

It was suggested by Geoff that the last person arriving at each station should, if possible, bring the clock back to the tea venue. This will allow the proceedings to finish earlier.

Bill agreed to update the guidance document as agreed above.

Events Calendar

Brian explained that the final this year would not run by any particular club but was really a joint effort.

AOB

Geoff asked if the Association would like its event reports and programme in published in RadCom? It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Geoff reported that it is likely that a new RSGB book will be written about the techniques of DF. He asked if we would like to have a section in it for top-band DF. It was agreed that we should have such a section. Geoff will see what material the RSGB has in its archives from our original 1994 DF manual.

Bill agreed to coordinate the project to convert the old cine films and video to DVD. The resulting DVDs would be sold to raise funds for the association. Bill will try to locate as much of the material as possible and will make an appeal on the email reflector.

The meeting thanked Bill and Doreen for their hospitality.