

Judges' Committee Minutes  
August 28, 2023 7:00 PM EDT 4:00 PM PDT

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:08 PM EDT, 4:08 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  
Don Wieneke, Area G  
Tom Pochereva, Area H  
Steve Schupak, Area J  
John Porter, Area K  
Craig Daniels, Area L

Members at Large

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The June Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- Don Wieneke helping with the minutes of this meeting.
- We have two RAJs completing their six years.
  - Edith Collins and Steve Schupak
- Judge Certification Renewals
  - Are reviewed at the November meeting (formerly December)
  - Use Excel sheet to track.

V. RRS 69 More clear path letter for repeat issues

- a. Letter sent to Rich Jepson and his reply came with questions.
- b. Discussion 15-20 minutes:

There was a lengthy discussion on what is the problem as we see it. Wayne will draft letter requesting a Working party.

- i. Issues of more than one event (repeat offender)

- ii. Transparency on how 69 decisions are handled by US Sailing
- iii. Cover all 69 decisions, not just more than one DNE
- iv. Issues of Protest Committee not making a decision on what the penalty should be
- v. Helpful to review board to hear from PC what the PC is looking for as for as increased penalty
- vi. Write a policy document on how 69 decisions will be handled and what people can expect and guides the review board in a transparent manner.
- vii. If claim not a grievance , then who will handle it.
- viii. JC members volunteering to help n Working Party: Bruce Cook, John Porter, Edith Collins, Bill Simon, Wayne Balsiger

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

- a. Insurance update – a tidbit of information
  - i. Bruce Cook forwarded info to Andrew Clouston on liability coverage for other sports. On its face, it seems promising]
- b. NEW TOOL: Connection Board for OAs looking for officials and where Officials can volunteer.
  - i. Jotform to fill out and webmaster posts them. Has been testing in Areas A, B, F. Plan is to send out the announcement this week to RAJs who should then distribute to officials and OAs. Get OAs to use it.
  - ii. List of all OAs to announce to them.
  - iii. Here is the [Link to Race Official-OA connecting board](#)
- c. Wayne is happy to announce 8/27/23 is Matt’s 10-year anniversary as Race Admin Director (RAD) and his birthday.

#### VII. New Applications/upgrades

- a. Steve Kling, RJ – Harry Foote Approved
- b. Greg Mancusi-Ungaro, RJ – Mary Pierce Approved

#### VIII. Discussion on Club Judge Judicial Temperament

Discussion on what process to use when RAJ has concerns about a Club Judge or JIT

Thoughts included going to Matt Hill to document beyond RAJ

Discussed if RAJ should decide or refer to JC for input from JC.

Craig said he could model at the next meeting using an example

#### IX. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton

September issue is going out this week. The Focus on the Area L completes the first round-robin of all the areas. The history of the Judges’ Committee Chairs is created for the first time ever.

Next issue deadline is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Forthcoming are Area A Focus, 2 more Joe Krolak education history, and a “Kill switch” article from Nancy Glover.

X. Education – Bill Simon, Bruce Martinson and team

- a. Planned Schedule
  - i. RAJ plan in person CJS within next month to have something on the calendar
  - ii. Bill asked RAJs to schedule in-person CJS seminars.
  - iii. Topics, leader, protest day in Annapolis is coming
  - iv. Protest day instructors 1 lead for every 5 people plus overall leader
    - 1. 20 students will have 5 instructors
    - 2. Chris will do one in Houston. Bill and Bruce C will help

Bill showed his current schedule plans
- b. AJS – Bill Simon
- c. CJS – Bruce Martinson
- d. Misconduct Clinic – Bill Simon
- e. Roundtables – Nancy Glover
- f. Protest Day – Bruce Cook
- g. Rule 42 – Craig Daniels

XI. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

- a. Update status on JM. The JM was sent to JC members on 8-16 with requests to review, some general and some specific actions.
- b. Prefer By September 12th or sooner.
- c. I'd like everyone who wants to, please review.
- d. Specifically, I'd like these members to concentrate on certain sections.
  - i. Craig Daniels, Bruce Martinson: Rule 42 information including the section around page 28.
  - ii. Mary Pierce and Craig Daniels: Chapter 12 the Certification requirements
  - iii. Bruce Cook and Nancy Glover: Misconduct areas
  - iv. Bill Simon, Don Wieneke, Harry Foote, Edit Collins, Nancy Zangerle Sarah Ashton: Generalists
  - v. Review by Jusin Sterk: Particularly Areas involved with Personal attributes, SafeSport
- e. Outstanding issues:
  - f. Double-check that website links are all working.
  - g. I will succeed in adding a fairly complete history table of Judges' Committee Chairs.
  - h. Readability across all devices: desktops, tablets, and phones.

XII. Annual Meeting – John Porter, Wayne Balsiger

- a. An in-person and hybrid Zoom meeting.
- b. Friday February 9, Saturday Feb 10,
- c. Harken Facility confirmed
- d. Info on Housing, Hotels, Harken facility
- e. Actions: Wayne will send out request for your plans on attending the annual meeting and housing, transportation preferences

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

#### 2024 Annual Meeting – John Porter, Wayne Balsiger

- a. An in-person and hybrid Zoom meeting.
- b. Friday February 9, Saturday Feb 10,
- c. Harken Facility confirmed
- d. Info on Housing, Hotels, Harken facility

Meeting on Friday and Saturday

Milwaukee airport and Pewaukee, WI

Harken Factory tour, working hours, say 4 PM Friday

Dinner Friday, local restaurant

Saturday, Maybe Harken Factory tour for those who missed Friday

Saturday morning Continental breakfast. Lunch Panera

Note: Meeting time on Saturday partly depends on who is on zoom and their time zone.

Saturday Dinner at local restaurant

Sunday - depart

Other info

Uber can be used. 25 minutes from airport

YC has big meeting in September, firm up by end of September

May see Ice boating next to the bar at YC.

In-person: Chris, Tom, Wayne, John

#### XIII. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 PM EDT, 5:36 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger