

Judges' Committee Conference Call
December 7, 2020
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Ashton at 7:02 PM EST, 4:02 PM PST

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Chair Sarah Ashton

Wayne Balsiger, JC Secretary

RAJs: Mary Pierce, Area A

Bruce Cook, Area B

Jim Walsh, Area C

Edith Collins, Area D

Nancy Zangerle, Area E

Chris Luppens, Area F

Michael Gross, Area G

Michael Roth, Area H

Steve Schupak, Area J

Mike Kaspar, Area K

Craig Daniels, Area L

Members at Large

Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee

Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program

Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator

David Pyron, Chair Umpire Committee

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

Sarah welcomed David Pyron to the Judges Committee. He is the new Chair of the Umpires Committee.

III. Approval of October Minutes

The October minutes were approved as written.

IV. US Sailing Changes – Matt Hill

a. Jack Gierhart, CEO departed, significant change.

b. The Executive Management Team is running the organization. Mike Waters, Chief of Information Technology; Chief Financial Officer, Heather Monoson; Chief Development Officer, Jill Nosach; Chief Marketing Officer, Peter Glass; and Director of Operations, Lauren Cotta are running day-to-day.

c. Dave Irish past president of US Sailing died last week.

- d. RRS 2021-2024 US rule book, final corrections this week. Printing starts soon.
- e. Courses/seminars stay virtual
- f. Scheduling is back to education department to free up time for Race Administration.
- g. Two woman-only basic race management courses filled quickly and were well received. If JC wants any woman-focused courses for Judges, US Sailing can do that.
- h. RRS App released likely next week.

V. Renewals – All RAJs

Committee reviewed status of RJ and NJ renewals for all Areas.

Sarah will send note to Matt Hill to make sure renewals and new Certification notices goes to the person and a copy to the RAJ.

VI. 2021 Annual Meeting – Craig Daniels

Meeting February 19, 20, 2021. Would like it broken up into multiple sections, not one eight hour Zoom meeting.

Suggested sessions format is 2 hour Friday night, 3 hour Saturday, 3 hour Sunday.

How late to end on Friday night? 10 PM. Five Time Zones between Hawaii and East Coast.

Craig will send out planned sessions in an email.

VII. CEEs – Umpired Events/other events – Craig Daniels

Discussed draft of document. This is for renewals only.

Craig, moved we pass as is. Mary Pierce, Seconded.

Mike Kaspar discussed credit for hearings but only if hearing is a Redress, damage or black flag or red flag issue to count as a hearing. SOARS does not track this detail on hearings unless the person enters it into the comment field.

Likely only 10 people that the issue above might affect.

Others said well developed.

Motion passed.

Craig and Mike Kaspar will update some minor changes to it before publishing.

VIII. Manuals – Wayne Balsiger

Judges Manual

JM is in pretty good shape, mostly done. Final will wait for 2021-2024 Appeals book and maybe Case book and posting of updated documents on website. There are several outstanding questions that all have seen in email.

Wayne briefly reviewed several open questions. How to present WS Preferred Wording of Protest Decisions since it is not posted on WS website.

Another is how best to update the SafeSport contact info in the JM. David Pyron pointed out an issue about complaints versus SafeSport issues is not resolved yet.

Chapter 12 will remain in the book as it is more general now and specific requirements for certification or renewal are on the website in a separate document.

Bruce Cook asked if there was any reason to not update the JM if needed before the four year cycle. No, it could be done if needed.

Sarah says once the JC approved the Judges Manual, it can be published. No other approvals needed.

RAJ- Guide

Wayne discovered the RAJ-Guide is not on the website. He sent copy to Matt Hill to get posted to website on Judges Page in the Guidelines section.

IX. JETTS

a. Virtual Hearings 180 miles? etc. – Bill Simon

Concept to deal with at a later date: Most hearings are virtual hearings. Do you get credit for 180 mile event when a virtual hearing?

Other side, want people to travel, and work with people they don't know. Bill thinks should count. Think about it for next meeting.

b. CJ certification process – Bruce Martinson

A motion to make the following changes to the requirements for certification as a Club Judge was made:

- eliminate the credit for one hearing from the Club Judge Seminar
- recommend a candidate to participate in Protest Day and receive a recommendation from a Protest Day instructor [this recommendation will satisfy the requirement for a recommendation from a certified judge based upon performance in an actual regatta hearing]
- count Protest Day as one of the 3 hearings required for certification
- other existing requirements remain

The motion passed.

c. Scheduling CJ seminars – Bruce Martinson

US Sailing wants to have once a month type program. Run smoother for scheduling.

Will do the same for Roundtable.

However we will need many more than two a month for CJ Seminars.

Can use US Sailing as a host club. US Sailing number is 146835X.

Let Bruce know when a seminar is set up.

d. Instructor Application/Education – Bill Simon

Still waiting for evaluation forms (process) from US Sailing.

e. CEU assignment for Protest Day and RTs – Bruce Martinson, Nancy Glover, Chris Luppens

For participants, Protest Day is now 80 CEU. For a Roundtable, full day is 80 CEU and a half day is 40 CEU. Will talk about in February meeting.

X. Plan of improvement – Jim Walsh

Document is with Matt Hill and soon after Rule book is out he will turn his attention back to it. Very close to giving to the committees to get input from each discipline.

Regulation 15 is revised and reviewed by Board of Directors this evening. Time lines changing tighten up some aspects.

XI. New business

Is there a minimum age for being certified as a Judge? No.

For Sailing Instructors, they must be 16 years old by end of year that the course is held in.

Under age 18, they are designated a Sailing Assistant. If a minimum age requirement is set, it likely should be set by the Race Administration Committee. General consensus of committee is no minimum is needed.

Sarah requested that RAJ's send all planned seminars for next three months in email to JC members.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM EST, 6:09 PM PST

Wayne Balsiger, JC Secretary