

**British Top Band DF Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**22 Willow Way, Princes Risborough**  
**02 December 2018**

Present: Alan Simmons, Bill Pechey, Roger Shepherd, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, Geoffrey Foster, John Mullins, Steve Stone.

### **Apologies for absence**

Brian Bristow, Andy Collett, Justin Snow, Tim Parker, Graham Jones, Paul Clark, Doreen Pechey, Roy Emeny, Peter Lisle.

### **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were approved. However, there was some discussion that we had agreed last year to dispense with auditors. There was no agreement on that.

### **Matters Arising**

John will contact Justin to see if an article could be arranged in Practical Wireless with the aim of getting more people into DF.

### **Election of Officers**

The following were appointed *nem con*.

Chairman – John Mullins  
Secretary – Bill Pechey  
Treasurer – Rosie Merry  
Contest Manager – Colin Merry

Auditors – Alan Simmons and Peter Lisle were appointed.

### **Chairman's Report**

Thanks to Geoffrey for looking after the logistics and to Phil for his maintenance work.

John was worried about numbers of competitors which have gone down steadily over the years. The average attendance at national events in 2018 was 8.25 teams.

Luckily, the weather was kind to us this year.

John suggested that there was actually no need to have qualifiers in each event as everyone could take part in the final. It was agreed to discuss this idea further through the year.

John thanked Pam and Alan for their kind hospitality.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The accounts were accepted *nem con* after Steve kindly audited them.

Rosie suggested that the expenses for events be increased to £20. Agreed.

### **Subscriptions**

It was agreed that the subscription should stay at £10. The “on the day” fee will remain at £2.

### **Events Calendar**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
Q1	07 April	Mid-Thames
Q2	28 April	
Q3	19 May	
Q4	09 June	
Q5	30 June	
Q6	21 July	
Q7	11 August	

Q8	01 September	
Final	15 September	

## **AOB**

Should we have eight events or six in 2019? (Suggested by Brian Bristow). It was agreed that if enough organisers can be found we should run eight events.

It was suggested that the final be extended by 30 minutes. There was no agreement on this.

Perhaps the rules could be amended to have continuous transmission from 4pm? No changes to the rules are necessary but it was agreed that we would try it for 2019.

Should we have the AGM prior to the Mid-Thames dinner on the same day? It was agreed that those involved would attempt to coordinate the events.

Steve announced that he will not be taking part in national events and will not rejoin the BTBDFA. He will, however, be happy to help out with operating.

The meeting thanked Alan and Pam for their hospitality with acclamation.

## **Date of next year's AGM**

17 November 2019 at Alan's again (Thanks Alan!)