



Minutes of the HF Contest Committee meeting held via Skype

11th September 2019 at 20:00

Attendees:

Nick G4FAL Chair
Mike G0GJV
Graham G0NBI
Pete, G4CLA
Paul G4PVM
Clive GM3POI

Apologies for absence were received from Ian G0FCT, Mike G7TWC and Stewart GW0ETF

1. Rule changes for the October FT4 Contest

1.1. It was agreed to modify the rules for the next event as follows:

- 1.1.1. The NA VHF contest format will be adopted i.e. the required exchange will be a four-character locator only i.e. no signal report or serial number.
- 1.1.2. The contest period will be extended to 90 minutes.
- 1.1.3. The recommended dial frequencies will be 3576, 3579, 3582 kHz thus avoiding established FT8 frequencies and providing additional bandwidth.
- 1.1.4. Non-UK&CD entrants in both the 100w and 10w sections will be shown in separate tables. (It was agreed to re-present the results of the first FT4 contest to include these new sections).
- 1.1.5. Non-UK&CD stations may work other non-UK&CD stations but will score double points for working stations situated in the UK&CD (apart from HQ stations).

1.2. It was agreed that the rules would be subject to further review based on the experience of, and feedback from, entrants in the October event and the Convention.

2. HF Contests in 2020

2.1. It was agreed to use the HF Contest session at the Convention to consult on potential changes i.e.

- 2.1.1. How should we take forward FT4 in 2020?
- 2.1.2. Should we change the Assisted/Unassisted sections in the 80m CC that were introduced in 2019?
- 2.1.3. What should happen to the 40m QSO parties?
- 2.1.4. SSB Field Day. Should we add a High-Power section?
- 2.1.5. IOTA. Could the exchange be improved? Should we make signal reports compulsory once more?

3. Date of next meeting. 16th October 2019 at 20:00