

**British Top Band DF Association
Annual General Meeting
22 Willow Way, Princes Risborough
23 November 2014**

Present: George Whenham, Alan Simmons, Bill Pechey, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, Steve Stone, Geoffrey Foster, John Mullins, Ray Goodearl, Chris Plummer.

Apologies for absence

Tim Parker, Colin Boyce, Graham Phillips, Graham Jones, Andy Collett, Doreen Pechey, Dave Holland, Roger Shepherd.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved with the correction that Chris Plummer had sent his apologies.

Matters Arising

There was no news on the DVD project.

It was pointed out that multi-turn potentiometers and their special dials are getting very expensive. Conventional slow-motion drives are still available.

Suitable coils for the existing DF set designs can be obtained from Spectrum Communications (<http://www.spectrumcomms.co.uk/>).

A Google group will be created to facilitate a new design of DF receiver.

Election of Officers

After George and Tim had indicated previously that they wished to stand down from their posts, Steve and Rosie stepped forward to take over. As a result, the following were appointed *nem con*.

Chairman – Steve Stone
Secretary – Bill Pechey
Treasurer – Rosie Merry
Contest Manager – Colin Merry

Auditors – Tim Parker and Roy Emeny were appointed in their absence.

Chairman's Report

George thanked everyone who ran events especially the Andover club who ran their first event. Andover has indicated that it will not be able to run an event in 2015. George also thanked the officers for their work during the year.

Treasurer's Report

The funds diminished this year, largely as a result of the £15 per event contribution to organisers' expenses. Nevertheless, the level of funds is healthy.

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

Round	Date	Organiser
1	12 Apr	TBD (Kent or Banbury?)
2	03 May	Northampton
3	24 May	Mid-Thames

3	14 Jun	Essex
5	05 Jul	Weston super Mare
6	26 Jul	Manchester
7	16 Aug	Echelford
8	06 Sep	TBD (Kent or Banbury?)
Final	27 Sep	Torbay

AOB

Chris pointed out that the “Spitfire” medium-wave and top-band AM transmitter can be bought on eBay for £69.95. Unfortunately, It only runs 100 mW.

John will ask Roger about his transmitter design with a view to arriving at a good design for the future.

The chairman thanked Alan and Pam for their hospitality.

Date of next year’s AGM

22 November 2015 at Alan’s once again. (Thanks, Alan!)