

**NRAU**  
**Nordic Radio Amateur Union**

**Meeting in Denmark,  
Høje-Taastrup**

**August 13th-14th, 2005**

**Approved Minutes of the  
VHF-Committee Meeting**  
(Extract from the complete minutes)

## **Sub-group C5 (VHF/UHF/Microwaves) Issues**

Chairman: OZ7IS, Ivan Stauning (VHF manager, EDR)  
Secretary: OZ1FTU, Søren Pedersen (VHF committee, EDR)  
Others attending: LA8KV, Kjetil Toresen (VHF manager NRRL)  
SM2ECL, Anders Lahti (VHF manager, SSA)  
SM6NZZ, Tommy Björnström (VHF contest manager, SSA)

### **1. Minutes from previous meetings.**

The Chairman briefly presented the minutes from the VHF committee at the NRAU meeting in Iceland 2002, the IARU, Region 1, interim meeting in Vienna 2004 and the Open NRAU VHF meeting in Ånnaboda 2005.

Open items and actions points from these meetings are all covered in the agenda below.

### **2. NRAU Contest**

#### 2.1 Common VHF-UHF-SHF contest managers in NRAU

The fundament how to handle logs, publication, rules, etc. must be in place and aligned before any common work can take place. NRRL contest manager to make a proposal for how this could be implemented

Action 05/7 NRRL NRRL contest manager to make a proposal for how this could be implemented

These requirements are also reflected in many of the proposals for the IARU conference in Davos.

#### 2.2 NAC categories, 50 MHz – 432MHz (Source: Ånnaboda open NRAU VHF meeting/EDR)

Proposal to have 2 common classes in the NAC for the 50 MHz to 432 MHz bands.

(At present EDR has got 3 and SSA/NRRL has got only 1 common class.)

The classes are divided based on the transmitter output power:

Standard class: Max. 100 W

High power class: more than 100 W

Target date for implementation: 2006-01-01.

Action 05/8 (All) Implement 2 classes

### 2.3 Remote station operation (Source: Ånnaboda open NRAU VHF meeting/EDR)

A: Remote station operation is permitted in all NRAU, NAC and NRAU VHF, UHF and SHF contests.

B: All the equipment of the station (transmitters, receivers and antennas, etc) must be located within a single circle of no greater than 500 meters in diameter. [Doc Vie\_04\_20\_ZRS]

C: An operator can only operate one station per band at any one time.

Target date for implementation: 2006-01-01

Action 05/9 (All) Implement above mentioned rules

Note: At this time NRRL have restrictions, which mean that connection to a remote site via a public service provider (ADSL etc.) is not allowed due to the national contest rules.

### 2.4 Revival of the NRAU Microwave contest in June? (Source: EDR)

Sub-Regional Microwave contest 1st full weekend in June. SSA will take the organizer role for a trial period of 2-3 years. Coincide with Sub regional contest in Germany and other European countries.

Rules as for the October contest except 432MHz.

Target date for implementation: From June 2006.

Action 05/10 SSA Organize NRAU Microwave contest

### 2.5 Quarterly contest dates changed to coincide with sub regional contests? (Source: SSA)

Handled as an internal SSA matter.

Note: the date for the contest will be changed to coincide partly with the 24h contests for 3 hours Sunday morning. The contest is only SSB. Czechs need to be informed about this change. The DAVUS quarterly contest will be terminated.

Decision 05/3 DAVUS quarterly contest (Kvartalstesten) will be terminated.

Target date for implementation: 2006-01-01

Action 05/11 SSA Implement Kvartalstesten in Nordic sub-regional contests.

## 3. NRAU 10 meter Activity Contest (Source: SSA)

This agenda point was dealt with in a common session with the NRAU HF group as the HF contest committee organize the contest in EDR and NRRL and the VHF contest committee organize it in SSA and SRAL.

NRAU Nordic Activity Contest Designation (Source: NRRL)

It was decided to use the designation NRAU Nordic Activity Contest (short: NRAU NAC) for the activity contests, as decided at the 1999 NRAU Meeting in Hurdal, Norway. All contest managers, journal editors, and webmasters will be reminded to do so.

Decision 05/4 DAVUS quarterly contest (Kvartalstesten) will be terminated.

Common 10 m contest with NAC standard rules. (As on VUSHF)

After some discussions the meeting decided the following changes in order to get a common set of (simple) standard rules in all the Nordic countries:

- The 10m contest will consist of 4 separate classes.  
(A = CW, B = SSB, C = FM and D = Digital modes) (1hour each).
- A station may be contacted once for each mode. (Once every hour.)
- A digital class is included and will take place in the 4th and last hour.
- NAC standard point calculation rules are introduced: 1 point per km, 500 points per each new Locator square (e.g. JO99) and the QSO number exchange is omitted.
- Separate log for each class.

If a station participates in more than one of the classes the entry will also be listed in the combined multi-mode section. (E).

Target date for implementation: 2006-01-01.

EDR produces a set of the amended EDR rules for comments ASAP.

Action 05/12 EDR EDR produces a set of the amended EDR rules for comments

#### **4. Other NRAU matters**

Exchange of experience with the new 432 MHz band plan.

EDR and NRRL to inform SM2ECL about the 432 MHz band plan changes regarding beacons, repeater and digital modes.

Action 05/13 EDR, Inform SM2ECL about the 432MHz band plan regarding beacons, repeater  
NRRL and digital modes.

SSA will report in Davos if any questions arise.

Action 05/14 SSA SSA will report in Davos if any questions arise

#### **Strategy for Davos: Elections, Candidates**

A brief discussion on possible candidates for the Region 1 EC as well as HF and VHF/UHF/MW chairman for the coming 3 years took place.

The meeting noted valuable inputs from participants. NRAU will convene every day of the conference.

