



Minutes of HFCC meeting held via Skype January 12th 2017

Attendees: Nick G4FAL (Chair), Iain M0PCB, Clive GM3POI, Stewart G3YSX (Board Liaison), Mike G7TWC, Ian G0FCT (Chair CSC)

1. HFCC Adjudication Principles

- 1.1. We considered one of the details of the HF Contest Adjudication Principles. Our specific concern was whether it is appropriate to apply an additional penalty for each QSO when an entrant's log has a Time, Band or Mode that does not match the other station in the QSO. There were two reasons that we discussed as to why this might not be appropriate: the first was that it is not always possible to determine which station has logged incorrectly; the second that a station might have made one error in logging that has become propagated such that multiple QSOs are incorrect.
- 1.2. We have decided not to apply any penalty other than the deletion of QSOs which have Time, Band or Mode errors and the Adjudication Principles 3(f) has been reworded as below:
 - 1.2.1. 3(f) if a matching QSO can be identified in another log but either Time, Band or Mode do not match. QSO is bad in this log -- incorrect logging. Penalty applied -- loss of this QSO only.
- 1.3. Ian G0FCT will update the HF website and Nick G4FAL will announce the change on the uk-hf-contesting yahoo group. **ACTION: G4FAL and G0FCT**
- 1.4. In order to determine whether the introduction of penalties is having any effect on logging accuracy, Ian G0FCT was asked if CSC could please provide some statistics on error rates for HF Contests, in particular the 80m CC series, for the previous two years so that these can be compared with the current year and subsequent years. This might be based on UBN data. **ACTION: G0FCT to investigate**
- 1.5. Stewart G3YSX is concerned that the introduction of penalties may discourage less proficient operators from making QSOs. The situation will be monitored by checking the numbers of less experienced operators who are submitting logs.

2. AFS 80/40 2017

- 2.1. The entries for these first two contests of 2017 are slightly up on last year. The QRS corral has been lost from the rules; 3550kHz will be shown as the centre frequency for slow CW in future.
- 2.2. Ed G3SQX to update AFS and 80m CC rules to show the QRS centre frequency
- 2.3. Andy G4PIQ has recorded the AFS CW contest operation on 80m. Nick G4FAL is analysing this to see if the source of OB1 errors can be determined and will let HFCC have a copy of his analysis when it is completed.

3. Autumn Contest Series 2017

- 3.1. Nick G4FAL has received some suggestions for a new series for 2017. This will likely be an 80m event using CW and SSB, with two one hour sessions each in August-November



on a Wednesday and Thursday evening. The event will be club-based and will be aimed to encourage participation. We are still looking for additional suggestions.

3.2. Nick G4FAL to compile a summary of suggestions for HFCC to consider prior to surveying members

4. DX Contest

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5. Face to Face Meeting

5.1. Saturday 8 April 2017 is a possible date for a Face to Face meeting and this will be investigated further.

ACTION: G4FAL and G0FCT to progress this

6. Possible callsign for RSGB Contest Operation

6.1. G6XX is currently being investigated as a possible re-issue RSGB callsign to be used in HF Contests. This is being pursued by Steve Thomas and Elaine Richards at RSGB HQ.

ACTION: G4FAL to progress

7. IARU HQ Station for 2017

7.1. Mike G7TWC is keen to increase participation in 2017 and will compile a list of potential stations and operators to take part in 2017.

7.2. Nick G4FAL, Iain M0PCB, Mark M0DXR and Mike G7TWC to share organisation