

British Top Band DF Association Annual General Meeting 13 December 2021

This meeting was held on-line.

Present: Alan Simmons, Doreen Pechey, Bill Pechey, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, Geoffrey Foster, Justin Snow, Chris Plummer, Paul Clark, Dick Brocks, Roy Emeny, Graham Phillips, Tim Parker

Apologies for absence

John Mullins, Brian Bristow, Andy Collett, Ray Goodearl

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

None.

Election of Officers

The following were appointed *nem con*.

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

The meeting thanked John Mullins for his work as chairman.

Auditors – Alan Simmons and Peter Lisle were appointed but, as Peter was not present, Paul offered to take on the role if Peter were unable to do it.

Chairman's Report

Sadly, no events were held in 2020 and 2021 so there was nothing of consequence to report.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were accepted *nem con*.

Subscriptions

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

However, it was agreed to extend existing subscriptions for the 2022 season. New members will pay the standard fee.

Events Calendar

Geoffrey has created a draft calendar (see below). He also suggested a reduced programme of six events depending on the level of interest. Geoffrey will ask for expressions of interest for all events in the new year. The Essex Snowman event could be the first qualifier; this matter is to be discussed between Geoffrey and the Essex group.

The meeting thanked Geoffrey for organising the calendar and for attempting to do so in the previous two years.

New Bank Account

The following resolution was agreed *nem con*:

"The Association decided that a new community account be set up with Metro Bank in the name of the British Top-Band Direction-Finding Association. The key officials are Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and each will be a signatory on the new account. Any one of those three may authorise transactions."

The following change to the constitution was agreed *nem con*:

Change:

“The association shall operate a bank account; cheques must be signed by two of the officers.”

To:

“The association shall operate a bank account; transactions may be authorised by any of the officers.”

AOB

The meeting expressed its thanks to Paul for building new transmitters and to Colin for building new sets for beginners.

Chris has two transmitters that he is prepared to donate to the association. He also has enough parts for four receivers. The meeting expressed its gratitude.

Geoffrey suggested trying to get radio clubs who run 2m events to try Top-Band. Other ideas are welcome.

Should we have more on-line meetings? It was generally agreed that better attendance can be achieved with on-line meetings. We should hold one in the spring to discuss the calendar and any effects of COVID-19 in 2022.

Bill was thanked for organising the on-line AGM and for donating the hosting for the website.

Date of next year's AGM

A provisional date of 21 November 2022 was agreed. It will probably be on-line again.

Appendix – Draft Programme for 2022

Event	Date
Q1	03 April
Q2	24 April
Q3	15 May
Q4	05 June
Q5	26 June
Q6	17 July
Q7	07 August
Q8	04 September
Final	25 September