



## Minutes of HFCC Meeting via Teams

Held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Attendees:

Nick G4FAL Chair  
Ian G0FCT Chair (CSC)  
Andy G4PIQ Chair (VHFCC)  
Mike G0GJV  
Tim G4FJK  
Peter G4MJS Board Liaison Member  
Paul G4PVM  
Allan GM4ZUK  
Gordon MM0GPZ  
Graham G0NBI

Apologies for absence: GM3WOJ, M1DDD

### 1. FT4 Contest Series – possible changes for 2025

1.1. It was agreed that the following potential changes be discussed at the Convention.

1.1.1. Extending the number of sessions to 12 (one per month), with the best 9 results contributing to the final score.

1.1.2. Extending the duration of each event to two hours 8pm – 10pm (local time)

**Action: G4FAL**

1.2. Post meeting Note: Convention discussion raised no objections so this will be implemented in the 2024 calendar.

**Action: G4FAL**

### 2. Commonwealth Contest

2.1. Progress on agreed changes (little to date but getting more urgent):

2.1.1. Reallocate awards so that they are more equitably distributed

2.1.2. 10 QSO points for QSOs with other continents and 5 QSO points for same continent

2.1.3. High Power, Low Power (100W) and QRP (5W) sections, with no aerial restrictions

2.1.4. Split the UK into seven CCAs to provide additional bonus points for stations outside the UK

2.1.5. Encourage participants to use “CC” rather than “BERU”

2.1.6. Commonwealth Contest representatives to promote the contest in different call areas

2.1.7. Shared ownership of the Contest among Commonwealth Countries

2.2. Post Meeting Note: Convention discussion raised concerns at the removal of the restricted section. The voting for power sections had been decisive and RSGB may introduce UK specific awards in addition to international ones in the power sections.

2.3. Post Meeting Note: Convention discussion also agreed with the proposal that UK travellers in the Commonwealth Contest should have their score whilst overseas included in the HF Championship table – normalised against other non-UK entrants.

**Action: G4FAL**

### 3. 1.8 MHz Contests

3.1. It was agreed to propose to convention delegates that the duration of the two 1.8 MHz contests be shortened to three hours (8pm until 11pm local time). It was also suggested that the level of support for adding SSB to one or both events be canvassed.

**Action: G4FAL**

3.2. Post Meeting Note: Convention discussion agreed to the shorter contests and the reintroduction of SSB in the February event.

**Action: G4FAL**

### 4. IOTA rules

4.1. It was agreed to clarify the rules for Island Multi-2 operation i.e. to make it clear that Island Multi-2 stations may only transmit two signals at one time but may use more than two transmitters.

**Action: G0FCT**

### 5. Changes to Awards

5.1. It was agreed to introduce certificate recognition for FT4 entrants.

### 6. Self-spotting in SSB Contests

6.1. It was noted that CW and data modes all have automatic self-spotting, but this was not the case with SSB.

6.2. It was agreed to discuss with convention delegates the proposal to allow self-spotting on a trial basis in the following contests during 2025.

**Action: G4FAL**

- AFS SSB
- 80m CC
- IOTA (SSB and Mixed)
- SSB NFD
- Autumn Series
- Club calls (1.8 MHz)

6.3. Post Meeting Note: Convention discussion agreed to the introduction of self-spotting for both assisted and unassisted entrants in all contests and using all modes on a trial basis in 2025.

**Action: G4FAL**

### 7. RadCom Contest Column

7.1. Nick encouraged members to volunteer to author future articles.

**Action: All**

### 8. GR2HQ

8.1. It was noted that the web page for 2024 page was now live, and comments were welcome.

**Action: All**

8.2. The raw scores showing GR2HQ in second place in 2024 are very welcome.

### 9. Registration for Field Days (and probably International Low Power Contest)

9.1. It was agreed to test support at the Convention for providing an optional registration system for HF NFD and SSB Field Day for portable stations, and to allow non-UK entries by UK residents to count towards their Championship scores.

**Action: G4FAL**

9.2. Post Meeting Note: Convention discussion supported this.



## **10. Status of Russian and Belarusian stations in RSGB Contests**

- 10.1. It was agreed that the Board be requested to clarify the Society's position prior to the Convention. The view of the HFCC was that the need to change the status quo was not compelling. It was agreed that Peter should report the Board's position to the Convention to allow feedback from attendees.

**Action: G4MJS**

- 10.2. Post Meeting Note: Convention attendees indicated a majority supporting the status quo.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting: TBA**