

Judges' Committee Minutes
December 6, 2023
7:00 PM EST 4:00 PM PST

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:03 PM EST, 4:03 PM PST

II. Roll Call

Attendees

Chair Wayne Balsiger

RAJs: Mary Pierce, Area A

Bruce Cook, Area B

Harry Foote, Area C

Edith Collins, Area D Yes for introductions

Jerry Thompson, Area D incoming

Nancy Zangerle, Area E

Don Wieneke, Area G

Tom Pochereva, Area H

Steve Holmstrom, Area J incoming

John Porter, Area K

Craig Daniels, Area L

President Rich Jepson

Members at Large

Bill Simon, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee

Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program

Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator

Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor

III. Approval of Minutes

The October Minutes were approved as written.

IV. Welcome and Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- Introductions of incoming RAJs
 - Jerry Thompson, Area D
 - Steve Holmstrom, Area J
- Thank you to retiring RAJs Edith Collins and Steve Shupak
- Thank you to everyone for all the work you do on behalf of racing.

V. Updating the JC on our Olympic Effort and the recent months of turmoil and the USOPC investigation report. – Rich Jepson, President

- a. Rich discussed the USOPC report.
- b. Marcus Lynch was hired as High Performance Director

VI. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill via email to Wayne

1. Trainings offered in 2023 - final counts:
 - a. 8 CJS (1 online; 1 women only) – 94 participants.

- b. 18 CEEs – 244 participants
 - i. 12 Round Table (6 online)
 - ii. 4 Protest Day (1 online)
 - iii. 2 Clinics (both online)
 - c. 1 AJS – 16 participants
2. LMS platform in 2024 (Club Judge Seminar) – we will remain with Canvas until we settle on and migrate to the new platform sometime in 2025. We will use the free version of Canvas, which has fewer bells and whistles, although the difference will be invisible to students and minimal for instructors. Bradley Schoch (instructional designer) and Judie will out together a guidance doc for instructors detailing the changes. Migration to free Canvas has been completed and we will create a sandbox course for instructors to explore.
 3. Insurance for race officials: Andrew Clouston has been looking into the insurance coverage from the National Association of Sports Officials that Bruce Cook and Jared Hickman brought to our attention. Specifically, he is exploring whether their liability insurance can be accessed separately from their general commercial insurance, which is largely duplicative of coverage we already have through our partnership with Gowrie.
 4. Announcement yesterday about the hiring of Marcus Lynch as the new Olympic High Performance Director (<https://www.ussailing.org/news/us-sailing-names-marcus-lynch-as-high-performance-director/>)
 5. Congratulations to six of our international race officials, who have been appointed to the team for the 2024 Paris Games: IJs Kevin Hawkins and Sandy Grosvenor, IM Dina Kowalyszyn and IROs Becky Ashburn, Jeff Johnson and Lynn Lynch.

Matt

VII. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton

The January issue deadline is December 28th.

VIII. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

- a. “Final” draft sent for your review on November 17th
- b. I received more feedback and I am incorporating it.
- c. Latest version coming soon.

IX. Education – Bill Simon, Bruce Martinson and team

AJS coming was announced on email from Bill Simon

Better Written Decision Beta #2

Better Written Decisions #3 is January 4th for anyone to attend

Jan 25th is Pat Healy, Any questions for Pat, send to Bill Simon ahead of time.

Nancy Glover: Roundtable: 3 sessions for Thursday nights

Another 3 for in-person

RAJ: do they want any roundtables, desire to run a roundtable.

3/7 is full

Will add more roundtables.

Bruce Cook, More Protest Days are coming.

X. Annual Meeting – John Porter, Wayne Balsiger

- a. Looks like we will have 12 people in person and 7 zooming and several unknown

Annual meeting Schedule

Friday 2/9 Central Time

Harken Tour 4:00 PM

Pre-Dinner social hour 6:00 PM

Dinner for in-person 7:00 PM

	CST	EST	PST
Saturday meeting	8:30 AM	9:30:00 AM	6:30 AM
Meeting End	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	3:00 PM
Saturday Dinner	6:00 PM		
Sunday depart, if not before			
Sunday, Ice Boating to see and a bar available.			

2020 in-person was 8:30 AM to 4:45 PM with Zoom for about an hour or so

2019 In-Person was 8:30 AM to 3:45 PM

XI. New Applications/upgrades

There were no initial applicants.

XII. 2023 Recertifications

The committee went into executive session to review the recertification applicants.

XIII. Judge Emeritus

- a. George Griswold is written up by Nancy Zangerle, Nancy Glover and John Porter

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM EST, 6:02 PM PST

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger