

Sail Canada

Committee: Training & Certification Committee	Attendees: Warren Nethercote (Chair), Lynne Beal, Katie Nicoll, Eric Turner, Joe Jospe, Mike Turner, Samara Crothers Regrets: Observers:	Date: 2018/05/08 Time: 8pm EDT Location: Conference Call / Webinar
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No.	Agenda Item	Discussion / Action description	Motion / Action
1.0	Call to Order	Meeting opened at 0803 EDT by conference call as the webinar application was non-responsive.	
2.0	Approval of Minutes	<p>Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 16 April was moved by Lynne Beal and seconded by Eric Turner.</p> <p>Joe Jospe questioned the relevance of member affinity programs in sponsorship of the Respect for Sport program. The chair noted that increased use of affinity programs would result in more sponsor revenue to Sail Canada which could provide internal support for Respect for Sport. It was agreed that this clarification would serve in lieu of amendment of the minutes.</p> <p>Motion carried without amendment.</p>	
3.0	Matters Arising	<p>3.1 Report on JSC TOR Update (S. Crothers): The revised TOR were approved by the Board, April 7, 2018.</p> <p>3.2 Respect for Sport (S. Crothers): Lynne Beal had attended a social event at which she became aware of a potential non-profit sponsor for Respect for Sport. Sail Canada staff are liaising with and developing a proposal to the foundation.</p> <p>3.3 Rule 69 Advisory Panel (W. Nethercote): The last action was incomplete. The chair had officiated at an event with Robert Stewart, who had indicated preparedness to serve on the panel.</p> <p>Action: W. Nethercote to continue invitation process for advisory panel members, initially IJs resident in Canada.</p> <p>Action: E. Turner to draft advisory panel announcement copy for next judge newsletter.</p>	<p>W. Nethercote</p> <p>E. Turner</p>
4.0	Work Plan	<p>4.1 Budget Proposals: S. Crothers had requested details of officials' development funding programs at the Sail Canada Semi-Annual Meeting Executive Directors session, and had followed up by email. No responses had yet been received and a follow-up message might be required.</p>	

		<p>Action: S. Crothers to make a follow-up request details of officials' development funding programs from PSAs if before next meeting.</p> <p>4.2 Communications (Eric Turner): Updated to the judges and committees pages of the sail Canada web site had been completed, including direct cross-links. The revised judges program and application forms were now available to the judging community through the judges web page:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://www.sailing.ca/judges-s15716</p> <p>Further updates would be made as required.</p> <p>4.4 Certification Standards (W. Nethercote): The new judges program had been published on the Sail Canada web site and had been communicated to the judging community. The chair had received correspondence from a prior JSC member and had shared the exchange with the JSC.</p> <p>Discussion (under agenda item 5, but reported here):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addressed whether the new standard <i>required</i> progression level-by-level. Although none of the longer standing members could recall a judge 'skipping levels' there was no prohibition in the new standard from doing so. It was likely to remain an uncommon occurrence since club judges would find it difficult to obtain the experience required to satisfy the national judge standard. Direct or expedited appointment to national judge level was more likely for candidates new to Canada who brought prior judging certifications from a previous MNA. • It was agreed that the new standard would allow faster progression through levels than was previously the norm and acknowledged that this might reduce the depth of experience of judge candidates. Reduced depth of experience was seen as an acceptable trade-off in the face of a judge shortage, as long as candidates met the published standards. • It was agreed that communications between JSC members and potential candidates required care to avoid expectations of certification actions that were in fact outside those allowed by the standard. <p>4.5 Testing (Lynne Beal):</p> <p>a. Continuing Club Judge Test Experience (L. Beal for Testing WG): There had been no testing since last meeting.</p> <p>b. Interim RJ/NJ testing via US Sailing (L. Beal for Testing WG; S. Crothers): W. Nethercote reported judging with Steve Wrigley (US Sailing) who had indicated that only one person from the list provided by Sail Canada had written the US Sailing on-line Judging Test. The JSC</p>	<p>S. Crothers</p>
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<p>5.0</p>	<p>Certifications</p>	<p>No Certification proposals.</p> <p>J. Jospe proposed discussion of communications processes following certification actions. It was agreed that in future certification actions there would be a follow-up telephone call with the applicant, as well as correspondence, which might be insufficiently informative and was potentially too officious. The chair would ordinarily make the telephone call.</p>	<p>.</p>

<p>6.0</p>	<p>AOB:</p>	<p>Rowan's Law Update (K. Coleman Nicoll) Reference: Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018, S.O. 2018, s.1</p> <p>There had been no further activity since last meeting. The act had been passed but was awaiting proclamation. The Steers regatta had included a concussion awareness declaration in the parents' waiver in acknowledgement of the act's provisions.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Future Meetings</p>	<p>Dates & Agenda items: Since sailing season would be underway in June, a Doodle poll would be circulated to identify possible meeting dates in week 1 or 2 of June.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Following a motion by K. Coleman Nicoll the meeting adjourned at 0906 EDT.</p>	