

RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE



A MEETING OF THE RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SAILING FEDERATION TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2002 AT THE MEDITERRANEAN BEACH HOTEL, LIMASSOL, CYPRUS.

*Please refer to the ISAF Council minutes of 15-16 November 2002 for the **final Council** decision on all recommendations and opinions contained within these minutes.*

PRESENT

Ken Ryan - Chairman
Michel Barbier
Aaron Botzer
Josje Hofland-Dominicus

David Sprague
Eva Andersson (am only)
Bernard Bonneau (pm only)
John Doerr (pm only)

Apologies:

Stephen Tupper
Giorgio Lauro

Bryan Willis

The Race Officials Committee learned that the Chairman, Steve Tupper would not be present at the meeting due to a recent accident which meant he was unable to travel to Cyprus. Josje Hofland-Dominicus motioned for Ken Ryan to Chair the meeting in Steve Tupper's absence.

Vote: All in favour

MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- (a) The Committee noted the minutes of the previous Race Officials Committee meeting from 12 November 2001, held at the Hotel Altis, Lisbon, Portugal.
- (b) There were no matters arising.

2. REPORT FROM ISAF SECRETARY GENERAL

The ISAF Secretary General joined the meeting to update the Committee on the recent appointment of Emily Moorman as ISAF Race Officials Co-ordinator. He explained that the Race Officials Co-ordinator would be dealing with all aspects of the Race Officials programme after qualification, and made clear that the Race Officials Secretary would continue to deal with all pre-qualification and renewal matters.

3. REPORTS FROM THE RACE OFFICIALS SUB-COMMITTEES

- (a) A report from the Chairman of the International Measurers Sub-Committee was received. The following issues were discussed.

The IMSC Chairman reported that during 2002, it had become clear that there was a strong need for education of International Measurers. In response to this need, there are plans for two International Measurers' seminars in 2003, one in Central America and the other in Europe.

The IMSC Chairman to liaise with the Race Officials Co-ordinator regarding these seminars.

- (i) Submission 019-02 P from the Chairman of the Measurement Committee regarding the amendments to Regulation 15.7, for the purpose of clarifying the responsibilities of the International Measurers Sub-Committee and the Measurement Committee was discussed and the following opinion put forward to Council.

Opinion on Submission 019-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission, subject to editing of the text.

Vote: All in favour

The Chairman thanked the IMSC Chairman for his report.

- (b) A report from the Chairman of the Race Management Sub-Committee was received. The following issues were discussed.

The RMSC Chairman reported on the success of the new level 1 seminars that had taken place during 2002, and confirmed that a greater number of level 1 seminars would be taking place in 2003, including one in Asia.

The RMSC proposed that Luis Ormachea be appointed as the seventh Race Management Seminar Instructor. This was approved by the ROC.

The RMSC discussed the difficulties of keeping in touch with IROs following their qualification. In a move towards solving the problem, the RMSC plans to introduce workshops for existing IROs, which would be organised to coincide with sailing events around the world. It is intended that those IROs officiating at the event would attend, along with other IROs from the area. By holding several workshops at different locations worldwide, all IROs should get the chance to attend a workshop local to them without excessive travel costs.

- (i) Submission 024-02 P from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee was discussed, and an opinion put forward to Council.

The submission proposes that when an International Jury is appointed to an event, the event organisers must also appoint an International Race Officer. The Race Officials Committee agreed in principle with the issue raised by submission 024-02 P, that the standard of race management should be commensurate with the level of expertise of the International Jury. However they felt that it would not be practical to attempt to appoint an IRO to all events where an International Jury is appointed.

Opinion on Submission 024-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission in principle, with the proviso that it is for the following events only:

- *Olympic Regatta*
- *World and Continental Championships of Olympic Classes*
- *ISAF Events.*

Vote: All in favour

The Chairman thanked the RMSC Chairman for his report.

- (c) A report from the Chairman of the International Judges Sub-Committee was received. The following issues were discussed.

The plans for an online Events database designed by Paul Pascoe were supported by the International Judges Sub-Committee.

The IJSC were pleased that their proposed budget for 2003 has been accepted by the Executive Committee, and in particular that GBP18,000 has been allocated to the International Judges Conference taking place in March 2003, which will focus on RRS 42 and jury policies.

