

Judges' Committee Minutes
April 25, 2023 7:00 PM EDT 4:00 PM PDT

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:03 PM EDT, 4:03 PM PDT

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Chair Wayne Balsiger

RAJs: Mary Pierce, Area A
Bruce Cook, Area B
Harry Foote, Area C
Edith Collins, Area D
Nancy Zangerle, Area E
Chris Luppens, Area F
Tom Pochereva, Area H
John Porter, Area K

Members at Large

Sarah Ashton, Judges' Committee Newsletter
Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee
Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program
Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator
Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor
Matt Hill, Race Administration Director

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the February Minutes, as corrected by Wayne, was made by M. Pierce. Seconded by E. Collins. Motion was approved.

IV. Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- April BOD Notes were sent by W. Balsiger under separate email to the committee.
- Sandy Grosvenor, Chair of the Race Administration Committee submitted correspondence regarding RAC Working Parties.

Hi all,

I am making a report to the Board on May 11 about race administration task force recommendations. Attached is a copy of said report from October 2020. Some of the recommendations have been accomplished, but many still need to be addressed. I am working with Matt on updating where we stand and what actions and priorities we still need to take.

In reviewing the report, I see 3 functional areas where the RAC needs working parties to brainstorm and recommend changes.

I would like to get three "working parties" up and running over the next couple weeks:

RO Education WP - Focus on educational materials; work with the Education Department to make sure we have up-to-date, best practice materials coordinated with the Education Department for all our RO courses.

RO Certification WP - Review and revise our certification processes across officiating disciplines - goals are to improve consistency of processes and standards across the disciplines. Align the processes where possible. This would include club, regional, national, and international levels of certification.

RO Performance Review WP - Review and revise our processes for appraising our officials - how do we get information; how do we handle feedback - both positive and negative, both formal and informal? How do we communicate and coordinate with the Ethics Committee and Review Board.

US Sailing significantly revised many of its processes in this area a couple years ago, we need to make sure that we all understand how this all should work (and recommend improvements)

A ranging discussion ensued about the goals of the above WPs and past experience with the 2020 survey questionnaire.

The correspondence received from the RAC Chair appears to attempting implementation of the goals of the 2020 survey. The Judges Committee members who are familiar with the questionnaire are opposed to a number of those actions. The Judges' Committee has already implemented some of the best recommendations.

Our education programs have evolved in positive ways but have sometimes been a bit contentious with lack the respect of the contributions from the Judges Committee JETTS members.

The Judge's Committee is happy to work on the Working Parties to improve on materials, processes and similar standards across disciplines where possible.

V. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill

- a. Leave of absence in May
- b. Out of office

VI. IJ Candidates info – Darryl Waskow

- a. Put out a reminder for Candidates to provide copies of WS application documents to Matt Hill by June 1, 2023. Applications are reviewed by the US Sailing Judges Committee in June, followed by the BOD on July 17th. Materials for the BOD are due July 11.
- b. Approved candidates documentation must be submitted to WS by Sept. 1, 2023. It was mentioned that supplemental information can be submitted until Oct.1, but WS does not like that happening.
- c. There is the application form on the US Sailing website, but should be submitted to Matt Hill not the RAJ.
- d. There are about seven potential applicants for IJ certification this year.
- e. A suggestion made to a tracking system to ID all IJ candidates in the newsletter. Suggested it go to all national judges. W. Balsiger indicated that we rely on M. Hill to notify the judges committee.

VII. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton

Next issue deadline was April 19th. S. Ashton reminded everyone to send out the newsletter. She needs topics. The newsletter is sent to Sailing Scuttlebutt, but they pick an article to republish.

VIII. Education – Bill Simon, Bruce Martinson and team

B. Simon reported that the Thursday night judges training was well received. Protest Days were 4 hours and required 2 nights, while roundtables were 3 hours and completed in one night.

B. Simon needs more volunteers to help lead. M. Pierce offered to try a different night. Darryl and John Porter also stepped up.

Feedback on round table Judges

Starting earlier on seminars.

3 hrs good, zoom good, topics good.

Add some day night CJS.

Thursday was randomly selected as the day of the week.

How many Club Judge Seminars coming?

Chris has a CJS planned for 2/4/24.

M. Hill said Canvas goes away at the end of the year 2023. Courses will start to migrate this summer to a new platform. A priority is to include a better testing platform. Jessica being replaced. The position has been advertised but no replacement yet.

New US Sailing policy is CEUs are free for current certified officials. Yet Charlie Arms talked about raising the price of education.

Roundtables and Protest Days are by far the best training options.

- a. AJS – Bill Simon – reports that people renewing aren't taking the AJS and it doesn't make sense to hold it for only 4-5 people because it is a lot of work. C Luppens reported he will have a lot of CJs. Up for renewal in 2024 and expects many to want to upgrade. He will need an AJS.
CJS – Bruce Martinson – (from before the start of the meeting) B. Martinson taught an in-person CJS by himself and felt it was a lot of material to get through in one day. Review and streamline CJS materials. CJS 5 – 10 people best size
- b. B. Simon's experience said having a CJS with 20 people indicates we are not meeting the need, and a mix of in-person and online CJS is needed.
M. Hill said that Race Management soft schedules 3 seminars a year plus on as needed basis.
- c. Roundtables – Nancy Glover reports that 3 topics and a 3 hr. session is working well.
- d. Protest Day – Bruce Cook

IX. RAJ tools – Wayne

- a. RAJ Checklist
- b. RAJ Guide

X. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

Update status on JM.

XI. New Applications/upgrades

- a. Peter Chirlian, RJ – Harry Foote Approved
- b. Joleen Rasmussen, RJ – Edith Collins Approved
- c. John “Jack” White, RJ – Nancy Zangerle approved

XII. Annual Meeting – John Porter, Wayne Balsiger

- a. We decided in February to have a hybrid meeting, Zoom and in person
- b. Harken has offered their building and conference room. J. Porter would look to obtain oacl housing for attendees. Flights to Pewaukee can be had under \$300. Harken has a big projector
- c. Pick a date soon. Avoid Savannah the 1st weekend in February and 3rd weekend. February 10th sounded best during discussion.

February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	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	29	1	2

Feb 10 looking good

Feb 17 to 24 is vacations and airfares are high

John Porter will set up a doodle for date preferences

For JC meetings in 2023, Wayne resending preference spreadsheet to all

XIII. New Business

Matt Hill will be taking a leave of absence in May for health reasons. Judie McCann will be covering and reading emails. B. Cook asked how IJ applications would be covered. M. Hill indicated he expected to be reading emails by June 1.

The June meeting will need to be earlier rather than later because of IJ candidate applications.

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 PM EDT, 5:23 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger and Nancy Zangerle