

**British Top Band DF Association
Annual General Meeting
22 Willow Way, Princes Risborough
22 November 2016**

Present: Alan Simmons, Bill Pechey, Brian Bristow, Doreen Pechey, Colin Merry, Rosie Merry, George Whenham, Roy Emeny, Tim Parker, Geoffrey Foster, David Ryan, John Mullins.

In Steve's absence, Alan took the job of chairman.

Apologies for absence

Steve Stone, Graham Jones, Andy Collett, Ray Goodearl, Colin Boyce, Chris Plummer, Roger Shepherd.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved.

Matters Arising

These were covered in later agenda items.

Election of Officers

Colin and Rosie expressed a desire to give up their appointments. Geoffrey agreed to take over the distribution of the transmitters. This was acceptable to Colin and he agreed to continue. Rosie reluctantly agreed to continue as treasurer.

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.

Chairman's Report

No formal report was available – last year's report still seems appropriate.

Treasurer's Report

The accounts were accepted *nem com*.

The accounts had not been audited before the meeting but the auditors reviewed them during the meeting and found no problems. It was agreed that, in future, the accounts could be audited on-line if sufficient information was made available.

Subscriptions

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

Events Calendar

Event	Date	Organiser
Q1	23 April	
Q2	14 May	
Q3	04 June	
Q4	25 June	
Q5	09 July	
Q6	30 July	
Q7	13 August	
Q8	03 September	
Final	24 September	

AOB

- a) Four transmitter events – do we include them next year? (Roy)

Roy thinks that it is hard to get the required level of difficulty with two stations; four is somewhat easier. Geoffrey thinks we should stay with the existing scheme. A long discussion ensued. It was finally agreed to stay with the traditional two stations.

- b) Safety issues. (Steve)

Steve was concerned about competitors or operators going missing. Agreed to advise people to carry a mobile phone and a whistle. Start sheet should have the organiser's phone number.

- c) Six events next year? (Brian)

Attendance at some events was poor. Geoffrey thinks that going back to six would be another nail in the coffin of National DF. Agreed to stay with eight if the contest manager can arrange them.

- d) Geographical distribution of events. (Brian)

This was discussed but it was concluded that we usually do have a good geographical distribution.

- e) Perhaps Geoff Peck Memorial should be classed as a qualifier? (Brian)

This proposal was agreed. The event will be run on the published date of the first qualifier. For 2017, the Rosebowl will take account of a team's best six events (rather than the existing seven). This is intended to encourage people to run events.

- f) Final should be in a more central location than in 2016. (Brian)

See item k) below.

- g) Price of teas. (Brian)

Organisers should be conscious of the pricing and aim to get a private room.

- h) Should we have someone responsible for the logistics of distributing transmitters, clocks etc.?

This was handled above.

- i) Make an effort to locate the missing third transmitter. (Brian)

Investigations ongoing. Some theories were put forward.

- j) New transmitters and clocks. (Brian)

John showed his new transmitter.

Alan showed the clocks developed by Roger. Now that Phil has built a USB interface and Steve has written the software the system is complete. Thanks to all involved.

Roy suggested the idea of having a low-power, pocket-sized transmitter for emergency use. Graham has one, as does Paul Clark.

- k) Perhaps Mid-Thames should run the final on the Newbury map? (Brian)

This was agreed. Bill Pechey will be the organiser.

Agreed to remind organisers to get the start details out at least a month beforehand.

The meeting thanked Alan and Pam with acclamation for their hospitality.

Date of next year's AGM

19 November 2017 at Alan's once again. (Thanks, Alan!)