



## Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting via Skype

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

### Attendees:

Nick, G4FAL (Chair)  
Graham, G0NBI  
Andy, G4PIQ (items 1 and 2 only)  
Paul, G4PVM  
Mike, G7TWC  
Clive, GM3POI  
Stewart, GW0ETF (from item 4)

Apologies for absence were received from Ian, G0FCT, Chris, GM3WOJ and Iain, M0PCB

### 1. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### 1.1. Trophies

It was noted that in three contests (AFS 80-40 Data, Autumn Series and SSB Field Day) there were a total of six sections without awards. Pending the outcome of the review of trophies, it was agreed that the winners of these sections should receive a mounted certificate.

**Action: Ian, G0FCT**

#### 1.2. IARU HF Championship stations – GR2HQ

Nick reported that all participating stations had now been identified and arrangements were in hand to ensure that sufficient operators were available at each site.

**Action: Nick, G4FAL and Mike, G7TWC to conclude**

### 2. Action Sheet – contest changes

The action sheet was reviewed and amended to include the previously agreed one-hour earlier start time to the 2019 AFS contests, and to clarify the Commonwealth Contest rules related to remote operation.

**Action: Graham, G0NBI**

### 3. G\*6XX

3.1. Nick reported that he had submitted an article for publication in RadCom which outlined the background to and use of the RSGB Contest Club callsign and explained how members could activate it.

3.2. It was noted that the callsign QSL manager, Charles, M0OXO had now listed the variants of the callsign on his website but that he would be unable to include operator details as previously suggested.

### 4. Attracting and supporting newcomers

#### 4.1. Getting Started in Contesting

4.1.1. Graham gave an update on progress with the beginners' guide to contesting, noting that several members of the committee were contributing material. It was proposed that the final version should be housed on the main RSGB website with links to both the "Operating" and "Beginner's" sections.

**Action: Graham, G0NBI and Ian, G0FCT**



- 4.1.2. It was noted that the current material about contesting was included under the heading “Radio Sport”. It was proposed that additional prominence should be given to contesting (using that wording instead of radio sport) and that an expanded section about HF contesting be developed to include material about the RSGB Contest Club and G\*6XX.

**Action: Graham, G0NBI and Ian, G0FCT**

4.2. 40m QSO party

- 4.2.1. Draft proposals for a new event, to be held in the summer of 2019 and specifically tailored for newcomers was tabled. Committee members were asked to comment outside of the meeting.

**Action: All**

- 4.2.2. Mike agreed to provide a “how to” guide for setting up N1MM+ specifically for this event for those new to computer logging.

**Action: Mike, G7TWC**

4.3. Brokering mentorship arrangements between established contesters and newcomers

- 4.3.1. It was agreed that the committee could be a resource for matching newcomers with those established contesters willing to include them in contest activity, recognising that this would need to be an informal activity.

**Action: Nick, G4FAL**

- 4.3.2. It was agreed to explore the possibility of amending the criteria for Special Contest Callsigns to allow stations taking part in qualifying events to include newcomers.

**Action: subgroup comprising Nick, G4FAL, Ian, G0FCT and Clive, GM3POI**

**5. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 30 May 2018 at 20.00 via Skype.**