

British Top Band DF Association
Annual General Meeting
22 Willow Way, Princes Risborough
09 February 2014

Present: George Whenham, Tim Parker, Alan Simmons, Bill Pechey, Doreen Pechey, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, Steve Stone, Geoffrey Foster, John Mullins, Colin Boyce, Ray Goodearl, Graham Phillips, Graham Jones

Apologies for absence

Roy Emeny, Andy Collett, Chris Plummer

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

There was no information on cost of Roger's transmitters.

Tim will ask Philip Cunningham about making a DVD.

DF receivers: David Deane, G3ZOI has an 80m design that might be modifiable for 160m. There was much discussion about the best way to proceed. Several existing designs could be used or modified. Geoffrey will try to find a cheaper source of multi-turn pots and dials. A group will get together to come up with a good design.

George has some professionally-printed copies of the Handbook.

Election of Officers

George mentioned that he wanted to stand down as chairman but no one seems prepared to take over. Tim will do another year.

The following were appointed *nem con*.

Chairman – George Whenham

Secretary – Bill Pechey

Treasurer – Tim Parker

Contest Manager – Colin Merry

Auditors - Phil Cunningham and Roy Emeny were appointed in their absence.

Chairman's Report

George thanked everyone who ran events especially those where the turnouts were low. He gave special thanks to Colin Boyce for stepping in to run an event at Salisbury. He also thanked the officers for their work during the year.

David Perry of the Andover radio amateur club has offered to run an event. The event will go ahead but the Andover people will need some assistance. Colin B. volunteered to help.

Treasurer's Report

Funds diminished to £1291.66 because of catch up on web hosting and the new payment to organisers.

The accounts were accepted *nem com*.

The auditors were thanked for their work.

Subscriptions

It was agreed that the subscription should stay at £10. The "on the day" fee will also be unchanged at £2.

Events Calendar

Geoffrey reported the following assignment of dates to organisers:

Round	Date	Organiser
1	13 April	Northampton
2	11 May	Essex
3	15 June	Mid-Thames

4	13 July	Swindon
5	03 August	Andover
6	31 August	Torbay
Final	28 September	Coventry

Geoffrey will post a laminated DF calendar to everyone who has competed in recent years. He needs names and addresses.

AOB

Graham J. would like to go back to having eight events. It was agreed to try this in 2015. Colin M. will see what can be done.

Graham J. would like there to be an article published to get more people into DF. Perhaps a construction article, perhaps a report of an event.

Roy Emeny had previously raised the issue of third-party liability insurance. Investigation has shown that the associations, officers and our members are fully covered through the RSGB insurance. If a local club wants to run an event under the auspices of the association they would be covered if agreed beforehand. We should have a standard starting form with disclaimer which could be used by others clubs. Non-member operators would be given free membership for the year. The £2 day fee would also make them members for the day. All of this was agreed.

It was agreed to aim to have the AGM on the third Sunday in November. The next one will probably be 23 November 2014.

Steve agreed to provide a new laptop PC. The meeting thanked him for this.

The chairman thanked Alan and Pam for their hospitality.

Date of next year's AGM

23 November 2014 at Alan's once again. (Thanks, Alan!)