



Minutes of HFCC Skype meeting

20th November 2017

Attendees: Nick G4FAL, Iain M0PCB, Mike G7TWC, Chris GM3WOJ and Clive GM3POI
Apologies: Ian G0FCT

These discussions were continued from the October meeting and revisited 2018 contest rule change suggestions from the RSGB Convention and the Newark Hamfest

1. QRS Segments, for AFS CW, 80m CCs and Autumn Series
3510-3565 kHz: any speed
3565-3570 kHz: 15wpm maximum speed

Action: GM3WOJ

2. Log upload for all contests
2.1. Add the following to the rules for each contest:

If you have difficulties preparing or uploading your Cabrillo file please contact the contest adjudicator to ask for assistance before the submission deadline.

- 2.2. The adjudicators will be listed at the bottom of the rules for each contest or series. The format will be similar to VHF contests with a separate Adjudicator Box for each contest.

Action: GM3WOJ/CSC

3. 1.8MHz Contests

- 3.1. After further discussion, it was decided to leave the 1.8MHz contests both with only one power category but with Unassisted and Assisted Sections. These are specialist contests and many entrants are High Power.
- 3.2. The HF Championship will continue to differentiate this contest on Assisted and Unassisted sections but not on power. Also, each contest would have required six HF championship categories which cannot be justified for a contest with only 53 UK&CD entrants.

4. 80m Club Championship Contest

- 4.1. The 80m CC Local Club tables will include RSGB regions.
- 4.2. Ideally it will be possible to show current club scores sorted by RSGB Region during the contest series.
- 4.3. At the end of the series, the winners in each RSGB Region will be able to download a certificate.
- 4.4. This feature will be added to the 80m CC rules.
- 4.5. For contest promotion, this will be communicated to the RSGB RMs and DRMs.

Action: GM3WOJ/CSC

5. Use of G6XX

- 5.1. Add G6XX and its regional variants as a bonus station in 80m CCs and the Autumn Series.
- 5.2. An RSGB Station (G6XX or a regional variant) may be active during the contest, and will submit a Checklog.
- 5.3. QSOs with this station will be worth 5 QSO points. **Action: GM3WOJ/CSC**
- 5.4. HFCC will compile a schedule of G6XX operators for these series. **Action: G4FAL**



6. HF NFD

- 6.1. There has been lobbying to have certificates reinstated for the highest scoring entrant on each band in RSGB Field Day contests from a team that scored highly on 160m in NFD in 2017.
- 6.2. Although we are trying to encourage participants to operate on all the bands in these contests, we will ask CSC to investigate the feasibility of determining the highest score on each band (QSO points times multipliers on that band) regardless of section entered and allocating certificates accordingly.
- 6.3. Again, CSC and HFCC to agree rules wording if this is to be progressed.

Action: CSC/G4FAL/GM3WOJ

7. Autumn Series log submission period

- 7.1. Autumn Series log entry will be set at 3 days for all contests rather than the diminishing time that was in the rules in 2017.
- 7.2. HFCC will ask CSC to include a test facility in the Robot that will facilitate club training in Log uploading.

Action: GM3WOJ/CSC

8. Club Calls 2017 Outcomes.

- 8.1. The multiplier system has not enhanced the contest for two reasons
 - 8.1.1. Firstly, the contest has limited activity and therefore there can be no strategy to look for multipliers – just to work every station possible.
 - 8.1.2. Secondly some stations did not enter because they are not able to use CW.
- 8.2. Next year there will be three sections, namely CW, SSB and Mixed. (Post Meeting Note: decision changed to only two sections: SSB and Mixed [SSB+CW])
- 8.3. Sending of RS(T) will be made compulsory again as this change was not well received and for a “beginner” contest, this is not appropriate.

Action: GM3WOJ/CSC

9. 2018 Trophies

- 9.1. The distribution of trophies for 2018 were examined.
- 9.2. To avoid an unnecessary proliferation of trophies, HFCC would prefer not to introduce additional team awards for the four HF AFS contests but rather present the trophy to the highest scoring team Local or General Category.

Action: CSC

10. 2018 HFCC Committee membership

- 10.1. Iain M0PCB and Mike G7TWC are prepared to continue on the committee in 2018.
- 10.2. We also have three possible recruits to the committee subject to resolution of the committee chair position.
- 10.3. Chris GM3WOJ is willing to continue in a web authoring role.
- 10.4. Clive GM3POI, Mark M0DXR and Ed G3SQX are intending to complete their involvement at the end of 2017. Many thanks to them for their contributions and their continuing support of the work of the committee and RSGB contesting.

11. Date of next meeting: TBA