

# Annual General Meeting of the British Top Band DF Association

## 22 February 2004

### Minutes

#### Present

Steve Stone  
Brian Bristow  
Alan Simmons  
George Whenham  
John Champion  
Doreen Pechey  
Bill Pechey

#### Apologies for Absence

Peter Lineham  
Phil Arnold  
Peter Lisle  
Chris Plummer  
Geoff Foster  
Robert Vickers

#### Minutes of 2003 AGM

The minutes were approved.

#### Matters Arising

Brian has located all the trophies.

The Northampton Radio Club is happy to run an event again this year.

#### Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2004-5 season:

		<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Second</b>
Chairman	George Whenham	Brian Bristow	John Champion
Secretary	Bill Pechey	Brian Bristow	John Champion
Treasurer	Chris Plummer	John Champion	George Whenham
Contest Manager	Brian Bristow	Bill Pechey	John Champion
Auditor 1	Alan Simmons	John Champion	George Whenham
Auditor 2	Steve Stone	John Champion	George Whenham

All were elected *nem con*.

#### Chairman's Report

George thanked everyone who ran events during the year and those who were present at the AGM. He expressed his gratitude to the organisers for producing the results and reports promptly. George also gave credit to Mike Hawkins, who has recently retired from DF, for his huge contribution to DF over the years and especially his efforts in managing the organisation of the national events. Brian Bristow was also singled out for his efforts in co-ordinating last year's events.

#### Treasurer's Report

Alan gave a report in Chris' absence. The figures are very similar to those of last year. Bill pointed out that website fees are more complex than expressed in that the domain registration fees are paid very two years but the hosting charges are annual.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

#### Subscriptions

The treasurer had suggested that each competitor should be a member of BTBDFFA.

It was decided that the current level of income was insufficient to build a reserve fund for equipment replacement. A discussion ensued about the best way to increase the income. The following decisions were made:

Only paid-up members of the Association may take part in the National Final.

The membership category of affiliated club was abolished.

There will be one subscription level of £10 per year. Non-competitors, such as team members, will be encouraged to join or make donations.

Subscriptions are due from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The secretary agreed to make the necessary changes to the constitution and rules.

### **Website**

A vote of thanks was agreed for Bill's work in maintaining the website.

Bill said that he is aiming to add an archive of past results and reports acquired from various sources. He appealed for anyone to send in any material of a historical nature. It would also be a good idea to have more constructional information on the site together with the new version of the DF Manual when it is available.

Brian suggested a virtual museum of old receivers and transmitters etc.

### **Events Calendar**

Brian thanked the Torbay group for agreeing to run the 2004 National Final. He is waiting for agreement from Banbury to run the second qualifying round. The suggested qualifying event in the Winchester area is now only conditional on the agreement of the local WI to provide the tea.

George reported that he had been contacted by Graham Jones, G3TKD, of the Weston-super-Mare club. The club has offered to run a qualifier. They already run their own local top-band events. It was agreed to offer them the last one of the season (5 September 2004) instead of Winchester.

### **AOB**

Brian has now located all of the trophies. The Derek Newman trophy should have been presented to Geoff Foster for winning the National Final in 2002. Brian will recover the trophy from Andrew Mead and arrange to present it to the current winner (Phil Cunningham).

The secretary appealed for holders of trophies to make lists of previous winners from the engravings and let him have the lists for the archives.

The secretary will tidy up the advice to organisers and put it on the website.

It was agreed to get as many of the old DF cine films transferred to DVD as we can. The aim would be to recover the costs by selling the DVDs.

The secretary reported that there had been some problems with Topica.com, the supplier of our email reflector, in that its mail servers had been included in the Spamhaus database resulting in mail sent via Topica.com to be blocked by many ISPs. The secretary has a letter that can be sent to ISPs to explain to them how the block on the reflector can be removed without affect the spam filtering.

The meeting thanked Bill and Doreen for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.