

Minutes of the 1st RSGB Contests Committee Meeting of 2015

Held on Sunday 22nd March 2015

Venue: Holiday Inn Reading West, Padworth Lane, RG7 5HT

Committee Members Present:

Ian Pawson, G0FCT (Chair)
Ed Taylor, GW3SQX
Steve Knowles, G3UFY (Minutes)
Quin Collier, G3WRR
John Quarmby, G3XDY
Roger Dixon, G4BVY
Pete Lindsay, G4CLA
John Cockrill, G4CZB
Rob Thomson, G4LMW
Richard Cooper, G4WFR
Jacqui Goodey, G6XSX
Simone Wilson, M0BOX (Also BARTG Contest Manager)

Ex Officio Persons Present:

Steve White, G3ZVW (RadCom Radiosport Column)

Apologies for Absence received from:

Mike Goodey, G0GJV
Mike Franklin, G3VYI
Stewart Bryant, G3YSX (Board Liaison)
Mark David, G4MEM

Dave Edwards, G7RAU, being unable to attend in person, had arranged to participate via a Skype link – in the event this proved unworkable.

The meeting came to order promptly at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes had been previously circulated and submitted to the Board for publication. G3WRR remarked that there was a typographical error in the antepenultimate word on page 1 ... 'Date' should have read 'Data'. There were no other comments and the minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

2. Apologies for Absence

As recorded above.

3. Matters Arising, not on the agenda

(a) CW AFS / FOC situation

G0FCT reported that he had attended a meeting of the Board yesterday (21/03/2015) at which there had been a full and frank exchange of views. The Committee has the full and unequivocal support of

the Board in this matter. John Gould G3WKL will contact Don Field G3XTT (President of FOC) with a view to setting up a meeting with G0FCT at which it is hoped a strategy can be developed to deal with this problem in future. G3WKL attended the CDXC Annual Dinner last night and it was anticipated that the issue would be discussed. A report is awaited.

(b) Hall of Fame (GW3SQX)

Ed reported that he has now amassed 34 A4 pages of information. There are still a number of files remaining at HQ which have not yet been accessed as they are on old machines and in unknown formats.

G0FCT remarked that there is considerable pressure to finish the work and publish, preferably no later than the date of the RSGB Convention. He proposed a discussion with Ed over lunch as to formatting of the information and a publishing strategy.

G4CLA remarked that, once the formatting had been settled, all he would require was a .csv file of the information in order to create the web pages.

Ed remarked that it would be desirable to have some quality images of the various trophies – possibly HQ could assist when the trophies currently out on assignment are returned.

(c) VHF Code of Conduct

G4BVY reported that progress had been limited due to other commitments.

G0FCT stated that this NEEDS to be completed this year as it forms part of the RSGB's Strategic Plan for 2015. The Board had also advised that they would like a short article for publication in RadCom to explain the workings of the code.

(d) BERU / SARL Contest clash

G0FCT reported that emails he sent to SARL contest organisers had not received replies. However, G4OGB had reported receiving mail which stated that SARL had mistaken the date on which BERU was to be held, and that they would change the date of the SARL event next year. In the event there had been very little extra African activity and the feared disruption to BERU had not been anywhere near as bad as had been feared.

4. Chairman's Report to the Board

As noted above, G0FCT attended a meeting of the Board on 21/03/2015. The major points to come out of that meeting are:

The Board supports the RSGBCC over its CW AFS action.

The Board wishes the RSGBCC to improve its lines of communication with RSGB contesters. The CC is tasked to propose and implement an action plan to achieve this end.

G0FCT went on to detail two suggestions which had been put forward for adoption:

(1) That there should be established a properly moderated workshop (possibly a series of workshops) which would receive input from RSGBCC members, Board Members and "Senior Members" of the contesting community. The results of these workshops would feed into a series of mini 'White Papers' to be presented to members.

(2) That there should be established a properly moderated (by RSGB) contesting forum, for RSGB members only. Ideally this would form part of the RSGB website.

There was some discussion regarding the exclusion of non RSGB-members and the possible effect on recruitment; nonetheless it was accepted that this is work in its embryonic stage and a great deal remains to be settled before it can be implemented.

