

Judges' Committee April Meeting
April 22, 2021
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Sarah Ashton at 7:30PM EDT, 4:30PM PDT

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Chair Sarah Ashton p

Vice Chair Wayne Balsiger

RAJs: Mary Pierce, Area A

Bruce Cook, Area B

Edith Collins, Area D

Nancy Zangerle, Area E

Michael Gross, Area G

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

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

III. Approval of February Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

IV. Race Administration Report – Matt Hill

Back in office beginning of June, all back by end of June. In person training beginning in June by region.

V. Intro Judie McCann, Race Admin Coordinator – Matt Hill

Fully on board, doing a great job. Has worked as coordinator and facilitator in several industries, librarian, graphics. Judie working in Canvas, posting educational, appeals and certification information. We are now up to date on certifications. Rachel has left US Sailing.

VI. JETTS

a. Virtual Education – Bill Simon, Nancy Glover, Bruce Martinson
Bill says “we are cruising along!”

b. Increase in CJ seminars – RAJ's

Two planned, we need each RAJ to plan at least one and perhaps more.

c. Collaboration with Australia Sailing JC – Bill Simon

Bill says Australian judges have offered their test questions. We could share our test questions and some of our seminar materials. Bill hesitates to share our other materials especially our protest day library as we have worked very hard at development. Some Australian judges have already taken our Protest Day. The Australians may produce a video on protest techniques and will share it if so. Motion by Nancy, seconded by Edith, to approve as stated above by Bill. Motion carried.

VII. US Sailing Judge Certification Requirements, Requirement Matrix and Chapter 12 – Craig Daniels

Sarah asks: Should a Protest Day reference count for RJ and NJ? Bill would like to have one reference for RJ and NJ. Sarah: still concerned about NJ since high level events required. Wayne: an issue is that some judges attend events with no hearings. He is in favor of one Protest Day reference counting for both RJ and NJ. Craig says this is already in his source materials as previously approved. Mike K. Says we need up to date documentation. He wrote "Chapter 12" and disagrees with Craig. Bill says references written generally by consensus of instructors. References may be written by Chief Judge or deputies that had significant experience with the candidate. The full reference form must be used.

Motion from Nancy: One of the required references for RJ and NJ may come from Protest Day. Second Craig. Motion carried.

Appendix P: Craig asks if language should change to require actual Appendix P rather than Bruce says many events do not require Appendix P due to the nature of the boats. Wayne suggests that we require Appendix P knowledge and experience for initial NJ certification but not renewal. Mike K states experience and knowledge for both certification and renewal. Motion: Bruce C. moves and Mary seconds, remove Appendix P requirement from NJ certification and renewal. Motion carried.

Bill: is the chart now official or should it be recirculated?

Craig moves to accept the chart with tonight's changes, Steve seconded.

Edith: Is there a hearing limit from Protest Day for CJ certification? Bruce M. says one. Discussion about actual event versus Protest Day training. Steve discusses real emotions and consequences at regattas. Mike G. suggests this is a new topic. Craig suggests limiting scope.

Motion: Bruce moves and Edith seconds that Protest Day will count for chairing one hearing.
Motion carried.

Motion: Edith Steve and Edith seconded to vote on chart as corrected tonight. Motion carried.

All documents will be updated to be consistent. Definitions and temperament information are in Chapter 12. Bill: should Chapter 12 simply refer to the chart and not duplicate information? Wayne says Chapter 12 has much important information, especially definitions. Chapter 12 is qualitative, chart is quantitative. Bill suggests that we review for consistency and vote by email. Everyone agrees. We will vote on the combined documents later.

VIII. Misconduct Subcommittee – Nancy Glover

The subcommittee document was circulated by email to the JC. Data base and training are the focus. Much discussion ensued. As many items queried were addressed in the subcommittee document, Nancy suggested that everyone read the short write up and be prepared to discuss any further open points at the next JC meeting. It is anticipated that the JC will vote on whether to implement the Misconduct Initiative at the next meeting.

IX. Plan of improvement/Review Board – Jim Walsh

No report, Jim unable to attend meeting.

X. Arbitration; WS vs USS – Bruce Martinson

Bruce queries why the arbitrator is not included in the panel in the US but included by World Sailing in the judges manual. Should we change our position? Arbitrator may observe per US Judges Manual. Bruce C discusses US prescriptions and the philosophy that these are important. Nancy will ask Dick Rose about history.

XI. Umpire Committee Update – David Pyron

No report, Dave did not attend the meeting.

XII. New Applications/upgrades

a. Paul Murray, RJ – Mike Kaspar

Paul Murray is appointed to RJ.

b. John Busch, RJ – Steve Schupak

John Busch is appointed to RJ.

c. Albrecht Goethe, RJ – Chris Luppens

Albrecht Goethe is appointed an RJ.

XIII. New business: Bill queries the Safesport Indemnification. Discussion. Matt will remind Justin that we are waiting for an answer.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:43 EDT, PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J Glover