

Judges' Committee Conference Call
7:00 pm EDT October 18, 2021
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order

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

Welcome to John Porter as incoming Area K RAJ

Mike will do transition

Matt is going to help train new people on systems.

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Chair Sarah Ashton

Vice Chair Wayne Balsiger

RAJs:

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

Mike Kaspar, Area K

John Porter, Area K (Incoming)

Craig Daniels, Area L

Members at Large

Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee

Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

Approval of August Minutes

Minutes approved as written

Nancy Glover moved, Mike Roth 2nd.

III. Race Administration Report – Matt

Board is meeting tonight as well as us. Approval of new method to recognize sailor athletes for reps on all committees. 33.4% of representatives on committees No exceptions at this time. Maybe some in future.

The new definitions will be approved tonight and then OAC, The definitions will be more inclusive.

There will be a portal where we can go to self-identify our status.

More Seminars on calendar now. Pass the word they are available.

Budget process right now. Membership going up, but budget is still very tight.

Some judges are saying they have never heard about the background checks. Each person has to consent to the check before it happens.

Not all CEUs getting into SOARS, Matt will ask Judie to look at this.

Safe Sport certification is good for 12 months from the date the course was taken. Suggest to our folks to wait until almost due to take the course.

Matt asked the JC to choose some standing dates for meetings set 4 – 6 a year and put on calendars. Less haggling. BOD always posted on website.

IV. Plan of improvement/Review Board – Matt

There will be a new approach to certification that addresses an applicant's technical attributes [the person's technical competence as a race official: rules knowledge, ability to run a hearing, etc.] and an applicant's personal attributes [a person's integrity and honesty, for example]. The race official committee will make the certification decision if it has no concerns with an applicant's personal attributes. If the race official committee has a concern about a person's personal attributes, it will forward what information it has available to a new Ethics & Compliance Committee for it to investigate and address. The race official committee will be bound by the decision of the Ethics & Compliance Committee. Definitions of terms are listed.

The decision to split off “personal attributes” to a separate committee was made so that decisions on personal attributes will be consistent within the organization. This is intended to avoid a situation where the Judges Committee makes a decision one way and another race official committee makes a different decision for similar circumstances. The members of the Ethics & Compliance will be trained. There will be race administration representation on that committee.

This plan will also allow for a review of a problem race official’s situation during the official’s certification period rather than waiting for the time of recertification to address it.

There is a form for reporting misconduct of race officials. The process to be followed depends on what the complaint is about. There is also a commendation form.

V. Change to Requirement Table – Craig

Criteria (1): A certified umpire may count the specified number of events or hearings towards this requirement. The event or hearing shall be detailed in the comments section of the event in SOARS and be one of the following types: Redress hearing at a Team or Match race, or Damage hearing at a Team or Match race, or Black Flag hearing at a Team race, or Red Flag hearing at a Match race.

When someone uses a Chief Umpire for Chief Judge, the part about hearings doesn't make sense. The bold italicized seem like a reasonable shortchange. Or could I just rewrite it as a clarification and not vote on it. It fits our intent better. What is posted is a bit of an error.

I suggest: *Criteria (1): A certified umpire may count the specified number of events or hearings towards this requirement. The event or hearing shall be detailed in the comments section of the event in SOARS. **A hearing must** be one of the following types: Redress hearing at a Team or Match race, or Damage hearing at a Team or Match race, or Black Flag hearing at a Team race, or Red Flag hearing at a Match race*

Move by Nancy Glover, 2nd by Chris Luppens to make change and update Website.

VI. Misconduct Subcommittee – Nancy Glover

A significant 69 case is proceeding to a hearing with an experienced panel. It could result in a reportable incident. This will provide feedback on our process and procedures.

Nancy wants to start doing Roundtable sessions on 69 hearings. Some of the possible roundtable topics were discussed.

It was stressed that we need to make sure that all judges, particularly Club Judges, know to call their RAJ first before proceeding with any misconduct cases. This point will be made in the AJS Seminar. Nancy will write-up a flyer that can be sent by RAJ to the judges corp.

VII. Renewals' status- RAJs

Area B

Mary Savage is given an extension to 2022. Approved.

Reviewed all areas except A Mary Pearce and C Jim Walsh. Reserved for our next meeting.

VIII. Extension of recertification requirements – Sarah

Not many requested this year. Sarah recommends we take on a case-by-case basis unless.
Passed.

IX. Harman Hawkins Trophy nominee - Sarah

Jim Tichenor good has been very active over many years in judging, race management, and education.

Edith Moved, Nancy Glover seconded.

Chris and Matt Hill would work together to make nomination.

X. New Applications/upgrades

a. Jim Tichenor, JE– Chris

Nancy G moved to approve

Chris seconded.

Motion passes.

XI. Annual Meeting in February – Wayne

I am favor of zoom meeting in 2022. I would suggest a similar format to last year.

February 2022						^	∨
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	1	2	3	4	5	

Either Feb 11, 12, 13 or Feb 18, 19, 20

The members of the committee were asked to “save those dates”.

Possible IJ seminar on those weekends. Although World Sailing has not gotten back with Matt about seminar dates.

- XII. Sarah Ashton, Thanks for your great service as Judges Committee Chair.
Thanks to Mike Kaspar for being RAJ.

- XIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 EDT, 6:00 PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Collins with significant help from Wayne.