



Minutes of VHFCC Meeting

17th March 2016

Attendees: Andy Cook, G4PIQ (Notes + Chair); Roger Dixon, G4BVY; Richard Baker, GD8EXI; Ian Pawson, G0FCT; Mike Goodey, G0GJV; Pete Lindsay, G4CLA

Apologies: John Quarmby, G3XDY; Nick Totterdell, G4FAL

1. Welcome to Richard Baker, GD8EXI as a new member of VHFCC. Richard has a long history of VHF contesting and will provide good representation from the more isolated parts of the country
2. Richard was the only person to have responded to the advertisements for VHFCC posts in Rad Com and on the reflectors. Some possible people to approach were suggested on the call. **AP 1 – PIQ to approach some further candidates.**
3. There was nothing of particular urgent note to report from CSC into VHFCC, although CSC were feeling short of adjudicators especially at VHF. Adjudication guidelines for publication for HF are being worked on, and we need to do the same for VHF. **AP 2 – FCT to send draft HF adjudications onto PIQ**
AP3 – FCT, PIQ and FAL to work on a set of VHF adjudication guidelines for publication
4. How to we increase the activity levels on weekend contests from the pool of many UKAC entrants. There has been a good discussion on the VHF Contesting Facebook Group. A significant angle here has been a linkage to a club championship element and the possibility of something like a 3 hour section. We discussed the option of a 3 hour section (perhaps for a fixed timeslot – to be consulted on), perhaps with normalised scoring linking into club championship scores – either with or separately from the existing UKAC tables. **AP4 – PIQ to draft a proposal around this into the consultation exercise**
5. We could consider doing something with a different scoring around the 2m / 70cm low power contests which are currently not looking well supported.
6. We need to establish a regular tracker of entry levels to contests. **AP5 – PIQ to draft a tracker and keep up to date.**
7. We should consider a rookie category for some contests
8. Monthly newsletters did not engender a great level of feedback and there was a feeling that this may have been too frequent. We should continue to maintain regular (perhaps roughly quarterly) communication with the entrants – or when we have something important to communicate. Ian FCT agreed to handle newsletters.
9. A key issue for us to address is the issue of a new scoring system for the UKACs. A advert for help has gone into Rad Com this month. We should then start the process of discussion



reasonably quickly, and certainly before the AGM at the end of April.

AP6 – PIQ to approach / solicit more volunteers

AP7 – PIQ to establish first sessions and start progress by mid April

10. Face-to-face meetings were discussed. No immediate need was identified, but need to co-ordinate with HFCC.

AP8 – PIQ to talk to FAL about this.

11. We need the general next audio conference in about 1 month time.

AP9 – PIQ to organise