

April Judges' Committee Meeting  
Thursday April 16, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

**I. Greetings/Cocktail Party – 6:45 PM EDT, 3:45 PM**

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Ashton at 7:00 PM EDT, 4:00 PM PDT

**II. Roll Call – 7:00 PM**

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

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

Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator

Kathy Lindgren, Chair, Umpire Committee

**III. Approval of February Minutes**

February Minutes approved as submitted

**IV. Manuals**

**a) Judges' Manual (JM)-Wayne**

*Draft updates due May 1 to Wayne. Have 3 chapters submitted so far. Wayne will send back out the assignment sheet and link to rule changes in 2021. Please use Track changes on when making any edits.*

**b) RAJ manual – Wayne**

*The .PDF version will be in public area of Judges page, likely under Guidelines. If anyone has suggested improvements, send to Wayne.*

**V. Continuing Education – Online options – Bill Simon**

Bill: All in person seminars canceled by US Sailing. We are working on making online offerings and as part of this process we are looking at how pre-learning, homework, study guide etc. can be done ahead of time and reduce the in class time. This likely will remain an improvement after we can have in person seminars again. May be take 1 day seminar and turn into a shorter group portion with discussions and exercises.

Canvas LMS is the on-line learning software at US Sailing. 3<sup>rd</sup> priority is converting Club Judge Seminar.

Nancy Glover very willing to help set up round-tables on Zoom. First two have sold out immediately. Nancy and Bill Simon can help RAJ's set up immediately. Great to do now with many people at home for

Coronavirus. Craig Daniels is scheduling one. 18 people limit to web Seminars. Only takes a few hours to plan and set up with Nancy.

Next course in queue is Club Judge. Race Officer course is done. Not let perfect be enemy of Good.

Educational opportunities outside US Sailing. If someone develops a seminar it can be approved and used for educational purposes even if there are no CEUs.

Zoom protest day. Looking at potential. Recording it. Example for Club Judge Program. 3 hour session.

Idea is we will have online seminars by the end of this Coronavirus period.

Online hearings. Google Drawing. Zoom hearings, 4<sup>th</sup> jury member is technical member. Breakout rooms on Zoom are used when say Witnesses are out of the room. Sail Replay <http://sailreplay.com/> is one option.

## **VI. Renewal Extensions**

Because of Coronavirus canceled events and seminars for much of this year:

Bill Simon moved:

Judges that meet required recertification requirements should recertify in 2020. However for those judges impacted by canceled events and who don't meet required recertification requirements by December 31, 2020 have the option of meeting all the renewal requirements by 12-31-2021 and may look back 5 years for their qualifying events (2017-2021). The renewal will be for four years.

For new certifications in 2020 and 2021, an applicant may look back 5 years for qualifying events, until 12-31-2021 (2016-2020, 2017-2021).

Second by Jim Walsh.

**Motion carries.**

## **VII. Instructor Qualifications/application – Bill Simon**

The Judges Committee is resisting making the Teaching and Coaching Fundamentals a requirement, as it does not relate to what our instructors are doing. For now, it is not a requirement. The application process is on hold while the education department is working on other priorities.

## **VIII. Safe Sport/Background check update – Matt Hill**

SafeSport is fine, but NGB's for smaller sports may have issues, but not sailing. Background checks, Matt said needs more progress on background checks for new certifications. A few Race Officers are refusing to take. They will lose certification. All officials: 90%-95% have taken Background test. About 6 were flagged on report, but the potential issue were not a concern for US Sailing.

## **IX. Testing – Matt Hill**

Open for those who want to take their test for those renewing in 2020. 2021 Rules likely will be 1-1-2021 even though the Olympic Summer games are delayed until 2021. Normally rules change after the games.

## **X. IJ Seminar Update – Matt Hill**

About 18 approved to apply. About 12 have registered.

**XI. Umpire Committee Update – Kathy**

No umpiring since February. Have done some on line seminars.

Talk about developing more seminars. After match racing and Basic Team Racing. Similar to Judges Round table may come for Assessors.

**XII. New/Renewal Applications**

1. The Committee approved these applications:
  - John Fryer Certified as National Judge
  - Charlie Arms Certified as National Judge
  - Angelo Guarino Certified as Regional Judge
  - Danielle Lawson Certified as National Judge
  - Steve Kuritz is renewed as Regional Judge

**XIII. 2021 Meeting – Craig**

Craig presented some preliminary looks at possible cities for the February 2021 in-person meeting. He got lots of input. We eliminated a few cities on his list.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 EDT, 5:32 PDT

Wayne Balsiger  
JC Secretary