

Minutes of VHFCC Meeting 20TH November 2021

Attendees:

Andy Cook, G4PIQ (Chair), Ian Pawson G0FCT, Pete Lindsay G4CLA, Richard Baker, GD8EXI, Mike Goodey, G0GJV, Mike Tubby, G8TIC, John Quarmby, G3XDY, Richard Staples, G4HGI, Martin Hall, GM8IEM

Apologies:

Stewart Bryant, G3YSX (Board Liaison)

1. Review of Actions

This meeting was called specifically to review the outcome of the survey and to finalise rules for 2022, and did not include a complete review of previous actions.

2. Review of VHF Survey Results

The full results of the survey are attached at Appendix A.

As a result of this we will

- Implement the 70cm FT8 contest (and retain the timing for the 2m event) from 1900 2100 UTC
- 2. Leave the backpacker timings as they stand
- 3. Change the 2m Low Power timings to 1400 1800.

3. AOB

None



Appendix A – Survey Results 2022

Next year we plan to run RSGB equivalent contests on both bands, not just on 2m. Which of the following time slots would you prefer for both 2m and 70cm?		
Everybody	% of respondents	number
Leave the timing as it was this year from 1900 – 2100 (UTC)	22.30%	66
Allow operation across all 4 hours	14.86%	44
Operate for any 3 hours out of the 4 hours	7.09%	21
I have no strong opinion	55.74%	165
Filtered on FT8 participants Leave the timing as it was this year from 1900 – 2100 (UTC) Allow operation across all 4 hours	% of FT8 participants 41.49% 27.66%	number 39 26
Operate for any 3 hours out of the 4 hours	13.83%	13
I have no strong opinion	17.02%	16



Would you prefer that we(Backpackers)		
Everybody	% of respondents	number
Leave the timings as they are 1100 – 1500 UTC	19.66%	58
Change the Backpackers timing to 1100 – 1400 UTC	8.47%	25
Change the Backpackers timing to 1000 – 1400 UTC	7.12%	21
I have no strong opinion	64.75%	191
Filtered on Backpacker participants	% of Backpacker participants	number
Leave the timings as they are 1100 – 1500 UTC	62.22%	28
Change the Backpackers timing to 1100 – 1400 UTC	11.11%	5
Change the Backpackers timing to 1000 – 1400 UTC	11.11%	
I have no strong opinion	15.56%	7

Would you prefer that we(2m low power)		
Everybody	% of respondents	number
Leave the timings as they are 1400 – 2000 UTC	14.58%	42
Change the timings to 1400 – 1800 UTC	32.99%	95
Change the timings to 1500 – 1900 UTC	3.13%	9
Change the timings to 1600 – 2000 UTC	3.82%	1:
I have no strong opinion	45.49%	131
Filtered on 2m low power participants	% of 2m LP participants	number
Leave the timings as they are 1400 – 2000 UTC	24.44%	22
Change the timings to 1400 – 1800 UTC	52.22%	47
Change the timings to 1500 – 1900 UTC	6.67%	(
Change the timings to 1600 – 2000 UTC	3.33%	
I have no strong opinion	13.33%	12