The data analysis work carried out by the Race Officials Co-ordinator, on the ages and MNA and ISAF group distribution of IJ, IU and IROs, was well received by the IJSC, who felt that it contained valuable information that will be of much use in the future. The Chairman added that the analysis highlighted the need for development in certain areas of the world with few Race Officials. He drew particular attention to the location of the 2008 Olympic Games (China has only 1 IJ), and pointed out that ISAF needs to be aware of this and the potential language barriers. The IJSC is asked to develop a plan for the 2008 Olympic Regatta and the Test Events leading up to it, to try and pre-empt any foreseeable problems.

- (i) Submission 083-02 P from the President was received regarding the grouping of International Judges according to their experience and areas of specific expertise.

The Chairman explained the philosophy behind submission 083-02 P. When appointing or approving the International Jury for events, it is very important for the Executive Committee Appointments Working Party to be aware of the particular skills of International Judges, in order to achieve a balanced Jury. For example, the Appointments Working Party needs to be able to identify those IJs who are suitable as Jury and Panel Chairman, and those who are experts in judging RRS 42. In summary, having this information easily available will help the Executive Committee Appointments Working Party to do their job more effectively.

The IJSC Chairman reported that the IJSC had mixed views over this submission. ISAF already uses an unofficial 'hierarchy' system when appointing IJs to events, and the IJSC were concerned that official categorisation could create considerable extra work and unrest amongst IJs. The IMSC Chairman posed the question of the procedure if an International Judge disputes the group(s) he/she has been put in.

The IJSC proposed that if the submission were to be accepted, the criteria for the groupings should be clearly defined and published.

The IUSC were in agreement that this submission should be supported, and requested that consideration should also be given to International Umpires with regard to groupings, particularly in relation to RRS 42.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission.

In addition, the Committee recommends that when forming the expert groups, similar consideration should be given to International Umpires, who are also required to implement RRS 42.

Vote: 5 in favour, 1 abstention

- (ii) Submission 086-02 P from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee was received regarding proposed amendments to Regulation 33.6.

The submission proposes that all first time applicants for International Judge status must pass a written examination (with the exception of candidates from ISAF groups H, J, M and N up

until 2006). The Race Officials Committee agreed that the adoption of this policy is necessary as under the existing Regulation 33.6, an applicant can currently fail the written test required by System 1, then subsequently reapply under System 2 following the completion of more events. The introduction of a written test also brings the International Judges Administration into line with the initial appointment requirements for International Umpires.

It was questioned whether candidates from ISAF groups H, J, K and M should be excluded until 2006 to allow them more time to get up to speed with the English words used in the test. The Chairman pointed out that all English words used in the IJ written test are available on the ISAF web site, in order to give all candidates a fair opportunity to pass, and suggested that the reasons for the exemption were not valid. However, the Race Officials Committee agreed that the proposal was a good way of introducing the new criteria, and it was recommended that the submission be accepted without amendments.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission.

Vote: All in favour

The Chairman thanked the IJSC Chairman for her report.

- (c) A report from the Chairman of the International Umpires Sub-Committee was received. The following issues were discussed.

The IUSC Chairman reported on plans to improve the current written test for International Umpires. He also gave feedback on the new Report Form being used by umpires, noting that the new format is a small improvement, with more consistency in the comments on individual umpires.

The plans for IU seminars and clinics already in place for 2003 (both pre- and post- qualification) were outlined, including an IU Instructor Seminar to be held in Southampton, England.

During 2002 only one IU Newsletter was published. The Chairman explained that this was due to a long period of discussion regarding what the content of the newsletter should be. There are plans to publish three Umpire newsletters in 2003.

The IUSC Chairman drew attention to the fact that the proposed amendments to Regulation 18.12.3 resulting in ISAF appointing the umpires to all Grade 1 Match Race Events would necessitate a much greater level of communication between ISAF and individual IUs.

Good communication will be essential in the effective implementation of the umpire appointment programme in 2003.

The IUSC Chairman raised the issue of the reintroduction of IUs who are currently employed by America's Cup syndicates. He asked for a policy decision regarding when and under what conditions these umpires will be brought back into the ISAF appointments system. The recommendation from the IUSC is that as soon as an IU has severed all links with the syndicate, the conflict of interest ceases to exist.

