



## Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting held via Skype 5 November 2020 at 2000

### Attendees

Nick G4FAL Chair  
Andy G4PIQ Chair VHF Contest Committee  
Ian G0FCT Chair CSC  
Stewart G3YSX Board Member  
Mike G0GJV  
Graham G0NBI  
Jacqui G6XSY Trophy Manager  
Paul G4PVM  
Allan GM4ZUK  
Stewart GW0ETF  
Clive GM3POI  
Mike G7TWC  
Nick M1DDD

Apologies for absence were received from Pete G4CLA and Chris GM3WOJ

### 1.0 IOTA Trophies

1.1 Nick presented a paper making proposals to address several perceived deficiencies in the award scheme. It was noted, in particular, that several hundred non-UK contestants are currently excluded from winning a trophy/award and some stations can win more than one category.

1.2 The following principles were agreed

- That no station should be eligible for more than one award
- That DXpeditions should take priority for awards
- 24 hour operations should be rewarded more highly than 12 hour entrants.

1.3 It was agreed to expand the number of awards from 16 to 23 and reallocate certain existing ones in line with the above principles. It was noted that several sponsors had been identified which would cover the costs of the additional awards.

1.4 Where trophies were to be reallocated, the need to be sensitive to donors' families was stressed.

### Action:

**Jacqui G6XSY to send proposals to IOTA and other stakeholders for comment (including GMDX and CDXC).**

**Stewart G3YSX to make the Board aware of the final revised schedule of awards.**



## 2.0 Christmas QSO Party

2.1 Nick reported that the Society was planning a number of initiatives over the holiday period under the banner of “Get on the air For Christmas” and it had been suggested that a series of HF activity events similar to the previous Hope QSO party would be welcome.

2.2 It was agreed to run a series of events using the previous Hope QSO party format, the final dates to be subject to a discussion with Heather Parsons to ensure congruence with other initiatives.

**Action: Ian, G0FCT/Pete G4CLA to arrange adjudication and publication of rules.  
Ian, G0FCT to liaise with Heather Parsons about final dates and modes.**

## 3.0 FT4 Contest 2021

3.1 Nick presented proposals for expanding the bands available and making other small changes to the rules. It was agreed that these should be published as soon as possible.

**Action: Ian G0FCT to publish**

## 4.0 Autumn Series

4.1 The effect of the weightings applied to the raw scores of Foundation and Intermediate stations was reviewed.

4.2 It was agreed that multipliers should only be applied to Foundation and Intermediate entrants' raw scores when their entries are included in club totals i.e. they should remain unaltered in the individual tables of scores.

4.3 It was agreed to change the multipliers to two and one-point five respectively.

**Action: Ian G0FCT/Pete G4CLA to investigate and implement.**

## 5.0 Low Power Contest

5.1 Correspondence from a Member making several suggestions for change was received and reviewed. It was agreed

- to change name to “International Low Power Contest”.
- to recommend frequencies of 3540-3560, 7020-7040 and 14040 to 14060
- to accept the offer of two additional trophies for the two overseas sections

**Action: Ian G0FCT**

## 6.0 DX Contest

6.1 It was agreed to explore the feasibility of adding a club element, similar to recent changes to SSB Field Day.

**Action: Ian, G0FCT to liaise with Pete, G4CLA and amend rules if feasible**



## **7.0 COVID restrictions**

7.1 Andy, G4PIQ reported on the decision taken by the VHFCC to require entrants to follow strictly local regulations when planning to operate outside of their home QTH. It was agreed that the HFCC should adopt the same approach, and Andy was thanked for all his work on this subject.

## **8.0 Commonwealth Contest Rules**

8.1 It was agreed to remove the recommendation to call "CQ BERU" to find other Commonwealth participants.

**Action: Ian G0FCT to amend rules.**