5. 2015 White Paper Suggestions

G0FCT advised the Committee that the suggestions to follow were a melange of responses to the 2014 White Paper, independent suggestions made to the Chairman during 2014/15 and proposals by members of the RSGBCC.

5(1) No certificates will be awarded to stations with operators who are not individual RSGB members. Non-members call signs will continue to be included on club certificates in AFS, UKAC, HF NFD, VHF NFD, SSB NFD etc. This change has been suggested to increase the 'membership benefit' of being a member of the RSGB.

Decision: Not for inclusion in White Paper – present arrangements are satisfactory

5(2) Publish all adjudicated logs to permit propagation analysis

- a. Include a statement visible to the entrant that all submitted logs become the property of the RSGB.
- b. Delay publication until 1 calendar year after the closing date/time for submission of entries
- c. Caveat release of information to prevent its use in any appeal for reversal of adjudication decisions
- d. Remove all personal information from the released logs.

There was considerable discussion around this topic. It was felt that the reference to 'propagation analysis' was itself a problem, as knowledge and exploitation of propagation is an important contesting skill which should not necessarily be forcibly revealed to all and sundry.

Item (a) was unanimously agreed as a DPA requirement, whatever else should be decided.

Item (d) was considered impossible to achieve completely, since callsigns convey personal information. However, the Committee considered that by excluding the report and serial number information, the logs would still provide the requested information and, at the same time, remove the need for consideration of problems under proposals (b) and (c). The logs could then be released after the results were available.

Decision: Include as modified in the White Paper

5(3) QSOs in RSGB-adjudicated contest logs to be automatically valid for credit in RSGB VHF/UHF award programmes.

The Committee agreed that this would be a good thing if it could be arranged.

*** GOFCT to liaise with RSGB Awards Manager regarding practicalities***

Decision: Include in White Paper

5(4) RSGB Contests Rules require simplification. Individual contest rules should be retained but General Rules should be simplified with additional information moved into an FAQ web page.

Decision: Include in White Paper to gain feedback on the proposal

5(5) Penalty for running outside of the band plan areas is to be disqualification. Penalty for S&P activity outside of the band plan areas is to be loss of the relevant QSO(s).

Decision: Not for White Paper – determination of penalties should remain a CC matter.

5(6) Entry period for all contests to be reduced to 7 days to enable the earlier production of results and to reduce the opportunity to 'wash' the log.

Decision: Include in White Paper

5(7) Award of additional VHF certificates, subject to entry levels. Certs for 1st and 2nd for up to 10 entrants. Over 10 entrants, a 3rd place cert will be awarded.

Decision: Include in White Paper

5(8) In the General Rules, change references to 'UK' to read 'UK and Crown Dependencies'. This has been requested by some of the amateurs resident in the Crown Dependencies.

Decision: Include in White Paper

5(9) Introduce a 12- or 16-hour restricted category to ALL Field Days, to encourage smaller clubs to participate.

Decision: Include in White Paper

5(10) Introduce a 3x penalty for busted contest QSOs to encourage accuracy. There was heated discussion over this proposal, which it was felt would disadvantage newcomers and inexperienced operators while doing little or nothing to improve standards.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(11) Replace the VHF "15 minute" rule and add the following to both HF and VHF General Rules:

- A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be subsequently used under any other call during the contest period, except for stations that are shared by members of the same family, and then only if the second call sign is used by a different operator. (The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who must share a rig and to prohibit manufactured or artificial contacts.)

After some discussion, this proposal was rejected because the present "15 minute" rule provides more flexibility for stations.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(12) Introduce unsponsored plaques as awards in certain contests. Entrants qualifying for these awards would be able to purchase a plaque from RSGB.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper – consider a Newsletter item to appeal for sponsors for conventional trophies.

5(13) Ask the Contesting Community whether they want the 'no cheerleading' rule retained.

This proposal was not considered at this time, pending the workshop.

5(14) Introduce a new HF contest, more demanding than the 80mCCs but less so than a full all-band event. This format could also include adding a domestic element to existing overseas events such as CQWW, ARRL, WPX etc. or perhaps a short duration 'Rookie' category in IOTA.

Decision: Include a proposal in the White paper to add a Rookie category to IOTA

5(15) Add DATA modes to 21/28MHz contest.

