

Judges' Committee Meeting

August 6th Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Ashton at 7:33 PM EDT, 4:33 PM PDT

Attendees

Chair Sarah Ashton

Wayne Balsiger, JC Secretary

RAJs: Nancy Glover, Area A

Jim Walsh, Area C

Edith Collins, Area D

Nancy Zangerle, Area E

Rick Mallinson, Area F

Mark Smith, Potential RAJ Area F

Mike Gross, Area G

Michael Roth, Area H

Steve Schupak, Area J

Mike Kaspar, Area K

Craig Daniels, Area L

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee

Kathy Lindgren, Umpire Committee

1. June minutes as amended are approved.
2. Applications
 - a. Kristina McDavid for RJ – Nancy Glover Approved as Regional Judge
 - b. US Sailing BOD approved sending Mark Townsend application for IJ and IU, and Kevin Hawkins applications for IU.
3. Continuing Education updates – Bill Simon
 - a. CEE in SOARS – appeal cases. New instructions for recording appeals in SOARS. Bill Simon proposal to add to SOARS 2.0 documentation (how to guide). Motion approved to implement procedure and add to SOARS 2.0 documentation.
 - b. Revamping Advanced Judge Seminar
Bill Simon is exploring ways to update the AJS including the possibility of pairing one day of classroom training with Protest Day. Current thinking is it is still a two day seminar.

Let Bill know your thoughts on what to keep and what to change. Hopeful to roll out this fall.

Steve Schupak, Rick Mallinson, Craig Daniels, and Edith Collins have volunteered to help with the project. Bill wants to keep committee at five people.
 - c. Two clinics have been tested and went well and are ready to roll out. Bill Simon will provide a brief summary to send to the JC to distribute to those Judges that want to hold/host a clinic.
4. RAJ Guide – Wayne Balsiger
Wayne gave update on RAJ Guide. Nancy Glover and Edith Collins took RAO guide and modified it. Sent it to Wayne who added to it and sent out to Craig Daniels, Nancy Zangerle, as well as Edith and Nancy G. Craig made a number of improvements. Then Nancy Z. made major changes in the layout and other improvements. Next steps are to polish what we have and the working party approves it. Then send for review by all JC members.

One issue of course has been what to include and what to reference. We want to have one source only and reference material versus two versions that will get out of sync.

Sarah wants completed by end of year. We will do so. Ideally with months to spare.

5. Retiring Judges Recognition – Sarah

JC members received copy of emails sent to retiring judges. Matt: needs more formal way to know judge is retiring. Then US Sailing Race Admin can send out recognition. Best method is RAJ's can denote which judges are retiring during year end renewal process. Sarah will forward information to RAD for acknowledgement letters.

Sometimes families request letter of their service for judges who died. This will remain ad hoc.

6. Review Board Appeal update – Nancy Glover

Still waiting for answer from Review board.

7. Social Media Guidelines – Wayne Balsiger

Motion passed that the Judges Committee recommends the US Sailing Race Administration Committee “Adopt the World Sailing Race Officials Guidelines for the use of Social Media as guidelines for all US Sailing Race Officials”. Link: [https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ROCSocialMediaGuidelinesApril2019-\[24891\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ROCSocialMediaGuidelinesApril2019-[24891].pdf)

8. IJ Seminar – Rick Mallinson.

IJ Seminar proposed date for Miami, FL, on October 17, 18 2020. Waiting for WS to approve seminar and dates.

9. Other business

Mark Smith introduced as likely RAJ for Area F.

Applications not always going to RAJ. Form changed and fixed by Matt Hill. Should be going out correctly now. Links in emails must be used, not just clicking on the form on the website. What Area one is in, if they do not specify is determined by zip code. If missing an application can always check with Sarah for RJ and NJ applications, as she is copied on them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 EDT, 5:28 PM PDT

Wayne Balsiger
JC Secretary