

Judges' Committee October Minutes
October 16, 2023 7:00 PM EDT 4:00 PM PDT

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:02 PM EDT, XX 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
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

III. Approval of Minutes

The August Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- December meeting is Wednesday December 6
- The Primary purpose of December 's meeting is Judge Certification Renewals
 - RAJs should use Excel sheet to track.

V. RAC Work Parties have commenced meetings

a. Updates on these from

- Certification – Craig Daniels, Bill Simon
 - Unify terms as possible
 - Outstanding personal character and mean something
 - Remove unnecessary requirements and docs
 - Look at challenge requirements that are not clear. To meet expectations and record in SOARS.
 - NJ qualified as chief judge anywhere in the country
- Training – Bill Simon, Mary Pierce
 - Mary and Bill reported there was not much committee attendance from the other disciplines.

- US Sailing is moving away from the Canvas platform by year end. The cost of Canvas is \$30K± per year.
 - In the Interim, disciplines will use Thinkific (safety at sea uses it). The US Sailing license expires the summer of 2024.
 - A detailed list of desired features has been provided to the Education Dept. for use in the evaluation of future software options. The Education Dept. has incorporated most of our requests as they search for a new learning management platform.
 - There are some surprises to be worked through. Getting other committee members to participate is important.
- Performance – Wayne Balsiger, Steve Shupak
 - We both met with Mary Ellen DeFrias. We are gathering documents of the Judge, Umpire and Race Officer disciplines to review.

VI. Rule 69 Protocols Working Party has been formed

- a. The JC Request for a Working Party was approved at the September BoD meeting
- b. Richard Jepsen created the Working Party.
- c. Members are Chair: Tom Hubbell, James Walsh, Fred Hagedorn, Clark Chapin, Stan Honey, Justin Sterk, Matt Hill, Bruce Cook and Wayne Balsiger
- d. Thanks to all JC members who volunteered for the Working Party.
- e. The first meeting was held October 10th and the next is October 17th.
- f. The issue is that cases are forwarded to the Review Board and nothing seems to happen. We are told that the Review Board is not a misconduct committee or that the case does not meet Review Board regulations. The Review Board says it is doing what it should and responding appropriately to each submission. It states that it receives a number of cases from protest committees that essentially do not feel comfortable handling the matter and that it is not its purpose or function to do the work of the protest committee.
- g. The working party wants to make sure it mirrors our process with WS MNA requirements and that our process is compatible with the Stevens Act.
- h. The working party is looking at clarification of reporting and review processes. It is also setting up a process for oversight of the Review Board and a complaint process for filing complaints about the Review Board that are not handled by the Review Board itself – the current system.
- i. The question has been asked if there is another place or committee to perform the role of addressing misconduct matters if the Review Board does not have the appetite to do so?

VII. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill reported by Wayne Balsiger

- a. Insurance
 - i. Bruce Cook sent info last month on coverage for sports officials in other sports to Andrew Clouston. He is working on it this week or so.
 - ii. That coverage is provided by/through an Organization of sports officials.
- b. RAJs should encourage promotion of the Connection board for OAs looking for officials and where Officials can volunteer. There is good participation from race officials. Need to make OAs more aware.
 - i. Here is the [Link to Race Official-OA connecting board](#)

VIII. New Applications/upgrades

- a. Lisl Dunlop, RJ – Bruce Cook – Approved

IX. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton

November issue deadline is October 25th.

Sarah needs ideas for articles in general and articles for the January issue.

X. Education – Bill Simon, Bruce Martinson and team

Bill presented a full calendar of Thursday CEU offerings for spring 2024. One included 'An evening with Dave Perry Roundtable'. They are being added to the Judges Seminar calendar.

- a. AJS – Bill Simon
- b. CJS – Bruce Martinson
 - i. Expressed the CJS may be hard to do without Canvas, but he had been thinking about making some changes to the course.
 - ii. Bruce does have a course scheduled in January just after Canvas license expires.

Bill announced a CJ seminar clinic is being developed for 'Better Written Decisions' (Part 5 of the RRS). He will run a beta test of the clinic in November. Steve Wrigley suggested a beta test in Mid-November for 3 hours and 40 slides.

Bruce Martinson reminded all that when you have a larger PC, it is a good idea to have a non-panel PC member review a PC decision before it is published.

- c. Misconduct Clinic – Bill Simon

Bill has also developed a new Clinic on 'Misconduct Clinic - Investigators'. Beta test to come.

Misconduct Clinic and Misconduct – Investigators are both on the schedule

- a. Roundtables – Nancy Glover
- b. Protest Day – Bruce Cook
- c. Rule 42 – Craig Daniels 2 clinics on schedule now

XI. Discussion on Club Judge Judicial Temperament – Craig Daniels

- a. Follow up to last meeting on Club Judge and JIT temperament issues.
 - JC had an extended discussion about the steps a RAJ could use.
 - i. Discussion on: Does RAJ make decision and then send to ethics committee or go to JC first and then to the ethics committee? Where is the decision made?
 - ii. Lots of responsibility for RAJ on their own. When to involve full JC.
 - iii. Agreed that this discussion should be a February meeting agenda item.

XII. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

- a. Thanks to all that sent in your reviews.
- b. Status:

- i. We know which website links are working and not.
 - ii. I will succeed in adding a history table of Judges' Committee Chairs.
 - iii. Waiting a bit to see if Chapter 10 misconduct needs further updating.
 - iv. Readability across all devices: desktops, tablets, and phones.
- c. It was agreed by JC to publish now and don't wait for Misconduct WP report.

XIII. Annual Meeting – John Porter, Wayne Balsiger

- a. Looks like we will have 10 people in person and 6 zooming and several unknown
- b. About 9 so far want to be hosted.
- c. An in-person and hybrid Zoom meeting.
- d. Friday February 9, Saturday Feb 10,
- e. Harken Facility confirmed
- f. Info on Housing, Hotels, Harken facility. John P. recommended the Holiday Inn Express in Delafield.
- g. Meeting on Friday and Saturday
- h. Milwaukee airport and Pewaukee, WI
- i. Harken Factory tour, working hours, say 4 PM Friday
- j. Dinner Friday, local restaurant
- k. Saturday, Maybe Harken Factory tour for those who missed Friday
- l. Saturday morning Continental breakfast. Lunch Panera
- m. Note: Meeting time on Saturday partly depends on who is on zoom and their time zone.
- n. Saturday Dinner at local restaurant
- o. Sunday - depart
Other info
- p. Uber can be used. 25 minutes from airport
- q. May see Ice boating next to the bar at YC.

February 2024						
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Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 PM EDT, 5:37 PM PDT
 Respectfully submitted,
 Wayne Balsiger