

**British Top Band DF Association
Annual General Meeting
22 Willow Way, Princes Risborough
10 November 2019**

Present: Alan Simmons, Doreen Pechey, Bill Pechey, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, Geoffrey Foster, John Mullins, Justin Snow

Apologies for absence

Brian Bristow, Andy Collett, Chris Plummer, Tim Parker, Paul Clark, Dick Brocks, Matt Clark, Roy Emeny, Ray Goodearl, George Whenham, Graham Phillips, Roger Shepherd

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

Rosie will ask Roy to write something for Practical Wireless aimed at getting more people into the hobby.

Election of Officers

The following were appointed *nem con*.

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

The meeting thanked Colin for his years as contest manager.

Auditors – Alan Simmons and Peter Lisle were appointed.

Chairman's Report

A good year blessed with good weather. Thanks to Paul for developing new transmitters for the association. John thanked Pam and Alan for their kind hospitality.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were accepted *nem con*. We have paid Paul for two transmitters; a further two will be paid for soon.

Subscriptions

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

Events Calendar

No calendar has yet been agreed although two proposals have been made. The final calendar will be agreed soon. There was a discussion about the possibility of changing to a Saturday. It was agreed not to change from Sunday.

AOB

Getting more people into DF. More ideas needed. It was suggested that a video on YouTube would be useful.

Poor attendance at existing events. Can we do an automatic email reminder?

Should we restrict frequencies to 1900 kHz to 2000 kHz? Band plan indicates that we should.

Should we use unmanned stations to save on operators? After some discussion it was agreed not to make any change.

Should we use on-foot events as learner events? It was agreed that this idea is more suitable for local clubs, rather than the association.

Should we hold the AGM on Saturday before the Mid-Thames dinner? It was agreed to try to have the AGM on the same day as the dinner next year.

Graham has a couple of part-built sets. Colin will complete them.

The meeting thanked Alan and Pam for their hospitality.

Date of next year's AGM

To be arranged on a date in November 2020.