



Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting 27th June 2018 at 20.00 via Skype

Attendees:

Nick, G4FAL Chair
Ian G0FCT
Mike, G0GJV
Graham, G0NBI
Clive GM3POI
Chris, GM3WOJ
Stewart GW0ETF

Apologies for absence were received from Pete, G4CLA Andy, G4PIQ
Paul G4PVM, Mike, G7TWC and Iain, M0PCB

1. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2018

1.1. IARU HF Championship stations: GR2HQ

Nick reported that he was in touch with Ofcom officials to ensure the issue of the licence. He confirmed that the host stations had been agreed but that there were still opportunities for more operators to partake. Action Nick, G4FAL

1.2. Brokering mentorship arrangements between established contesters and newcomers

Nick report that there had been no firm progress. However, the current World Cup Marathon had brought forward several keen operators who may provide a source of new opportunities for partnering. Action: Nick G4FAL

1.3. World Cup Marathon

Nick reported that the G*6XX stations had made some 30,000 QSOs in the event so far, representing 8% of world total, and that further opportunities remained for RSGB members to get involved. It was agreed that Nick should contact Heather Parsons to publicise the event and encourage further interest using the RSGB social media channels. Action: Nick, G4FAL

It was noted that the event had highlighted the challenges of adhering to the G*6XX licence requirements and it was agreed that, post the event, a meeting should be requested with Ofcom via the normal RSGB channels to explore ways in which the process of administering such callsigns could be made more efficient. Action: Nick G4FAL

1.4. Beginners Guide to Contesting

Chris reported that he would, within the next fortnight, finalise a re-draft of the guide to provide a concise, easy-to-read document with links to the more detailed material produced so far. Action: Chris GM3WOJ

1.5. Trophies

Ian G0FCT reported that alternative trophy administration arrangements had been presented to the Board. It was noted that whatever the final detail of the scheme, Board approval would be needed whenever it was proposed to introduce a new trophy or to reassign or retire an existing trophy. Action: Ian, G0FCT



1.6. Contesting Information on the RSGB Website

1.6.1. It was agreed that there were several amendments that could be made to the website that would improve access to, and availability of, material about contesting without requiring major change to the existing navigation structure. In particular:

1.6.1.1. To rename and amend the section entitled "Radio Sport". (Nick reported that following the last meeting he had consulted the chairman of the ARDF Committee who was amenable to some changes in this section)

1.6.1.2. To link the HF contest material in the "On the Air" section to the HF Contest Committee pages, amending the latter as required.

1.6.1.3. To provide links to the new Beginners Guide to Contesting under the "Beginners" section.

1.6.1.4. To provide a page describing the IARU Championships with links to the ARRL website

1.6.1.5. It was also agreed to recommend that the heading of the Radio Sport column in RadCom be changed to match the new heading on the website.

1.6.2. It was agreed to form a sub-committee comprising Ian, G0FCT and Graham, G0NBI to develop the detail of the requested changes and to liaise with HQ as appropriate.

1.7. Date of next meeting: 18th July at 20.00 via Skype