



## Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting held via Skype

24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 20.00

### Attendees:

Nick G4FAL                      Chair  
Ian G0FCT                      Chair CSC  
Graham G0NBI

Apologies for absence were received from Mike G0GJV, Pete, G4CLA, Andy G4PIQ, Paul G4PVM, Mike G7TWC, Clive GM3POI and Stewart GW0ETF

### 1. HF Contest Changes

As a result of discussion at the HF Contest Forum at the Convention, the following changes were agreed:

#### 1.1. FT4 Contests

It was agreed to amend the rules as follows:

- 1.1.1. The scoring to be QSOs (1 point for each) x Grid Multipliers (1 for each large grid square worked).
- 1.1.2. Contacts with HQ stations will score 5 QSO points + 1 Grid Multiplier point.
- 1.1.3. This change will be introduced for the final pilot contest in November 2019 and for all contests in 2020

#### 1.2. 2020 FT Contest Series

A series of 9 contests to be held on Mondays from 20.00 to 21.30 local time.

- 17<sup>th</sup> February
- 16<sup>th</sup> March
- 27<sup>th</sup> April
- 18<sup>th</sup> May
- 15<sup>th</sup> June
- 27<sup>th</sup> July
- 28<sup>th</sup> September
- 19<sup>th</sup> October
- 16<sup>th</sup> November

#### 1.3. 80m CCs and Autumn Series

The following changes were agreed:

- 1.3.1. Single category for SSB in both power sections.
- 1.3.2. As a result of reports that the mandatory 2-minute quiet period before the start of the contest is being breached, it was agreed that a penalty of 5 QSOs be imposed on stations who are recorded as transmitting during this time.
- 1.3.3. The published contest dates for Autumn Series 2020 were amended as follows:
  - 5<sup>th</sup> October CW
  - 14<sup>th</sup> October Data
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> November Data
  - 11<sup>th</sup> November SSB



1.4. 40m QSO Parties – delete from calendar

1.5. SSB Field Day - change Low Power Assisted Portable to High Power Assisted Portable

1.6. IOTA Contest – reinstate mandatory signal reports

1.7. Low Power Contest

1.7.1. Replace 3W category with 5W

1.7.2. Add 5W and 10W non-UK&CD categories (fixed or portable)

Action: G0FCT/G4FAL

2. Date of next meeting: To be agreed