



Minutes of HFCC meeting held via Zoom

25th October 2021

Attendees:

Nick, G4FAL Chair
Ian, G0FCT Chair CSC
Andy, G4PIQ Chair VHFCC
Mike, G0GJV
Graham, G0NBI
Paul, G4PVM
Michael, G7TWC
Stewart, GW0ETF
Clive, GM3POI
Chris, GM3WOJ
Allan, GM4ZUK
Nick, M1DDD

Apologies for absence: Pete, G4CLA

The meeting was convened to consider potential changes to HF Contest rules for 2022.

1. IOTA Contest

1.1. After consultation with the IOTA management team, it was agreed that the “remote” rules be aligned with the remote rules within the IOTA programme.

Action: G0FCT to change the rules

2. Commonwealth Contest

2.1. Frequencies and Power

2.1.1. The current rules state that, on 3.5 MHz, DX contacts only may be made below 3510 KHz. It was agreed to change this rule to reflect the IARU R1 Band Plan recommendation as follows:

“On 3.5 MHz, below 3510 kHz has priority for inter-continental operation”.

2.1.2. It was agreed to provide guidance to UK HQ station operators to encourage them to run above 3510 in order to provide the opportunity for inter UK&CD QSOs during the contest.

Action: Ian, G0FCT to update the rules

3. DX Contest

3.1. Concern was expressed about the relatively low number of entrants, especially compared to other similar national radio society events. In order to improve the attractiveness of the event, it was agreed to consult on:

- whether this contest should be included in the AFS Super League.
- whether the length of the contest should be altered. Suggestions might be an overall contest length of 12 hours with the best 2 or 4 hours counting for the AFS Super League.



Action: Nick, G4FAL to manage consultation process

3.2. In response to several queries, it was agreed to clarify the logging requirements for contest exchanges from entrants in coincident contests. (This amounts to logging any number that is sent to you but not logging "TRC" or Californian County designations).

3.3. It was agreed that all UK & CD entrants must be RSGB members.

Action: Ian, G0FCT to update the rules

4. Low Power International Contest

4.1. Submission times for LPI will be the same as Field Days – 5 days after the end of the contest – as this is a portable contest, (at least in part).

4.2. Keep the current six sections but have the additional categories assisted/unassisted shown in the results tables for all the six sections. Trophies will be awarded to the leading unassisted entrant in each of the six sections.

Action: Ian, G0FCT to update the rules

5. Multiband FT4 Contest

5.1. The suggestion that we introduce a multiband 12 hour FT4 weekend contest, encouraging international participation, was discussed. Scoring would be similar to the FT4 series but would include continent to continent bonus scores. This will be subject to consultation.

Action: Nick, G4FAL to manage consultation process

6. Date of Next Meeting: TBA