



## Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting 22nd August 2018 at 20.00 via Skype

### Attendees:

Nick	G4FAL	Chair
Mike	G0GJV	
Graham	G0NBI	
Mike	G7TWC	
Clive	GM3POI	
Chris	GM3WOJ	
Stewart	GW0ETF	

Apologies for absence were received from Ian G0FCT, Pete G4CLA, Andy G4PIQ, Paul G4PVM and Iain M0PCB

### 1. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 July 2018

#### 1.1. IARU HF Championship stations: GR2HQ

It was agreed, in principle, to repeat the 2018 activations next year noting, however, that the GB2GP (M0BPQ) station will not be available. Possible replacements need to be identified and contacted.

It was also agreed to explore the feasibility of dividing the 15m operations between several stations.

It was noted that a coordinating meeting to review this year's event and plan for the next would be held at the RSGB Convention (Saturday from 1700 - 1745). **Action: Nick G4FAL and Mike G7TWC to prepare agenda**

#### 1.2. FIFA World Cup Marathon

Nick reported that he would be preparing a proposal for a change to Special SES call sign administration to present to Ofcom. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

#### 1.3. Proposed Changes to the RSGB website

Nick reported that the previously discussed changes had now been agreed by the Chair of the ARDF. It was agreed that Ian G0FCT and Graham G0NBI should liaise to effect the changes with a view to end-of-year completion. **Action: Ian G0FCT and Graham G0NBI**

As part of the new structure, a new page giving an explanatory note about DXpeditions would be required. **Action: Graham G0NBI**

Nick stressed the need for high resolution photographs to augment the new pages.

#### 1.4. 40m QSO Party Rules and timing

It was agreed that a proposed set of rules be discussed at the next meeting. **Action: Stewart GW0ETF and Chris GM3WOJ**

#### 1.5. Possible QSO marathon in 2019 using G\*6XX and/or a Special Call sign



It was noted that discussions were continuing, and this topic would feature in the HF Contest Forum at the RSGB Convention. **Action Nick G4FAL**

1.6. RSGB Contest Club: Second club callsign

Nick reported that he had applied for a second callsign and was awaiting a response from Ofcom. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

**2. 80m CC and Autumn Series 2019: Introduction of Unassisted categories**

It was proposed that Assisted and Unassisted categories be introduced in each section of the contests. Individual session results would be reported together but with a column indicating whether an entrant was assisted or unassisted. In both the Club and Overall individual tables, the Unassisted and Assisted categories would be normalised separately and the highest scoring Unassisted and Assisted entrant in each Section would be awarded 1000 points. All entrants would be pro-rated from the leader in their category within the Section.

It was agreed that the feasibility of achieving this within the contest adjudication process be explored prior to discussing this proposal at the HF Contest Forum at the RSGB Convention. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

**3. Convention trophy presentation and forum content**

Jacqui, G6XSY was congratulated on her appointment as RSGB Trophy Manager. Nick reported that, for this year, all awards that were currently listed as “tba” would be presented as certificates. **Action Nick G4FAL and Jacqui G6XSY**

**4. Future HFCC membership and planned activity**

It was noted that Chris GW3WOJ and Iain M0PCB would be stepping down at the end of the year. Suggestions for replacements would be welcomed. **Action: All**

It was noted that a new contest-enabled version of FT8 was in the pipeline. It was agreed that the committee should discuss the introduction of the mode at a future meeting. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

**5. Date of next meeting**

3rd October 2018 at 20.00 via Skype