



Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting held via Skype

24 April 2019 at 1900

Directors or Attendees:

Nick	G4FAL	Chair
Ian	G0FCT	Chair, CSC
Mike	G0GJV	
Graham	G0NBI	
Paul	G4PVM	
Stewart	GW0ETF	

Apologies for absence were received from Pete G4CLA, Mike G7TWC and Clive GM3POI

1. FT8 Contests

Nick suggested that, in view of the planned general release of FT4 in July, the format of the putative FT8 contests should be reviewed.

It was agreed that members of the committee should obtain copies of the early release version of FT4 and test it during early May.

Action: All

2. ROLO Contest

Nick noted that the level of participation in this year's contest had been similar to 2018. It was pointed out that the contest did not appear to appeal to non-UK&CD stations.

3. 1st 40m QSO Party

Stewart reported that details would appear in the June Radcom. It was agreed to provide further publicity via the various HF reflectors and social media.

Action: Stewart GW0ETF

4. IARU HF Championship Contest: GR2HQ

Nick reported that sites for stations on 15m SSB, 20m SSB and 160m SSB had still yet to be finalised. **Action: Nick G4FAL and Mike G7TWC**

5. 80m Club Championship Contests

It was agreed to review the impact of the new Assisted/Unassisted categories at the end of the year. It was noted that detailed statistics were being collated and that, in the interim, changes to the presentation of the claimed scores prior to the contest closing date had been made.

The committee noted that some extremely strong signals appeared during the contests, and measures were considered to verify that contest rules were being adhered to.

6. Date of Next Meeting: 16th May 2019 at 20.00