The IARU R1 recommendations for HF contests prohibits all mode contests. This proposal would create a SSB/CW/Data contest. Hence this proposal was rejected

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(16) Increase the bandwidth available for PSK contacts in 80mCC Data contests.

This item addresses a problem which has been developing since the widespread adoption of PSK63 in place of PSK31, causing increased demands on bandwidth. In response, the RSGBCC in its March newsletter, included a proposal to increase the PSK segment by 5kHz to 3580 – 3590kHz and to move the RTTY segment up by 5kHz to 3590 – 3625kHz, seeking to make the change as soon as practicable.

A substantial number of replies were received and GOFCT produced analysis which showed that the vast majority of respondents were in favour of the proposal and its immediate implementation. There were, however, concerns expressed about extending the upper RTTY limit above 3620kHz, into what is considered by many in Europe, the SSB section of the band.

There was much discussion. M0BOX (BARTG Contest Manager) felt strongly that the doubling of bandwidth available exclusively to PSK was over-generous. The Committee finally agreed, with one dissenter, that PSK should be allocated 3580 – 3590kHz and RTTY 3590 – 3620kHz. The change to take effect from the April leg and to be announced in the next Newsletter.

5(17) Add to HF General Rules: All information must be copied at the time of the QSO and on the band in use. The log must not be materially edited after the contest.

This rule already exists in the VHF General Rules.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(18) Add 14MHz to the 21/28MHz contest in sunspot minimum years.

This is a contest which the Committee were minded to discontinue some years ago but which was retained in the Calendar in response to pressure from the contesting community and there have already been other proposals made regarding its future. Any expansion of the bands involved in this contest will fall foul of the IARU R1 multi-mode multi-band contest recommendation.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(19) Scrap the District Code from the 21/28MHz Contest as it confuses overseas stations. This was suggested by an entrant to this contest. No evidence has been provided that this is the case so this proposal was rejected.

Decision: Do not include in White Paper

5(20) Drop RS(T) from all HF contests – it contributes nothing since it is always 59(9).

There was brief discussion, centred on the RST group providing an identifiable trigger enabling less able operators to synchronise and pick up the serial number. It was also pointed out that there are certain HF operators who regularly send and log real reports and they provide an extra accuracy check for their QSOs.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(21) References to 'Power' to be changed to 'Power Output', in order to clarify the method of measurement.

This proposal was suggested by an overseas entrant who claims that by only quoting 'power' in the rules this is open to misinterpretation.

Decision: Include in the White Paper as a firm proposal

5(22) Change the timing of RoPoCo2 from morning to evening, to bring in line with RoPoCo1.

This change has been suggested by several entrants to RoPoCo.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(23) Introduce a Claimed Scores page for all HF contests, with separate tabulations for PSK and RTTY for Data modes. An HF Claimed Score page has been requested by several entrants.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(24) Modify claimed score page to automatically take the score from the submitted log (i.e. mandatory posting of un-adjudicated claimed score). The posted score cannot be edited by the entrant.

After a discussion, the committee concluded that it was up to the entrant to decide if they want to post a claimed score and it was not acceptable for an entrant to be forced to do so.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(25) IOTA – Introduce a multiple simultaneous transmitter (all 'running') category for Island entries only.

The committee discussed the options for this proposal – multi-multi (one TX permitted on every contest band) or a limited number of TX (each on a different band). An objection was raised against multi-multi due to the multi-mode nature of IOTA (Note: legacy multi band, multi-mode contests are

permitted under IARU recommendations). If multi-multi operation was permitted, this almost certainly would result in the HF bands becoming almost unusable by non-contesters during the IOTA weekend. This was considered not to be acceptable. As a compromise, it was agreed that multi-2 with the existing band/mode change limitations would be proposed.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(26) Introduce a Single-Operator Island DXpedition Back Packers category in IOTA.

This suggestion was considered to have very limited appeal and appeared to have a considerable overlap with the existing 12 hour category. The rationale for this additional category was not explained by the person who made this suggestion.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(27) Introduce new awards in IOTA for NA and JA entrants to encourage participation from outside EU.

Decision: Include in the White Paper. New sponsors would need to be found for any new trophies.

