

Annual General Meeting of the British Top Band DF Association

05 February 2006

Minutes

Present

Brian Bristow
George Whenham
Doreen Pechey
Bill Pechey
Tim Parker
Alan Simmons
Steve Stone

Apologies for Absence

Phil Arnold
John Champion
Roy Emeny
Geoff Foster
Chris Plummer
Colin Merry
Rosie Merry
Dave Holland
Paul Clark
Dick Brocks

Minutes of 2005 AGM

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

The work on transferring old video s and cine film to DVD is ongoing. The loan of any original copies will be very helpful. Brian reported that Linda Gage has some old material that may be unique.

Election of Officers

The election resulted in the following appointments:

		Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	George Whenham	Doreen Pechey	Brian Bristow.
Secretary	Bill Pechey	Alan Simmons	Tim Parker.
Treasurer	Tim Parker	Brian Bristow	Steve Stone.
Contest Manager	Brian Bristow	George Whenham	Bill Pechey.
Auditor1	Alan Simmons	Brian Bristow	Doreen Pechey.
Auditor 2	Roy Emeny	Brian Bristow	George Whenham.

All were elected *nem con*.

George thanked everybody, particularly Brian, for their hard work during the year.

Chairman's Report

George expressed his optimism for the future of Top-Band DF. The decline of recent years seems to have been reversed with more clubs involved and more people taking part. Clive Hardy's forthcoming article in Monitoring Monthly should improve things even further.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and Accounts was approved *nem con*. Approval was proposed by Steve Stone and seconded by Doreen Pechey.

Over the year, the balance had increased by £140.

Steve suggested that a fund be created specifically for new transmitters, clocks etc. Whilst it was generally agreed that monies would be needed for those purposes, the allocation of funds would be unduly restrictive on the Association. The proposal was not agreed.

Subscriptions

Tim suggested that the subscription should remain at £10. He also proposed a £2 per event entry fee for non-members, which could be offset against a future subscription. Competitors paying the entry would be allowed to win any trophies but only full members would be able to qualify for the national final. The committee would still be able to make special invitations where no fee would be payable. Tim also suggested a new £5 associate membership category for those who do not wish to compete but wish to support the Association.

These proposals were accepted. The motion was proposed by Brian Bristow and seconded by George Whenham.

These changes will require amendments to the rules. Bill agreed to draft such amendments and it was agreed that the amendments could be discussed and approved by email.

Rule Changes

After a long discussion, the following changes to the rules were agreed.

Replace Rule 8 (k) with the following:

“Any competitor wishing to relinquish a qualification to compete in the National Final should notify the committee. If that notification is made before the next qualifying round then the next competitor who would have qualified in the original event will take the place. If the notification is made later, one or more extra qualifying places will be added to the last qualifying event of the season. Anyone wishing to relinquish a qualification gained on the last event should do so on the same day so that someone else may take the place.”

Add a new Rule 8 (l):

“Competitors must only use public access mechanisms to reach the hidden stations. Infringers of this rule may be disqualified. The committee will consider action if complaints are received from at least two competitors.”

Organisers should draw the attention of competitors to the new rules.

Events for 2006

Brian produced his agreed programme for the 2006 season (see the annex to these minutes for the details).

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The meeting thanked George and Jennie for their hospitality in kindly hosting the meeting.

Annex

Programme of National Events for the 2006 Season

Date	Event	Organiser
09 Apr	Qualifier No.1	Weston super Mare
07 May	Qualifier No.2	Banbury
21 May	Qualifier No.3	Colchester/Chelmsford
18 Jun	Qualifier No.4	Northampton
02 Jul	Qualifier No.5	Salisbury
23 Jul	Qualifier No.6	Manchester
13 Aug	Qualifier No.7	Torbay
03 Sep	Qualifier No.8	Swindon
24 Sep	National Final	Stratford