



Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting 30th May 2018 at 20.00 via Skype

Attendees:

Nick, G4FAL Chair
Ian G0FCT
Mike, G0GJV
Graham, G0NBI
Pete, G4CLA
Paul G4PVM
Clive GM3POI
Chris, GM3WOJ
Stewart GW0ETF

Apologies for absence were received from Andy G4PIQ, Mike G7TWC and Iain, M0PCB

1. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2018
 - 1.1. Trophies
Ian G0FCT reported that alternative trophy administration arrangements were being investigated. Further information may be available shortly.
 - 1.2. IARU HF Championship stations: GR2HQ
Nick reported that he had applied to Ofcom for the callsign. Unfortunately, there was still a shortage of hosts and some slots remain unfilled. **Action: Nick G4FAL**
 - 1.3. Action Sheet – contest changes
The action sheet was reviewed, noting that no further changes were needed.
 - 1.4. Brokering mentorship arrangements between established contesters and newcomers.
Nick reported that there was no specific progress to report. **Action: Nick, G4FAL**
2. Contesting information on the RSGB website.
It was agreed that the current navigation structure of the website would require augmentation in view of the proposed publication of the “Beginners Guide to Contesting” and the need to provide further information about the RSGB Contest Club. It was recommended that this opportunity be taken to modify and improve the current section entitled “Radio Sport”, ideally to separate ARDF and Contesting and to provide a separate heading for each. **Action: Ian, G0FCT to liaise with HQ**
3. World Cup Marathon
Nick outlined the difficulties with the special event station (GB) callsigns allocated by Ofcom for this event. Concern was expressed that the regulations relating to the use of SES callsigns



meant that they were not suitable for use during the marathon and thus arrangements were being made to use the RSGB Contest Club callsign G*6XX.

It was agreed to request a meeting with Ofcom after the marathon, to explain the difficulties posed by the SES format using experience from the event to inform the meeting. **Action Nick, G4FAL and Ian, G0FCT**

It was noted that volunteers were being sought to operate G*6XX, and all members agreed to let Nick know of their availability. Operations from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales would be particularly welcome. **Action: All**

4. 40m QSO party

It was agreed that the inaugural dates would be 8 June 2019 and 18 August 2019. Rules to be prepared and logging programme developers notified. **Action: Nick, G4FAL and Chris, GM3WOJ**

5. Beginners Guide to Contesting.

Nick thanked Chris, Graham and all those who had contributed material to date. It was agreed that the text should be edited to provide a consistent style, concentrated on providing basic, essential information in attractive format, augmented by images as appropriate and with links to further information, wherever possible on the website. **Action: Chris, GM3WOJ and Graham, G0NBI**

6. Date of next meeting: Wed 27 June at 20.00 via Skype