

Judges' Committee Meeting June 10th 2019 Minutes

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

Attendees

Chair Sarah Ashton

Wayne Balsiger, JC Secretary

RAJs: Jim Walsh, Area C
Nancy Zangerle, Area E
Rick Mallinson – 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

Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee

Bruce Martinson, Club Judge Administrator

Amended minutes approved

1. Applications

- a. Townsend for IJ – Steve Approved by JC pending last reference at U.K. event. Then JC will forward to US Sailing for BOD approval
- b. Borland for RJ – Jim W Approved as Judge

2. Recommendation wording – Sarah

Current requirements document states: Obtain references from at least three US Sailing Judges stating the applicant is “Highly Recommended”
Form has two qualified statements

Recommendation and submit form

Recommendation for Race Officer – Considering everything I know about this applicant, I believe that he or she is: *

- HIGHLY QUALIFIED for the appointment requested
- SUFFICIENTLY QUALIFIED for the appointment requested
- NOT YET QUALIFIED for the appointment requested
- NOT SUITABLE for appointment as a race officer

is recommendation. US Sailing appreciates your support of the certified officials program.

If you need to discuss any information related to this recommendation, please feel free to contact the [Race Administration Director](#) at US Sailing.

Discussion of requiring Highly Qualified in chapter on qualifying for Judge or allowing both qualifying categories.

Rick Mallinson moved and Mike Kaspar seconded motion to change requirements document to allow highly qualified or sufficiently qualified.

Amendment to change Sufficiently Qualified to Qualified passed.

Both amendment and motion passed. Matt Hill will change document. ... *qualified for the appointment requested* will replace *sufficiently qualified for the appointment requested*.

He will change the drop-down on the reference form to remove word Sufficiently.

3. Continuing Education updates – Bill Simon

“Pop-up” round-table with many judges done. Thanks to the judges that tested the concept.

Diagrams for the AJS and Club Judge tests were redone by Mike Kasper and Steve Wrigley with better resolution and clarity of situation described e.g. overlap situations. Thank you.

- Three Clinics ready to roll out.
- Protest day can be done with 5 people
- Could do half day clinic and half day round table

Will be rolling these out in near future. No need to wait for off-season.

4. RAJ Guide – Wayne B

Making great progress on RAJ Guide. I have taken what Nancy Glover and Edith Collins gave me based on the RO guide and added to it. Getting close. Next step is to review with Craig and Nancy Z. Then send out to JC for comments.

Looking at what all to include from the draft JCAM (Judge Committee Administrative Manual) and what to leave in the draft JCAM. All agree the Draft JCAM can be published to the JC secure area so the JC has access to this information about the functioning of the JC.

Matt Hill comment: Short on what to do in a situation. Club Race officer. Don't be hesitant on include detail.

5. Club Judge program - Bruce Mallinson

- a. Recent seminar had only 5 students but went very well. Even a small group is fine. The seminar caters more to their needs as well as covering all topics.

6. Issue: The Club Judge request to become a certified instructor form is not sent to correct person. Instructor forms go to Bruce Mallinson or Bill Simon for AJS instructor certification. Matt Hill to remedy.

7. Race Administration updates - Matt Hill

SafeSport

If one passed SafeSport by 4-14-2019, certification is good for 2 years. After 4-15-19, good for one year.

Background checks

US Sailing is working with USOC on this. USOC asked for comments from all national governing bodies. Have submitted written comments once and will again soon. Lee Parks retired. Compliance Manager hired (Justin Sterk). US Sailing saying to USOC that background checks should not apply with Race Officers, Judges and Umpires. We are in very different positions than coaches for example. Will see what happens. USOC Official policy coming in September, to be rolled out by end of year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 EDT, 5:34 PM PDT

Wayne Balsiger

JC Secretary