



Minutes of the HFCC Skype Meeting held on 21st August 2017

Attendees: Nick G4FAL, Clive GM3POI, Chris GM3WOJ, Mike G7TWC and Pete G4CLA (part time). Apologies from Iain M0PCB, Mike G0GJV and Ian G0FCT.

1. Purpose of Meeting: The main purpose of this Skype meeting was to discuss the draft 2018 rules for RSGB HF Contests.
2. 2018 Autumn Series: CW frequency allocations will be the same as the 2018 80m CCs, namely 3510-3565 kHz with a separate 5 kHz QRS allocation 3565 to 3570 kHz.
3. 2018 AFS Contests
 - 3.1. Conventionally, the 80m AFS CW leg has been held on the second Sunday in January. If we were to continue the same pattern, then the new 80/40 Data modes contest would be on Saturday 27 January and would conflict with the BARTG Sprint event and with CQWW 160. The dates for 2018 will therefore be:
 - 3.1.1. AFS CW - Sunday 7th January 2018, 1400-1800 UTC
 - 3.1.2. AFS SSB - Saturday 13th January 2018, 1400-1800 UTC
 - 3.1.3. AFS Data modes - Saturday 20th January 2018, 1400-1800 UTC
 - 3.2. In future years, the dates may have to be reconsidered.
 - 3.3. Change of wording... "Stations may be single or multi-operator" – **Action: Chris GM3WOJ**
4. Common 2018 Rules Wording
 - 4.1. UK&CD entrants must be RSGB members. Multi-Operator entries may include non-RSGB members – **Action: Chris GM3WOJ**
 - 4.2. Chris has prepared a draft reduced form of words for the AFS distance rules which require checking – **Action: Nick G4FAL**
 - 4.3. "An operator's home station, as shown in the licensee's licence document, may be remotely operated from a location in another country" – **Action: Chris GM3WOJ**
5. DX Contest – 2017 & 2018
 - 5.1. The robot will require three pull-down lists for category selection – **Action: Pete G4CLA**
 - 5.1.1. UK High
UK Low
UK QRP
UK Multi-Op
Non-UK High
Non-UK Low
Non-UK QRP
Non-UK Multi Op
Checklog
 - 5.1.2. CW Assisted
CW Unassisted
SSB Assisted
SSB Unassisted
Mixed Assisted
Mixed Unassisted.
 - 5.1.3. 18 hour
12 hour



6. Certificates of Position

6.1. Certificates of position will be available "showing the position in the entry section". These will be implemented in an identical format throughout RSGB HF Contests for 2018. IOTA will be excluded until its adjudication is brought into the standard RSGB system – **Action:**
Pete G4CLA

6.2. Should they prove popular then further development may be possible.

6.3. The format will be "Contest Name and Date, callsign of entrant (operator callsign in brackets if different), Section Title, Position X".

6.4. For example:

Low Power Contest 16/07/17,
G3RSD,
Section 10W Fixed,
Position 11

6.5. In order to facilitate this we will endeavour to produce a different background for the certificates compared with the standard background for the winners certificates. – **Action:**
Nick G4FAL

7. Date of Next Meeting: 18th September 2017