IUSC recommends that these umpires should be eligible for appointment to events from the time that they notify ISAF in writing that they no longer have any connection with the syndicate. As appointments are made well in advance of Grade 1 events this will in effect mean that there is a reasonable time before umpiring at an event.

- (i) Submission 087-02 P from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee was received regarding the amendment to Regulation 34.5.1 - criteria for re-appointment, and the following recommendation made to Council.

The Race Officials Committee supported the issue raised by submission 087-02 P which requests that there should be an option for the IUSC to take individual circumstances into consideration when making a decision whether to re-appoint. The argument for this is that there are occasions (serious illness for example), when an umpire has been unable to complete the required number of principle events in the four year period. The ROC also agreed that this principle should not be limited to the International Umpires administration, but should be applied to all areas of the Race Officials programme.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission, and requests that it be applied to all areas of the Race Officials programme simultaneously.

It is essential for the smooth and consistent administration of the Race Officials programme that this submission is adopted not only by the International Umpires Administration, but by the International Judges, International Race Officers and International Measurers Administrations also.

Vote: All in favour

- (ii) Submission 088-02 P from the All Russia Yachting Federation was received regarding the amendment to Regulation 34.5.

The submission proposes that the mandatory written test for re-appointment should be abolished, and instead replaced by compulsory attendance at an IU Seminar and an on-water assessment. The IUSC Chairman reported that the IUSC was strongly against this proposal, for the following reasons:

An IU Seminar covers the basic techniques of umpiring, which do not change, so there is no value in forcing umpires to attend a seminar for re-appointment purposes.

Similarly, the umpire's on-water performance is assessed on an ongoing basis anyway, as following an event the Chief Umpire is required to submit a report form to ISAF with comments on each umpire's performance.

However, passing the written test is a very important part of the re-appointment process, as it proves that the umpire has instant recall of the Racing Rules of Sailing, which is imperative when making the split second decisions that arise in match or team racing.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council reject the submission.

Vote: All in favour

- (iii) Submission 089-02 P from the Chairman of the Race Officials Committee was received regarding the amendment to Regulation 34.6 (c) to substitute the words 'the on the water' with 'a performance', with the following recommendation to Council:

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission.

Vote: All in favour

The Chairman thanked the IUSC Chairman for his report.

4. ROC BUDGET

The 2002 budget was circulated around the table. The IJSC Chairman reported that £4,800 of the budget underspend by the IJSC was due to the delay in the publication of the revised IJ Manual. The IJSC Chairman also pointed out that all activities planned for 2002 had gone ahead, and that it was through savings on airfares and sharing travel costs between more than one

event that had resulted in the underspending. The RMSC Chairman added that a certain amount of 'cushion' in the sub-committee budgets is necessary as planning for seminars and clinics takes place a considerable time in advance.

5. ISAF RACE OFFICIALS SEMINARS AND TESTS

(a) Methods of promoting ISAF seminars:

The Chairman asked the Sub-Committees to work on methods of promoting ISAF Seminars, particularly in more remote areas, and utilisation of the budget.

(b) Submission 084-02 P from the Japan Sailing Federation was received proposing the use of computer graphics in qualification tests for IJ and IUs, with the following recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Committee agreed that the use of computer graphics in the qualification tests for International Judges and International Umpires could provide great assistance as an education tool, and recommends that further study should be conducted.

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept this submission in principle. Mr Heebum Kwon, Council member from J-Group, is kindly asked to work in close co-operation with the International Judges and International Umpires Sub-Committees on all aspects of the future exams.

Vote: All in favour

(c) Submission 085-02 P from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee was received regarding standard requirements for ISAF seminars, with the following recommendation to Council:

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission, amended as follows:

Second bullet point to read 'a proper exam if appropriate'.

The Race Officials Committee wish to state that it is already current practice for ISAF Seminars to follow these standard requirements. However, the Committee made clear that there is a distinction between ISAF Seminars and ISAF Clinics, as at ISAF Clinics the MNA issues the certificate of attendance, not the ISAF. A draft template has been created for guidance and to aid consistency.

