

Judges' Committee Minutes
June 22, 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: Bruce Cook, Area B
Harry Foote, Area C
Edith Collins, Area D
Chris Luppens, Area F
Don Wieneke, Area G
Tom Pochereva, Area H
Steve Schupak, Area J
Craig Daniels, Area L

Members at Large

Sarah Ashton, Judges' Committee Newsletter
Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee
Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator
Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor

III. Approval of Minutes

The April Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- BOD Notes
 - I understand everyone is getting the summary, correct?
- RAC Working Parties
 - I recommended these JC members as members of these Working Parties
 - RO Education WP – Bill Simon and Mary Pierce
 - RO Certification WP – Craig Daniels and Bill Simon
 - RO Performance WP – Wayne Balsiger

The makeup of the Working Parties as presented (draft slides) to the BOD by Sandy Grosvenor

RA Training Working Party

- Focus on Education and RO Training recommendations
- Strategy for training programs; education/standards for instructors; improved materials and coordination with training department
- Will likely largely be synonymous with RO National Faculty
- Members
 - Jeff Johnson (RM)
 - Mary Pierce (JC)
 - Bill Simon (JC)
 - Kirk Brown (Ump)
 - Dina Kowalyshyn (Measurers)

RA Certification Working Party

- Focus on centralizing, streamlining certification standards, processes – from club to international candidates.
- Be different where we have to, try hard to align processes.
- Promote ability to efficiently process and automate certification applications
- Members
 - Becky Ashburn (RM)
 - Craig Daniels (Ump)
 - Bill Simon (JC)
 - Pending (Measurers)

RO Performance and Assessment Working Party

- Focus on how we evaluate and assess officials' performance
- Assessing competence; providing constructive feedback; handling compliments; handling criticisms; handling formal complaints
- Members
 - Mary Ellen DeFrais (RM)
 - Wayne Balsinger (JC)
 - Dave Pyron (Ump)

Each WP should have a goal to get recommendations defined, submitted, and approved by the end of 2023. The key on each is that we have many differences in how we operate. Some make sense, a lot of them are a bit different - and those differences are confusing to our race officials. I intend to

leave it to the WP to decide on recommendations - my only ask would be that the phrase "we do it this way because we've always done it that way" be banned.

- V. Race Admin Director Report – by Wayne Balsiger for Matt Hill
 - a. Health
 - b. Staff Reports
 - c. Insurance – nothing new
 - d. Race Officials in the Spotlight – RAJs please submit some.

- VI. New Applications/upgrades
 - a. Jim Carkhuff, RJ - Harry Foote Jim is approved as RJ

The Mary Savage Judge Emeritus certificate was presented at her memorial.

The JC is aware of an exception on the number of references for a Club Judge that was made by an RAJ.

- VII. IJ Candidates – Darryl Waskow
 - a. Charlie Arms – IJ – Darryl and Harry Sent to BOD for MNA Endorsement.
 - b. Steve Wolff – IJ – Darryl and Bruce Cook Sent to BOD for MNA Endorsement.
 - c. Bill Simon – IJ – Darryl and Harry Sent to BOD for MNA Endorsement.
 - d. Craig Daniels – IJ – Darryl Sent to BOD for MNA Endorsement.

New IJ Seminars email Deadline are June 20 and 27. China Sept 13 – 15; Portugal Oct 6 – 8.

- VIII. Quick review of Club Judge Cert process – Craig and Wayne
 - a. Certification chart applies to Club Judge
 - b. CJS Seminar and pass test
 - c. SafeSport and Background checks (Applicant initiates on SafeSport page)
 - d. References requested and received.
 - e. App to RAJ who makes the decision to Certify or not.
Discussion on making sure all steps are complete before the RAJ approved CJ certification.

- IX. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton
Next issue deadline June 26 Need more ideas for articles harder to get them.

- X. Education – Bill Simon, Bruce Martinson and team
 - a. AJS – Bill Simon
 - i. Thursdays went well Pick an evening of the week and do similar Nov to April. Thursday was good. Doing Thursday evenings again.
 - ii. This year Bill is thinking of these: Club Judge, Better Written Decisions, Intro to Rule 42, Misconduct Clinic, Misconduct Cases, Protest Day, Round Tables. We can use this to test out new clinics.

- iii. Advanced protest day with complex situations with NJ only for example. Equally some Protest Days for JITs and Club Judges.
- iv. JC agrees all good thoughts and Ideas
- v. Still get IJs on some protest days.
- vi. Email sent to 6 – 8 people who ran events geographically to see what they think their area needs are for running in person events.
- vii. Plan is for 2 AJS in-person this year, likely one on each coast for example. In-person can do with minimum of 5 people. 1 Zoom AJS. A request to possibly run an AJS geared toward RJ not NJ as an in-person.

- b. CJS – Bruce Martinson
- c. Misconduct Clinic – Bill Simon Continues to refine. Pris Gettis of New Jersey helping.
- d. Roundtables – Nancy Glover At an event with the AP flag up? Judges can hold impromptu Roundtables discussions. Remember to record what topics were discussed, total time and who was there and she can approve CEU credits for participants.
- e. Protest Day – Bruce Cook
- f. Rule 42 – Craig Daniels Had a session with Darryl, get teachers together, bones of the clinic, more videos and launch in the fall. Bill O’Hara has not sent videos yet. Jared Hickman, John Porter and Darryl Waskow have helped.
- g. No help yet on advanced rule 42 clinic. Looking for qualified volunteer for this project.

XI. RAJ tools – Wayne

- a. RAJ Checklist updated posted on the Judges Committee (Secure Area)
- b. RAJ Guide second edition is being posted on the Judges’ page.

XII. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

Update status on JM. Wayne discusses and showed status on JM revision. Nearing the conclusion. He will soon send out for last review of changes by select member of the JC and Justin Sterk.

XIII. Annual Meeting – John Porter, Wayne Balsiger

- a. An in-person and hybrid Zoom meeting.
- b. Friday February 9 dinner for those arriving by dinner, meet on Saturday Feb 10,
- c. Harken Facility available
- d. Info on Housing, Hotels, Harken facility

February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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XIV. RRS 69 decisions review path at US Sailing.

- a. A discussion about the lack of a process path for when someone who is a repeat problem, and a stiffer penalty may be in order under RRS 69.3. If PC does more than one DNE, sends the report in. It seems the penalty is not even reviewed at US Sailing.
- b. The JC decided to send a written request to the President to request that a defined path is created and the need to review the adequacy or inadequacy of the penalty. We need a definite process plan of action. With person or department that is responsible for the process.
 - i. Why is it that US Sailing wrote a regulation that restricts its ability to handle RRS 69 as required in the RRS.
- c. When can the JC expect something?
- d. The Chair will ready the letter for the JC.

XV. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 PM EDT, 5:41 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger