



## Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting (via Skype)

3rd October 2018 at 20.00

### Attendees:

Nick G4FAL                      Chair  
Ian G0FCT                      Chair CSC  
Mike G0GJV  
Graham G0NBI  
Clive GM3POI  
Chris GM3WOJ  
Paul G4PVM  
Mike G7TWC  
Stewart GW0ETF

Apologies for absence were received from Pete G4CLA and Andy G4PIQ

### 1. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd August 2018

#### 1.1. IARU HF Championship stations: GR2HQ

It was confirmed that a meeting to review this year's event and plan for the next would be held at the RSGB Convention (Saturday from 1700 - 1745). It was agreed that Nick should publicise this event on the HF reflector and prepare a presentation with Mike, G7TWC's input. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

#### 1.2. FIFA World Cup Marathon

Bring forward to next meeting. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

#### 1.3. Proposed Changes to the RSGB website

It was noted that the work was on target for completion by the year end. Nick agreed to ask for high resolution photos at the RSGB Convention to augment the new text. **Action: Ian, G0FCT & Graham, G0NBI**

It was agreed that Graham, G0NBI be allowed editing rights (after training) on the RSGB and RSGbcc websites. **Action: Ian G0FCT**

#### 1.4. 40m QSO Party Rules and timing

It was noted that the draft rules had now been agreed in principle. The dates for 2019 were confirmed as Saturday 8th June and Saturday 20th July. **Action: Ian G0FCT & Graham G0NBI to put into standard format, publish and publicise**

#### 1.5. Possible QSO marathon in 2019 using G\*6XX and/or a Special Callsign

Bring forward to next meeting: **Action Nick G4FAL**

#### 1.6. RSGB Contest Club: Second club callsign

Nick reported that the licence for G3DR had been received and used on the air. It was noted that Charles, M0OXO had agreed to be QSL manager, subject to budget approval. **Action Nick G4FAL**



## 2. FT8

It was noted that a new contest-enabled version was currently being beta tested. It was agreed that the best way of incorporating this mode into the contest calendar be the subject of a substantive discussion at a future meeting. It was agreed that this subject be discussed at the HF Forum. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

## 3. RSGB Convention HF Forum – topics for discussion

3.1. It was agreed that the following topics be aired in the forum

- 3.1.1. Presentation of Kenwood Cups
- 3.1.2. RSGB HF Contest Update
- 3.1.3. RSGB Contest Club
- 3.1.4. GR2HQ – RSGB IARU HF Championship HQ station 2018
- 3.1.5. HF Contesting Beginners' Guide
- 3.1.6. RSGB Contesting Rebranding
- 3.1.7. HF Contest Calendar 2019 changes
- 3.1.8. QSO Marathons
- 3.1.9. Assisted/Unassisted definitions
- 3.1.10. 80m Club Championships and Autumn Series potential changes for 2019
- 3.1.11. Field Day Aerials
- 3.1.12. FT8 Contesting
- 3.1.13. HF Contest Committee membership

## 4. IOTA Contest 2018

The committee put on record its thanks and congratulations to Mike G3VYI for organising the swift adjudication of this year's contest.

## 5. NFD Sections

Mike, G7TWC, asked that the nomenclature used to define the “Low Power” categories (currently “Assisted” and “Unassisted”) be reviewed in view of the fact that entries in the Assisted section were not just defined by the use of facilities such as skimmers and RBNs. After discussion, it was agreed that the current definitions be maintained particularly since they were aligned to the DARC Region 1 Field Day sections.

## 6. Review of HF Contest Statistics.

The trend of entries for each of the HF contests during the past few years were reviewed. Of particular note was the popularity of the Autumn series (compared to the previous “Sprints”) and the continuing support for BERU. It was agreed that selective data be shared at the RSGB Convention. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

## 7. Commonwealth Contest 2019

It was agreed to operate G3DR and 7 off G\*6XX entries, subject to discussion with the Commonwealth Contest organising committee and the availability of operators. **Action: Nick G4FAL**

## 8. Date of next meeting: 28 November 2018 (and subsequently the fourth Wednesday of each month)