Vote: All in favour

(d) Prerequisites for attendance of ISAF Seminars:

Tony Lockett talked to his paper on prerequisites for attendance of ISAF seminars, explaining the concerns of the RMSC over the low standards of people attending some IRO seminars. This has led to some seminars being downgraded to the level of knowledge of the attendees, and as a result, many MNAs, where there is no national training scheme in place, use the international seminars as a basic training scheme. Two solutions to this problem are 1) require that attendees have basic training to their MNA national level before attending a Level 1 seminar and 2) for ISAF to pro-actively assist MNAs to set up national training programmes for Race Officials.

The Race Officials Committee agreed that this policy should not be limited to IRO seminars, and should therefore be implemented throughout all areas of the Race Officials administration.

6. EDUCATION PROGRAMME REGARDING RULE 42

The Chairman outlined plans for the ISAF International Judges Conference, which is being held at the ISAF Secretariat from 21 – 23 March 2003. The main focus of the Conference will be the education of International Judges in relation to RRS 42. Each Member National Authority has been invited to send an International Judge delegate, who will be expected to organise a seminar in their own country.

7. APPOINTMENT OF RACE OFFICIALS IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Submissions 021-02 P, 022-02 P, 023-02 P from the Executive Committee regarding the appointment of Race Officials were discussed and the following opinions put forward to Council.

Opinion on Submission 021-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

Noted.

Opinion on Submission 022-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission.

Vote: All in favour

Opinion on Submission 023-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission, amended as follows:

'All Grade 1 Open and Women's Match Racing Events ~~(at the discretion of the ISAF Executive Committee)~~'

Remove 'Events of the Olympic Classes (at the discretion of the Executive Committee)' from (a) Special Events, and include under (b) Recognized Events.

*The Committee agreed in principle with the proposed amendments to ISAF Regulation 18.12.3, but expressed concern that the term 'Events of the Olympic Classes (at the discretion of the Executive Committee)' is very broad and needs clarification. The Committee requests that the events are **clearly defined by the Executive Committee**.*

Vote: All in favour

8. ISAF ELIGIBILITY RULES

- (a) Submission 026-02 P from the President was discussed regarding amendments to Regulation 19.2 and the following opinion put forward to Council.

Opinion on Submission 026-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission.

Vote: All in favour

- (b) Submission 028-02 P from the All Russia Yachting Federation was discussed regarding amendments to Regulation 19.2, with the following opinion put forward to Council.

Opinion on Submission 028-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

Noted.

9. APPOINTMENT OF ISAF TECHNICAL DELEGATES

- (a) Submission 036-02 P from the Executive Committee was discussed. The Race Officials Committee agreed with the proposal for a new Regulation clearly stating the role, responsibilities and appointment of ISAF Technical Delegates to events. However they felt it was not adequate for a technical delegate simply to have 'experience in event organisation', and that it should be specified that they have a background in race management. Therefore the following opinion was put forward to Council:

Opinion on Submission 036-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission, amended as follows:

Under paragraph 'The ISAF Technical Delegate will be appointed subject to the following guidelines', add the following sentence:

'a working knowledge of all aspects of race management.'

Vote: All in favour

- (b) Submission 037-02 P from the Chairman of the Regional Games Committee was discussed proposing that only ISAF qualified Race Officials shall be appointed as ISAF Technical Delegates to Regional Games, and the following opinion put forward to Council.

Opinion on Submission 037-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council reject the submission as they agreed that it has been sufficiently addressed by amended submission 036-02 P.

Vote: All in favour

10. RULE COMPLIANCE AT MAJOR EVENTS

Submission 090A-02 P from the Executive Committee was received proposing to identify a group of expert judges to ensure consistent adjudication at all ISAF Events, Special Events and Events of the Olympic Classes.

The Race Officials Committee agreed with the principles of control, but was concerned that this submission tackles two problems which need to be addressed separately. RRS 42 is a judging issue, whereas weight jackets, equipment adherence and corrector weights all fall under the jurisdiction of measurement. It was suggested that improved monitoring of weights and equipment could be achieved by measurers remaining on site for the duration of the regatta, instead of increasing the responsibilities of the International Jury members. Therefore, the policy in relation to these issues needs to be developed in conjunction with the International Measurers' Sub-Committee.

