



Minutes of HFCC Skype meeting

18th September 2017

Attendees: Nick G4FAL, Clive GM3POI, Chris GM3WOJ, Mike G7TWC, Mark M0DXR and Andy G4PIQ

Apologies from Iain M0PCB, Mike G0GJV, Pete G4CLA and Ian G0FCT

1. Liaison with VHFCC
 - 1.1. Issues that are common to HFCC and VHFCC were discussed. It was agreed that VHFCC would implement three rules that are being implemented at HF:
 - 1.1.1. The rules relating to remote operation will be integrated into VHF General Rules.
 - 1.1.2. For contests that permit multi-operator entries, the following words will be included: UK&CD entrants must be RSGB members. Multi-Operator entries by RSGB members may include non-member operators whose highest class of licence is Foundation or Intermediate.
 - 1.1.3. AFS Contests will allow entries from Local Clubs, where members are located within an 80km radius circle and General Clubs, where this need not apply.
 - 1.2. Where possible, the wording will be lifted from the draft 2018 HF rules – **Action Andy G4PIQ**
2. Multi-Operator Rule
 - 2.1. The multi-operator rule below will be included in the HF rules for 2018, subject to approval by the RSGB board.
 - 2.1.1. UK&CD entrants must be RSGB members. Multi-Operator entries by RSGB members may include non-member operators whose highest class of licence is Foundation or Intermediate.
3. Trophy Policy
 - 3.1. Ideas for a sustainable Trophy policy for RSGB contests are being investigated by Ian G0FCT. Budget costs are being assembled and subject to these being reasonable, a proposal will be compiled for discussion by the RSGB board – **Action Ian G0FCT**
4. RSGB Contest Participation
 - 4.1. An updated series of spreadsheet analyses of RSGB HF Contest participation were discussed.
 - 4.2. Of the HF Championship Series of contests, the Commonwealth Contest is the most successful as this is experiencing steady growth over time. The remaining HF Championship Contests are either stable or in slow decline.
 - 4.3. The 80 Club Championships are returning to a pattern of growth. The Autumn Series is proving significantly more popular than the Autumn Sprints that it has replaced. Both CW and SSB AFS contests are slightly down on participation.
 - 4.4. Field Days are generally steady in entrant numbers. The Low Power contest has had an excellent year with a significant growth in participation.
5. G6XX
 - 5.1. It is the committee's preference that G6XX should be used as a bonus station in RSGB contests rather than just an entry on behalf of the RSGB Contest Club. The committee will now look for volunteers to operate the station in RSGB contests and should an adequate number be forthcoming, the rules to some contests will be amended to introduce bonus points for QSOs with G6XX.



6. GR2HQ
 - 6.1. A meeting of GR2HQ team members will be arranged during the RSGB Convention. This will probably be at 5pm on Saturday - **Action Nick G4FAL**
7. SSB Field Day
 - 7.1. It was noted that the QSO count in SSB Field Day was down compared to previous years. When the results are published, the soapbox comments will be considered to see whether a High Power section should be reinstated in this contest.
8. HFCC Succession Planning
 - 8.1. RSGB are looking to recruit a new Chair for the HFCC from 2018. This has been advertised on social media and in RadCom.
 - 8.2. The current committee can provide the new Chair with names of possible recruits for their consideration. Two individuals have expressed willingness to join as ordinary members. A significant number of the current committee would like to step down at the end of the year but the committee are keen that there will be some continuity for the future - **Action all committee members**
9. Date of next meeting: 23rd October 2017