5(28) Mandatory recording of full frequency details in HF Sprint logs (from 2016).

There was some discussion. Not all stations, particularly newcomers, have full CAT control, and recording of full frequencies by non-CAT-controlled stations was an unfair burden. The sprints are largely self-policing since stations failing to comply with the QSY rule are immediately challenged.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(29) Suggestion to discontinue the 80m Sprints and extend the 80mCCs until November.

The entrant numbers in the Sprints are disappointingly low but the entrants who participate appear to enjoy them. However, several entrants to the 80mCC series have requested that this series is extended to November. Split this proposal into two (discontinue 80m Sprints, extend 80mCC to November) and seek feedback.

Decision: Split the proposal and include both in the White Paper

5(30) Replace or augment the 80m Sprints by adopting and re-badging the now-defunct 'EU Sprints'.

Decision: G4LMW is presently in contact with G4BUO regarding release of the format. Subject to this being agreed, include in the White Paper

5(31) Add 40m to CW AFS, to bring it in line with SSB AFS.

This has been requested by several entrants

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(32) Add a Restricted UK Unassisted category to the 1.8MHz Contests with a blanket power limit of 32W.

This has been requested by one entrant. After discussion, the committee concluded that this is unlikely to be popular.

Decision: Not for the White Paper at this time.

5(33) Reschedule the 80m CW AFS and 80m/40m SSB AFS contests to around the Spring Equinox (21/22 March) to equalise the time at which major changes in the ionosphere kick in between the North and South of the UK to create a more even playing field from that point of view. After a little research, it was concluded that no suitable dates were available as there are other major contests around these dates.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(34) Align the rules for SSB FD and NFD, in terms of Sections, permitted mast heights, registration, inspections etc.

This has been requested by several clubs/groups to prevent confusion. Also, it is alleged that some groups are 'bending' the rules; adding an inspection rule may make these groups think twice.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(35) Rationalise sections in the 1st 1.8MHz contest and 21/28MHz contest with respect to HF Championship (suggestion – segregate by mode?). There was some discussion along the lines that 'nothing appeared to be broken'. GW3SQX will produce more detailed proposals for a future White Paper.

Decision: Not suitable for White Paper at this time.

5(36) Remove antenna restrictions for portable entrants in Low Power Contest.

This has been requested by one group who wanted to use this contest to experiment with antennas. The simple solution is to enter the Fixed Station section where there are not antenna restriction.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(37) Change the bands for the Low Power contest from 80/40m to 40/20m.

This suggestion was discussed and the committee concluded that this would unduly change the nature of this event.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(38) Reduce the duration of 80m CW AFS to make it not activity-limited and so reduce the impact of FOC activity (suggested by a FOC member).

After some discussion, the committee concluded that this is not a solution to this issue.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(39) Introduce Single-band categories in the Commonwealth Contest

The rationale for this is to permit serious entries by entrants with limited time. However, after some discussion, the committee concluded that the introduction of a single-band category could have a detrimental effect on over all activity and the 12 hour category adequately meets the need of the entrant with limited time and retained the fundamental nature of this event.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(39a) Allow repeat QSOs with stations in countries other than UK, VE and VK in the second 12hours of BERU

After some discussion, the committee concluded that this would drastically skew results.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(39b) Allow UK-UK QSOs in BERU.

BERU is essentially a DX contest so permitting UK to UK QSOs is not appropriate.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(39c) Change the BERU format to World works the Commonwealth.

This suggestion sparked considerable discussion as it would fundamentally change the character of BERU. It was also pointed out that a contest of this nature that attracts 250+ entries is not failing. However, as the current band of travellers get older, the willingness/ability to travel and activate the far-flung parts of the empire may diminish so preparing for this time so that BERU does not die is essential even if this suggestion is not adopted immediately.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(39d) To assist in identifying QRP logs, drop requirement for 'QRP' in Cabrillo header; include requirement for entrant to enter power output used when uploading the log. This proposal will help the adjudication of this contest.

Decision: Include in the White Paper.

5(39e) Change all references in the rules etc. from 'BERU' to 'Commonwealth Contest'.

Decision: Include in the White Paper.

