



Minutes of HF Contest Committee meeting

26th February 2108 at 20.00 via Skype

Attendees: Nick, G4FAL Chair
Mike, G0GJV
Graham, G0NBI
Paul, G4PVM
Mike, G7TWC
Clive, GM3POI
Chris, GM3WOJ
Iain, M0PCB

Apologies were received from Stewart GW0ETF and Ian G0FCT

1. Attracting and supporting newcomers to HF contesting

It was agreed that this should be a major activity for the year. Discussions at future meetings would include:

- Educational/instructional literature.
- Promotional material.
- Brokering links (between established contesters and newcomers).
- Enhancing the role of the RSGB Contest Club.

It was noted that input had been requested for a proposed HF contest-related session at the 2018 RSGB Convention.

Action: Nick G4FAL for future agenda

2. Updating material on the HFCC web pages

It was noted that several pages were in need of amendment and updating. It was agreed that Graham would liaise with Ian G0FCT and bring back any revised documentation that required HFCC agreement. As part of this process, it was agreed that the use of recordings (particularly in the Appeals Procedure) should be reviewed.

Action: Graham G0NBI

3. Links with Commonwealth Contest organisers

Iain M0PCB, the current link between the HFCC and the BERU organisers, advised that he would be leaving the HFCC at the end of the year due to work commitments that would take him out of the UK. It was agreed that a replacement for Iain be found to ensure continuity.

Action: Nick G4FAL to organise in conjunction with BERU organisers

4. AFS contest dates 2019

4.1. It was agreed that the date of the SSB AFS contest be changed, principally to avoid a clash with the Italian event. The dates were agreed as:

- CW: Sunday, 6th January 2019
- Data: Saturday, 13th January 2019
- SSB: Saturday 19th January 2019



4.2. It was agreed that the 2018 rules for these contests be unchanged for next year except that the contests would start and finish one hour earlier

4.3. The dates and rules for the 2020 contests will be decided after the 2019 events.

Action: Ian G0FCT to note for newsletter/contest calendar.

Action: Chair to agenda review for February 2019 HFCC meeting

5. Power limits in contests

It was agreed, in principle, that for all contests in which there was a section allowing UK operators to use up to 400w output, the rules be amended to indicate that all entrants be allowed to use the maximum power permitted by their licence. The only exceptions would be if this resulted in an “uneven playing field” between UK&CD licensees and overseas entrants.

Action: Graham G0NBI to review with Ian G0FCT

6. Trophies

Nick G4FAL reported that he had received a request for the re-instatement of a trophy that had fallen fallow and for an additional BERU trophy. It was agreed that no changes to the existing range of trophies be considered until the future management of trophies and awards had been decided. It was noted that this was congruent with the views of the VHFCC.

Action: Nick G4FAL to reply to request originators

7. NFD – permitted antennas.

Correspondence was received from a Member questioning the rules governing antennas in the “Unassisted Portable” section. It was agreed that the rules should remain unchanged.

Action: Nick G4FAL to reply to correspondent

8. G*6XX in the Commonwealth Contest.

The proposed plan of operation of the above callsigns in the contest was noted. Concern was expressed that this callsign might not be recognised as a HQ station, particularly by entrants from outside the UK&CD, and it was agreed that Bob, G3PJT, be asked to highlight this in BERU publicity.

Action: Nick G4FAL to contact Bob G3PJT

9. IARU HF Championship – RSGB HQ station GR2HQ

9.1. Nick G4FAL confirmed that the HFCC are coordinating the GR2HQ stations once more for 2018.

9.2. Notes were taken at the RSGB Convention where a short meeting was held with those hosts and operators who were present.

9.3. It was agreed that all potential hosts should be contacted now and decisions made on where the 12 band/mode slots might be activated.

9.4. It was noted that Nick and Mike had received a number of suggestions and offers from potential operators which also need to be followed up.

Action: Nick G4FAL and Mike G7TWC

10. Contributions to HF reflectors by committee members

It was agreed that individual members could contribute as they saw fit but, when doing so, should make it clear that any views or opinions expressed were their own and not necessarily shared by the HFCC.

Action: All members

11. Date of Next meeting: 26th March 2018 at 20.00 local via Skype