

Judges' Committee Minutes  
October 18, 2022, 7:00 PM EDT

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:05 PM EDT, 4:05 PM PDT

II. Roll Call

Attendees: Chair Wayne Balsiger

RAJs: In attendance: Bruce Cook, Area B; Edith Collins, Area D; Chris Luppens, Area F.  
Steve Schupak, Area J; John Porter, Area K; Craig Daniels, Area L; Nancy Zangerle, Area E

Not In attendance: Mary Pierce, Area A; Jim Walsh, Area C; Don Wieneke, Area G.  
Tom Pochereva, Area H

Members at Large: In attendance: Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee.  
Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator; Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

Not in attendance: Sarah Ashton, Judges' Committee Newsletter; Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge  
Program ; David Pyron, Chair Umpires Committee.

III. Approval of August Minutes

The August Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- US Sailing received two Complaints about Judges. Per the Race Official Report and Complaint Policy, Wayne has named Bruce Cook, Steve Wrigley, and Bill Stump to the sub-committee to determine a recommendation to the JC.
- WS Q&A Service and Updated WS RRS
- Improvement letter from Wayne sent to NJ candidate

V. Education – Bill Simon, Bruce Martinson

a. Guidelines for setting up Advanced and Club Judge seminars

- i. Discussion about Club Judge seminars, one got canceled about the same time as a PR push started. Discussion about having a central calendar for planning new events. In-person vs virtual training: 2023 will tell us a lot about the mix of in-person vs virtual. Discussion about minimum size of a class, especially club judge. Chris L was encouraged to offer a class of size three although likely it would grow when put online.
- ii. CJ modified because of on-line. 8-10 hours of online homework.
- iii. Talking to make sure calendar looks good and makes sense on timing
- iv. In person discussions and Activities much better trained that way
- v. Bruce, master calendar could help place in timely manner
- vi. Club Judge will run with minimum of four or five so exercises work better. Three is good for Bruce M.
- vii. In-person vs zoom training one AJS was cancelled Zoom had 17 signed up
- viii. For AJS want at least 10 people to work right. Hard to get that many in -person for most locations

- ix. Round tables usually Zoom. Chicago may be in person if not 20 will open to zoom as well.
- x. Need better communication. Bill and Bruce M should be notified about Club Judge Seminars.
- xi. Notify Nancy Glover of and to approve roundtables
- xii. Notify Bruce Cook for protest day.
- xiii. Discussion of a master calendar but no consensus.,

#### Instructor training

AJS, need to be an assistant first  
 Different course than before and from CJS

- xiv. Discussion about fees. Matt: As you know, I'm in favor of this, and I have proposed it for the Race Admin 2023 budget. At this point, I can't predict whether it will be approved. I like the fallback position as well.
  1. A fallback position would be that any fees paid for CEUs should go into an account for US Sailing books, supplies and Volunteer branded material.
  2. The budget is built by the staff after consultation with the committees, massaged by the finance department, and approved by the Board's budget committee and then the full Board.

#### VI. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill

- Insurance: not much has changed. Five brokers being talked to. None want to extend US sailing's policy to cover race officials. Investigating separate policies for coaches and Race Officials.
- Misconduct updates and form. Need to tell/teach judges that this form is available. Sub-committee feels that this is ready for use. Email has been developed to announce this to the judges. Form was reviewed and a few tweaks made. Nancy Glover moves that we authorize an email to judges that includes the following form. Seconded. Motion carries.
  - <https://form.jotform.com/222893507845062>
- Fees for US Sailing Continuing Education
  - Matt: for 2023 pushing hard for no fees and continue to move in this direction over next 2 years. No fees for renewing certification.
  - In budget for 2023 and top leadership in favor of it.

#### VII. Sarah Ashton – Newsletter

Discussion about whether to have RAJs send out newsletter or have US Sailing do this or we can combine RAJ lists to create a master list. (Some RAJs have a mailing list that is larger than what is in SOARS.) Consensus was to let RAJs send it out.  
 November issues deadline is October 24 or sooner  
 Still not seeing all RAJs sending out to their judges and copying Sarah and Wayne

#### VIII. Roundtables – Nancy Glover: a list of Round Table topics is available. Will be in Rule 68 Newsletter. Matt offered to put in on the US Sailing website too.

- IX. New Applications/upgrades
  - a. John Porter – motion to approve Steve S, second by Craig D. John P
  - b. Reminder to check in with Judges whose Certification expires this year. Our aim this year should be to have very few grace period candidates. Let's work hard on getting all the boxes checked before the end of the year.
  
- X. Update on Rule 42 Clinic – Craig Daniels
  - a. Beta test nearly ready. Encouragement for Craig to offer beta in early December.
  - b. Focus on main calls and skip extra stuff most will not see
  - c. Cover all of sculling together
    - i. Basic rules with Prohibited actions
    - ii. Exceptions
  - d. Fred Hagadorn and Shannon Bush are working on an Advanced Clinic. We do not have an updated expected date for this Clinic.
  
- XI. RAJ Guide – John Porter
  - a. RAJ guide revision sent for review. Motion to approve carried, with a couple of updates that Nancy Zangerle found.
  
- XII. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger
  - Update status on JM. It needs a couple more updates but is almost ready.
  
- XIII. New Business
  - a. Discussion on accepting a Canadian Judge's reference for US certification - already done.
  - b. Chris Luppens Issues getting references for CJs to get certified in a big Area without many judges in near them.
  - c. RAJ Application Checklist update – Mary Pierce, Wayne Balsiger
    - i. See attached proposed draft
    - Will finish update via emails with committee.
  - d. February Annual meeting dates and method via Zoom. Targeting February 10 – 12.
  - e. December meeting: Wayne to send out a letter.
  
- XIV. Adjournment
  - Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 PM EDT, 6:12 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Daniels and Wayne Balsiger