

Judges' Committee Minutes
October 8, 2024
7:00 PM EDT, 4:00 PM PDT

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Wayne Balsiger at 7:00 PM EDT, 4:00 PM PDT

Attendees

Chair Wayne Balsiger Yes

Vice Chair: Edith Collins Yes

RAJs:

Mary Pearce, Area A No

Bruce Cook, Area B Yes

Giff Constable, Area B 2025 Yes

Harry Foote, Area C Yes

Jerry Thompson, Area D Yes

Nancy Zangerle, Area E Yes

Clark Chapin, Area E 2025

Chris Luppens, Area F Yes

Don Wieneke, Area G Yes

Tom Pochereva, Area H Yes

Steve Holmstrom, Area J Yes

John Porter, Area K No

Craig Daniels, Area L Yes

Barbara Belt, Area L 2025 Yes

Members at Large

Mark Townsend, Chair Judges Training and Testing Subcommittee Yes

Bruce Martinson, Chair Club Judge Program No

Nancy Glover, Round Table Coordinator Yes

Sarah Ashton, RRS 68 Newsletter Yes

Steve Schupak, Chair, Umpires Committee No

Darryl Waskow, IJ Candidate Mentor Yes

Matt Hill, Race Administration Director No

Ric Crabbe, Testing Coordinator Yes

II. Approval of Minutes

The August Minutes were approved as written

III. Welcome and Announcements – Wayne Balsiger

- a. JC Vice Chair: I am pleased to announce that Edith Collins has accepted the Vice Chair position. Thanks to everyone that gave me input on possible candidates.
- b. Area B 2025 RAJ Giff Constable is here
- c. Area E 2025 RAJ Clark Chapin is here
- d. Area L 2025 RAJ: Barbara Belt is here
- e. Status update on Reg 15 update and the Rule 69 Task Force Bylaw Amendment for Reg 15: The final version is on the website.

- f. Update on Review Board Action: the hearing is scheduled for October 16th.

IV. Rule 42 Endorsement Proposal – Mark Townsend, Jerry Thompson

The subcommittee has prepared a proposal for a Rule 42 endorsement system with requirements, training.

Discussion and sent back to subcommittee for updating.

Thanks to our subcommittee for detailing this: Mark Townsend, Jerry Thompson, Craig Daniels, Darryl Waskow and John Porter.

V. Ric Crabbe – Testing Coordinator

- a. Ric introduced himself to our incoming RAJs about his position. Explained testing debriefs and described how questions are chosen for the tests.

VI. Race Admin Director Report – Matt Hill

With apologies, I will not be with you tonight. I have a committee meeting for my YC's centennial celebration planning, for which I have a leadership role, and I have missed two of the last three meetings because of US Sailing conflicts.

- a. **Update on LMS (Learning Management System) platform** - the platform is up and running with Safety at Sea courses and Level 1 courses loaded. Our plan is to consult with the education contacts in judges, umpires and race management to discuss updates to the content for the new quad (much of this is done or in process), instructor training and schedule for the migration to the new platform in Q1 2025. Bradley and Bonnie (Education department) have been working on restructuring the courses for the new platform.
- b. **National Faculty meeting** (tentatively at San Diego YC Feb 4-5 (the two days before SLF, which is Feb 6-8 at Loews Coronado) - this has been delayed by budget considerations, but the plan is to gather reps from judges, umpires and race management to discuss the new LMS and build a 5-year strategic plan for race administration education programs. Apologies that this is still uncertain, but I'm still working on getting budget clarity.
- c. **Update on Rulebook schedules**- Mobile app with linked Dave Perry content to be released in December, followed by printed paper and waterproof rulebooks to be distributed in January (we can't begin the print process until WS resolves errors and conflicts in the rules in Singapore Nov 4-9). We have begun letting members know about this schedule (Weekly Lift, which was picked up by Scuttlebutt; will continue in various other comms channels ongoing. As in the past, all race officials will receive a complimentary rulebook in their choice of paper or waterproof.

VII. IJ Candidate Mentor – Darryl Waskow:

- a. Update on the IJ seminar November 15-17 at Chicago YC.
25 participants: 1 Antigua, 1 Brazil, 3 Canada, 1 Paraguay, 19 USA (Darryl has the list). Two US women. Instructors are Doug Elder (NZL) and Nelson Horn Ilha (BRA). CYC has been very accommodating. Darryl has reached out to participants to arrange pre-course study sessions.
- b. Also, awaiting WS IJSC decisions on IJ candidates John Mooney and Lance Smotherman.

VIII. New Applications/upgrades

- a. None

IX. Newsletter – Sarah Ashton

The RRS 68 September issue deadline is October 25th.

This month Area Happenings is Area G

Mark Townsend article on Videos/photo evidence in PC Hearings.

X. Education – Mark Townsend, Bruce Martinson and JETTS team

- a. Around the Race Course and the Protest Procedure card updates

AJS – Mark Townsend

CJS - Bruce Martinson

Round Tables - Nancy Glover

Protest Days - Bruce Cook

Rule 42 – Craig Daniels

XI. Annual Meeting 2025 Feb 21, 22 – Wayne Balsiger

So far this is what I have:

IN PERSON: Wayne Balsiger, Edith Collins, Chris Luppens, Darryl Waskow, Nancy Glover, Jerry Thompson, Matt Hill, Tom Pochereva, Clark Chapin, Giff Constable.

ZOOM: Donald Wieneke

XII. Judges Manual Update – Wayne Balsiger

- a. Review where we are on the update.
- b. Manual Status in great shape by 10/1
- c. US Prescriptions are out for the JC to use for our work.
- d. Video evidence emails and update JM p 44. Also article in RRS 68. Email thread after Oct meeting. Now in the draft 2025 JM

XIII. Umpire Committee – Steve Schupak

- a. John Christman and Jared Hickman are sent to WS for IU certification
- b. Steve will Coordinate import of laminated rule books fleet, team and match racing.
Condensed, no prescriptions, cases and call book 5 book set, About \$55 each or \$140 for 3, \$150 all 5 \$30 each. Or early bird discounts.
- c. Judie McCann sent out email with later prices on September 27.

XIV. Tuesday December 3 Recert Meeting

- a. Wayne will send out an updated tracker spreadsheet to everyone
- b. Quick review of tracker

XV. Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 PM EDT, 5:31 PM PDT

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Balsiger