

**British Top Band DF Association
Annual General Meeting
22 Willow Way, Princes Risborough
10 February 2013**

Present: George Whenham, Tim Parker, Alan Simmons, Bill Pechey, Doreen Pechey, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, Steve Stone, Geoffrey Foster, Paul Clark, John Mullins, Colin Boyce, Dick Brocks.

Apologies for absence

Roy Emeny, Brian Bristow, Ray Goodearl, Graham Jones, Bob England, Graham Phillips, Roger Shepherd.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

Nothing.

Election of Officers

The following were appointed *nem con.*

Chairman – George Whenham

Secretary – Bill Pechey

Treasurer – Tim Parker

Contest Manager – Geoffrey Foster

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

Chairman's Report

George gave his thanks to the organisers of the events. He mentioned that some of the events were poorly attended.

Treasurer's Report

There is £1322.64 in the funds; this represents an increase of £87 over the year. There were 23 members in 2012. There was one "on-the-day" payment.

The treasurer mentioned that after considerable nagging he had just received an invoice for the last three years website hosting and domain name renewals. This is about £100.

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	21 April 2013	Torbay
2	19 May 2013	Banbury
3	16 June 2013	Manchester
4	14 July 2013	Kent
5	04 August 2013	Mid-Thames
6	01 September 2013	Echelford
Final	29 September	Northampton

Note that not all of the above are confirmed.

Geoffrey would like suggestions for the 2014 National Final. George volunteered to run it. This was accepted with alacrity.

AOB

Email reflector.

After a discussion about the problems with email reflectors, blacklisting, spam etc., it was agreed to continue using both reflectors in parallel and review the situation later.

Use of Funds

It was agreed that we need a small stock of loan receivers together with ancillary equipment (compass, map, headphones etc.). These would be used to encourage newcomers to try out DF. If they liked it they would be able to buy one of the receivers. A new (or, possibly, old) design that can be easily built is required. It was agreed to use the reflector to discuss the matter.

Another good use of funds would be to provide replacements for the transmitters and clocks. The secretary agreed to ask Roger for an estimate of the materials cost of his new transmitter and clock designs. Paul agreed to look at making a spare set of clock cards.

Geoffrey suggested that we notify local clubs when we run an event in their area. Suggested a DVD and leaflets to send to clubs. Geoffrey agreed to write the script for a video.

Because of the risks associated with running events, it was agreed to provide £15 to each event organiser to pay for prizes.

Andy Collett's Letter

In the absence of Andy, there was little discussion about the points made. However, it was agreed to change the rules so that competitors would be allowed to leave the start at 1326, which is the end of the first transmission.

DF Handbook

George showed the results of his latest revision. He has a quote of £5 each for small quantities in colour. We would use them for publicity purposes. The group thanked George for his efforts.

Other matters

It was suggested that each main DF station could have a micro nearby. The idea being that it would be required to find the micro first. This idea was not accepted because it is a complex matter and more thought was necessary.

It was agreed that we should send our events calendar and reports to RadCom. The secretary agreed to send the information at the appropriate times.

Rosie reported that OS maps could be bought at good prices from <http://www.dash4it.co.uk/>.

The meeting thanked Pam and Alan for their hospitality.

Date of next year's AGM

09 February 2014 at Alan's once again. (Thanks, Alan!)