

US Sailing Judges Committee
Conference Call
Sept 29, 2016
2000 hrs.

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call and Welcome
In Attendance: Nancy Glover-A, Ric Crabbe-C, Sarah Ashton-D, Doc Sullivan-E, Rick Mallinson-F, John Siegel-G, Tom Pochereva-H, Mike Kasper-K, Wayne Balsiger-L, Joe Krolak-JETTs Dir, Bruce Martinson-CJ Dir.
2. Communications
 - a. The JC was reminded that our committee requires proactive communications between an RAJ and their area judges. Such communications must be in addition to the BLASTs from the JC Marketing Director and US Sailing.
 - b. We have had feedback that not all our areas have achieved the target goals for the amount of contact by their RAJ. In a case or so a lack of timely response was encountered. All judges are asked to contact the JC Chair, Steve Wrigley if they are unable to establish acceptable communication channels regarding the judges committee.
 - c. An RAJ must insure that they provide timely contact with their area judges.
3. Renewals for 16.
 - a. Each RAJ is to be in direct contact with their judges in their area who are renewing a certification with regards to quals met or not met. It is recommended that this be done by email and phone for each candidate.
 - b. The Master Renewal list for 16 was sent out early in 2016 to the RAJs and all areas should have this well in hand with all renewals being contacted.
 - c. A conference call will be scheduled for Mid November to discuss renewal and each RAJ should have their summary forms emailed to the JC Chair at least one week before that call.
4. New Applications
 - a. All open applications were reviewed by each RAJ. There were several in the pipeline, but additional paperwork will be needed.
It is recommended that any applicant that has a question on their application contact their RAJ and if needed the JC Chair when feedback seems to be stalled.
 - b. Jamie Ramon from Area D was certified by committee vote as a new US Sailing Judge.
5. Seminars CJ (Club Judge) and AJ (Advanced Judge)
 - a. Seminar Activity in each area was reviewed. A monthly summary is now issued to the JC by Pat providing full details of all CJS, AJS and Round Tables (RTs) held nationally.
 - b. Each RAJ was asked to review their activities for this year and provide their plans for 2017 by the end of this year.

6. JETTs
 - a. Joe reported on the activities and direction of the Advance Judge Seminars, Clinics and Webinars for the next Quad. Efforts to create our education and training with little of no hard paper copies is high on their development list.
 - b. A reminder to all areas that seminars held in 2016 will be centered around the current rules. Seminars for 2017 and the new rules will be run after February to allow for full redevelopment of our seminars in January.
 - c. The JETTs committee will be proposing to the JC to approve rules seminars in the 1st year of a quad with accreditation for a judge's recertification. Note: that such sessions will need an application for approved just as a seminar or roundtable would.
 - d. JETTs will put the development of Clinics and Webinars on their front burner for 2017. Technology is available today to product this material and the JC is seeking US Sailing's assistance to establish the platform to run it.

7. JCAM
 - a. Draft 4 of the JC's administration manual will be sent out to the JC with new sections added.
 - b. Full feedback regarding the content is being requested from the JC members, especially for situations that have arisen and are not covered by the manual. Sections of the manual are published on the website as guidelines for our judges.

8. JM and Online test for 2017
 - a. Doc Sullivan provided an update on the JM revision for 2017-2020. He will work with John Siegel for final formatting. The JM is expected to be online by the end of the year. Hard copies may not be available until the middle to end of the 1st quarter next year with a final schedule to come from Race Admin.
 - b. Ric Crabbe our Program Manager for Testing is forming a working party to review our question data bank so that all conforms with the new rules arriving next year.

9. New Business
 - a. All on the call were fully supportive of another JC day long session (at the expense of each member) as was held in 2016 in St. Louis. Atlanta and St. Louis will be research for this year's meeting to be held in late Feb, or early March.