



## Minutes of HF Contest Committee held via Skype

26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Attendees:** Nick, G4FAL Chair  
Graham, G0NBI  
Paul, G4PVM  
Mike, G7TWC  
Clive, GM3POI  
Chris, GM3WOJ  
Stewart, GW0ETF  
Iain, M0PCB

Apologies for absence were received from Ian, G0FCT

### 1. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2018

#### 1.1. Website updates

- 1.1.1. Graham, G0NBI reported that the updates had all been made with the exceptions of the new section on Data Contesting and the Autumn Series. It was agreed that
- 1.1.2. Graham should approach Roger Cooke, G3LDI to author the former and that he should draft the latter (drafts to be circulated to the committee before publication).

**Action: Graham, G0NBI**

#### 1.2. Commonwealth Contest Promotions Team.

- 1.2.1. It was agreed that Nick, G4FAL be recommended to join the team as soon as possible. **Action: Nick, G4FAL to liaise with Bob, G3PJT**  
[Post meeting note: Stewart, GW0ETF volunteered for this role]

#### 1.3. Keeping track of agreed contest rule changes

- 1.3.1. It was agreed that an Action Sheet be maintained to allow the committee to ensure that all agreed changes were implemented at the appropriate time.

**Action: Graham, G0NBI**

#### 1.4. Power Limits in Contests.

- 1.4.1. Graham, G0NBI reported that Ian, G0FCT had changed the power definitions as requested for the 1.8 MHz contests to allow non-UK& CD stations to use the maximum power as allowed by their licence.
- 1.4.2. It was agreed that this change be extended to the AFS contests and that, to ensure that UK&CD stations were competing on a level playing field, the results of overseas stations be listed in a separate table.

**Action: Graham, G0NBI to liaise with Ian, G0FCT**

#### 1.5. Trophies

- 1.5.1. It was noted that proposals for changing the system for recognising contest success were being prepared by Ian, G0FCT, since the current arrangements were unsustainable.
- 1.5.2. It was appreciated that Board approval would be required before any changes were implemented. **Action: Nick, G4FAL to liaise with Ian, G0FCT and Andy, G4PIQ to bring proposals to the Committee.**

#### 1.6. G\*6XX

- 1.6.1. The use of G\*6XX in the 80mCCs and the Commonwealth Contest was reviewed. It was agreed that an article be submitted for publication in RadCom publicising



and promoting the callsign and its use. It was noted that, in the 80m Club Championships, the adjudicator would provide details of the callsign activation in the commentary that accompanies the results. **Action: Nick, G4FAL**

- 1.6.2. In response to requests received for details about the G\*6XX callsign activators, it was agreed that Charles, M0OXO (the callsign QSL manager) be asked to publish a list of operators' details (including WAB squares and locators) on his website, and the G6XX qrz.com entry be amended to reflect this. **Action: Nick, G4FAL**

## 2. Commonwealth Contest – remote operation

2.1. It was agreed that the rules for remote operation be extended to allow the operation of stations in Commonwealth Call Areas by amateurs' resident outside of the call area.

2.2. Such operations would compete with each other only in a single, new section and all current contest rules requiring compliance with all station licence, operator licence and category conditions would apply. **Action: Graham, G0NBI to liaise with Ian, G0FCT to amend rules for 2019 and robot as required.**

## 3. IARU HF Championship GR2HQ.

3.1. It was noted that the schedule of operations was not yet finalised and that confirmation was awaited from some potential sites. **Action: Nick, G4FAL and Mike, G7TWC to complete as soon as possible**

## 4. Attracting and supporting newcomers.

4.1. The following initiatives were identified as potential attractions and/or support for newcomers, especially those who were not able to access support through their local RSGB Affiliated Club.

4.1.1. A 40m event specifically designed for newcomers during the summer i.e. a “starter” contest. It was recognised that whilst most newcomers would be attracted to a SSB event, data modes were becoming increasingly popular and the potential for staging two events should be explored. **Action: A sub-group comprising Nick, G4FAL, Paul, G4PVM, Clive, GM3POI and Chris, GM3WOJ be formed to explore feasibility**

4.1.2. A UK IOTA-style Dxpedition.

4.1.3. Online guides aimed at helping newcomers to get started in contesting.

4.1.4. Brokering mentorship arrangements between established contesters and newcomers.

## 5. Date of Next Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 at 20.00 via Skype