5(40) Split single-operator sections for VHF contests into SOA and SOU in line with HF. The discussion about this suggestion was combined with those surrounding 5(57). The conclusion was that if 5(57) was adopted, this suggestion no longer made sense as all entrants would be classed as 'assisted'.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(41) Add the ability to use MGM in all VHF contests as a separate section. The MGM section will permit the use of phone, CW and MGM.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(42) Add very short duration sections to 24-hour VHF contests.

There was considerable discussion as to the effect such sections could have on participation and activity levels. It was felt that such sections would be detrimental to contests already suffering from low activity.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(43) Allow 6 hour duration VHF sections to be split into 2 x 3 hour with minimum of 2 hours off between sessions (new IARU R1 rule for 2015)

Decision: Include in the White Paper.

5(44) Specify preferred 6 hour time periods for 6 hour duration sections to concentrate activity. A free choice of time period(s) for the 6 hour section will still be permitted.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(45) Increase the time overlap by 1 hour between the 2m AFS contest and the French contest to improve the potential to work more French stations.

This suggestion will potentially only benefit a limited number of well sited stations so it is not considered to be acceptable/fair.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(46) Alter the 6 hour section rule to read: If entering this section, continued operation of the same station by the same operator(s) is permitted but only contacts in the first 6 hours of operation count. This proposal will assist the adjudication of contests with 6 hour sections where operation is continued after the 6 hour period as expired because all of the QSO information will be available thus preventing 'not in log' tags being applied to QSOs made with 24 hour entrants by 6 hour entrants.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(47) Modify M7 so that each square is a multiplier, but UK squares can be contacted twice for a multiplier each time.

This suggestion reduces the benefit of contacting stations located at the edges of the UK where there may only be one active station in a square.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(48) Retain M7 for 2016

It's too early in the year to determine how M7 is 'working' so it is not appropriate to include this in the White Paper – at least 6 to 9 months data is needed.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(49) In UKAC, create the concept of multiple teams for clubs with a limit on the number of stations per team.

Decision: Not in line with the concept of the event – do not include in the White Paper.

5(50) UKAC club teams – add distance limitation similar to AFS contests. However, specify that only the home QTH of the station must be within (e.g.) 80 km of the Virtual Meeting Place of the affiliated society; the station may be located anywhere within the UK to permit /P operation and holiday operation.

Decision: Include in the White Paper with reference to /P operation removed.

5(51) Remove minimum power restrictions in UKAC to allow Foundation & Intermediate stations to use multiple antenna systems and to allow entrants to freely choose their entry section.

Decision: Include in the White Paper.

5(52) Introduce an FM only section in UKAC to encourage newcomers with modest equipment.

Decision: Include in the White Paper.

5(53) Remove internet restrictions in AO section and scrap AX section.

Discussion on this suggestion was combined with those surrounding 5(57).

Decision: See 5(57) – Do not include in the White Paper

5(54) Move 6m and 4m UKAC to Thursday to coincide with NAC events.

There was much discussion on the lines of 'Tuesday night is radio night' and potential clashes with 80mCCs and Sprints.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(55) Add 4m cumulative contests to 4m UKAC

If this suggestion is adopted, the UKAC would effectively be extended to a second day (Sunday). The committee is concerned that if this was adopted, the 'peer pressure' on club members not to let their club down would increase and this could be detrimental to the overall contest participation.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(56) Ban 'Own Club' QSOs.

This suggestion caused a lot of discussion! The conclusion was that there is nothing wrong with working your fellow club member as long as you and your fellow club member does not restrict their QSOs to those predominantly with a fellow club member.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

5(57) Remove internet restrictions in all VHF and up RSGB contests (align with IARU R1 Internet rules or with the possibly more controversial ARRL rules).

- 5(57a) IARU R1 Rule : No attempt should be made during the QSO to obtain any part (including asking for a repeat of information) of the required exchange information via other communication methods such as the Internet chat channel, DX Cluster, talk-back on another

amateur band, telephone etc.. Any such attempt to use a secondary method (internet chat, DX Cluster etc.) invalidates the contest QSO. Self-spotting (advertising its own frequency) on the DX Cluster shall not be used during the contest.

