



Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting held via Skype

27th March 2019 at 1900

Attendees:

Nick G4FAL Chair
Graham G0NBI
Paul G4PVM
Mike G7TWC
Clive GM3POI
Stewart GW0ETF

Apologies for absence were received from Ian G0FCT, Mike G0GJV and Pete G4CLA.

1. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on 27th February 2019

1.1. Commonwealth Contest (BERU) 2019

Nick reported that the contest had been a success despite poor propagation. It was noted that participation from the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man remained problematic.

1.2. Autumn Series: FT8 Contests

Nick suggested that methods be explored to shorten the exchange period (90 seconds), perhaps by allowing more than one contact to be made at a time and/or by using a truncated exchange e.g. no signal report and 4-digit locator.

It was agreed to review the FT8 rules used in the last ARRL RTTY Roundup and other similar events as a basis for the two contests, noting that it was proposed to adopt the VHF scoring system i.e. pts per kilometre. **Action: Mike G7TWC & Nick G4FAL**

1.3. Detailed instructions on how to set up N1MM+ for data modes (to augment the new Beginners' Guide)

Mike, G7TWC reported that the document was now in draft form and would be circulated shortly for peer review. **Action Mike G7TWC**

2. Date of next meeting: 24th April 2019 at 1900

Item for next meeting: IARU Contest: GR2HQ