



## Minutes of VHFCC Skype Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Attendees:

Andy Cook, G4PIQ (Chair)  
Ian Pawson G0FCT  
Pete Lindsay G4CLA  
John Quarmby G3XDY  
Richard Baker GD8EXI  
Mike Goodey G0GJV  
Richard Staples G4HGI  
Mike Tubby G8TIC

Apologies:

Martin Hall GM8IEM

### **1. Review of Actions from Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

1. Review of active stations in the UKACs and comparing to entry levels. **Ongoing G4PIQ**
2. 4m Trophy correspondence and actions. **Closed G4PIQ**
3. Provide better clarify over definition of Multi Operator section eligibility for 2020 rules. **Ongoing G4PIQ**
4. Continue to pursue an approach for committee publicity. **Ongoing G4PIQ**
5. Write an article on how to maintain and check for appropriate signal quality. **Ongoing G0FCT and GD8EXI**
6. Consistent AFS rules across HF and VHF for 2020. **Ongoing G4PIQ**
7. Write notes on proposed 2320 MHz timings for UKACs. **Complete G3XDY**

### **2. 2m Trophy Signal Quality**

A discussion took place with around a station in the 2m Trophy for whom we received multiple complaints over signal quality. This was verified by measurements by the committee and from an SDR recording. Not all complaints had been correctly logged. As this was not the first time that this had occurred with this station a decision was taken to impose a substantial 50% penalty on the score.

**Action G0FCT – to write to the station in question outlining the action taken, and emphasising that all operators must know what action to take when a complaint is made.**

**Action G4PIQ – to include material on signal quality in the Convention session**

**Action G4PIQ – to ensure rules are clear for 2020 on actions required in event of poor signal complaints**

### **3. ON4KST**

We had a long discussion about whether it was practical to have assisted and un-assisted sections within our contests. The committee consensus was that it was impossible to determine whether an entrant had made passive use of ON4KST or had used other private communications channels. The CSC felt unable to effectively and fairly police the use of these technologies and for that reason we have taken the decision that we cannot extend separate un-assisted sections into our major contests or disallow the use of assistance.

However, we do already have 7 smaller events which are entirely un-assisted. We should ask at the Convention if any more are suggested by the audience. **Action G4PIQ to raise at Convention.**

### **4. Survey Questions & Convention Planning**

This year we agreed to release the survey questions very quickly after the Convention rather than before to allow us to cover any issues raised there. Points to be considered for coverage included

- Should we drop the UKACs in December
- Should we add a 6 hour section to the Oct UHF events
- Should we allow ADIFs as an entry mechanism for the MGM events
- How many people would enter a re-introduced 6m or 4m FMAC
- Should we change the UKAC MGM events to every 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

We also felt that we should explain our rulings on UKAC team sizes

We thought we should also cover up-levelling

We also wanted to cover signal quality issues.

Build into Convention material and survey. **Action G4PIQ**

### **5. AOB**

The committee discussed the technical accuracy of the recent IC9700 review in Rad Com. **Action G4PIQ to raise with Publications Committee**

We had a discussion about how to log partial QSOs and realised that even across the committee there was no consistent approach. **Action G0FCT to draft a recommendation for the 2020 rules**