- **Acceptable Examples when using secondary method:-**
 - “Shall we make a sked on 144.388?”
 - “I have QRM, let’s move to 144.218 kHz and start again”
 - “Thank you for a nice QSO” Note: only after the QSO has completed on the radio
- **Unacceptable Examples when using a secondary method:-**
 - “I need your serial number”
 - “Please repeat all information”
 - “Nothing received, please try again”
- 5(57b). ARRL equivalent rule: All entrants, regardless of category, are permitted to use spotting assistance or nets, including DX-alerting nets, internet chat rooms, packet, reverse beacon networks and repeaters to identify stations available for contacts and to announce (self-spot) their availability for contacts. Announcements shall be limited to callsign, location, band or frequency, mode and — if applicable — transmitting sequence. Such assistance may not be used to facilitate the completion of any contact. This means such assistance may not be used to convey receipt or non-receipt of any required element of a contact or to request a repeat of any required element of a contact.

The committee consistently receives complaints about stations ‘self-spotting’ so any suggestion that the new ARRL rule (see 5(57b) above) be adopted was rejected. Suggestion 5(57a) is the new rule on the use of the internet in IARU R1 VHF/UHF contests for 2015 onwards. The committee decided that in order not to disadvantage UK stations, this rule should be adopted. The ramifications of this rule change will be to eliminate the current VHF General Rule 4j and 4k. The AX section in the UKAC will also be removed as all UKAC sections will be able to use internet facilities.

Decision: Include in the White Paper

5(58) Ban all forms of internet assistance from all contests [opposite of 5(57)]

Discussion of this suggestion was combined with those surrounding 5(57). The conclusion was that the usage of the internet was here to stay and to try to hold back this was futile. However, the use of the internet will still be regulated (see 5(57a)).

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper

5(59) Allow the use of MGM during (non-IARU R1) 24 hour contests in all sections between (e.g.) 0000 and 0600 to allow experimentation, increase self-training and to prevent boredom! EME is to be permitted but with a points cap (suggestion: 1 point for multiplier contests; 500 points for non-multiplier contests) per QSO; new multipliers gained by EME in multiplier contests are to be counted.

Proposal 5(41) supersedes this proposal.

Decision: Do not include in the White Paper.

6. Keeping the Robot and AdjSQL in sync

Some problems had been noted where changes in rules, results presentation or AdjSQL functionality had caused Adj and the Robot to get out of step with each other. The meeting agreed that some form of change control is essential.

*** GW3SQX to devise Google spreadsheet and post ***

7. HF Championship

GW3SQX questioned whether the rule regarding use of different callsigns by one operator was complete and correct in respect of credit counting towards the championship. Regional prefixes and SCCs are taken into account but operation under a Club callsign or of a borrowed station are not. Some clarification is required.

*** G0FCT to produce a form of words for further discussion later ***

8. Any Other Business

G0FCT – RadCom Plus is due online next month.

G0FCT – Ruling now received that ‘Centres of Activity’ are to be regarded as ‘Calling Frequencies’. They are to be protected and have a guard band (+/- 5kHz) around them.

*** G0FCT to insert an advisory note in next 2m UKAC write-up. Newsletter item to follow ***

GW3SQX – Individual operators representing the winning team do not receive individual certificates.

*** G4CLA to consider possible change to Robot to accommodate ***

GW3SQX – Bonuses and Multipliers in HF contests. Bonuses seem to have little effect on results while multipliers are much more influential. Ed proposed a review of incentives and scoring differentials for HF contests.

*** GW3SQX to circulate figures and suggestions ***

Two items which were raised during the White Paper discussion but are more appropriately tabled under AOB:

G3XDY – Some stations have been noted posting claimed scores but then not submitting a log. Is this a desirable practice? If not, would it be possible to make a claimed score posting conditional upon uploading a valid log.

*** G4CLA for consideration of the practicality of this suggestion ***

G3ZVW – AFS Super League. In the event that RSGB is able to get the rights to the EU Sprints, would it be appropriate to adapt them into the Super League?

There was brief discussion, but it was agreed this would best be raised again if and when we get access to the events.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

This was provisionally set for Sunday 13th September 2015 at/near the East Midlands Airport.

The meeting closed promptly at 1600 hours.