In addition, the Committee recommends that when forming the expert groups, similar consideration should be given to International Umpires, who are also required to implement RRS 42.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends to Council that the submission be deferred.

Vote: All in favour

11. RULE 42 – PROPULSION

- (a) Submission 090B-02 P from the Executive Committee was received regarding (1) Yellow Flag Penalties, and (2) a subsequent amendment to the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) Appendix N, and the following recommendation made to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends to Council that the submission be deferred.

Vote: All in favour

- (b) Submission 091A-02 P from the Royal Spanish Sailing Federation was received proposing that (1) propulsion be made legal, or alternatively (2) propulsion be made legal with a wind speed above 10 knots, with the following recommendation to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials committee recommends to Council rejecting part (1) of the submission 'To make "pumping" legal for the Olympic classes'.

The Race Officials Committee supports the policy and philosophy of part (2) of the submission, and requests that the Race Management Sub-Committee be asked to work in conjunction with the Olympic classes to actively develop this procedure in order to implement it as a rule for all Olympic classes. Therefore Race Officials Committee recommends to Council that part (2) of the submission be deferred.

Vote: All in favour

Submissions 090A-02 P, 090B-02 P, 091A-02 P, 138-02, 139-02, 140-02, 170-02

The Race Officials Committee wish to strongly recommend that Council defer the above submissions relating to RRS 42, and appoint a Working Party to review RRS 42 and its application and interpretation in light of these submissions.

- (c) Submission 091B-02 P from the President was received regarding class rule changes with respect to Rule 42, and the following recommendation made to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission.

Vote: All in favour

12. REDRESS

Submission 082-02 P from the Executive Committee was received, regarding Redress at events where ISAF has appointed the race officials, and the following recommendation made to Council.

Recommendation to Council

The Race Officials Committee recommends approving the submission for OCS judgement calls only, and not for identification errors. The Committee therefore suggests that the following amendments are made:

'No Redress will be given in any event for ~~any reason~~ OCS judgement calls, where the Federation (ISAF) has appointed a ~~Race Official~~ an International Race Officer.'

Note: The issue of redress for OCS will be progressed further when it is addressed at the ISAF International Judges Conference in March 2003, and the Committee therefore recommends to Council that the submission is re-worded and re-submitted in 2003.

Vote: All in favour

13. EVENTS OF THE OLYMPIC CLASSES

- (a) Submission 025-02 P from the Executive Committee was discussed regarding the use of the Standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for World and Continental Championships of the Olympic Classes, and the following opinion put forward to Council.

Opinion on Submission 025-02 P (Reporting Committee – Executive)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission, amended as follows:

'From 1 January 2003, the World and Continental Championships of the Olympic Classes shall use the Standard Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions as in RRS, Appendix J. Section 1, Ref: Appendix J. J1 and J2, ~~and Appendix K,~~ – Sailing Instructions Guide, and the current version of Appendix KE.'

Vote: All in favour

- (b) Submission 051-02 P from the Executive Committee was discussed proposing amendments to the Olympic Classes contract / ISAF Regulations to be applied to all Olympic Class World and Continental Championships and Grade 1 events. The following opinion was put forward to Council.

Opinion on Submission 051-02 P (Reporting Committee – Events)

The Race Officials Committee recommends that Council accept the submission, amended as follows:

Under sub-heading ‘Judges’ –

‘All judges to be approved by the Federation (ISAF), ~~and~~ with a majority selected from a list designated by the Federation (ISAF).’

Under sub-heading ‘Race Officers’ –

‘The Federation (ISAF) reserves the right to appoint an ISAF International Race Officer and ISAF Course Representative to all events listed to assist the organisers.’

Sub-heading ‘Notice of Race’ amended to read ‘Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions’, and underneath –

‘All events must use the ISAF approved Notice of Race and Standard Sailing Instructions’

Vote: All in favour

14. RACING RULES COMMITTEE AGENDA

The following submissions were discussed by the Committee:

Submission	Affecting Rule	Opinion
097-02	Call MR10	Accept. Rule C8.1(b) makes it clear that umpires may use the principle contained in rule 64.1(b) without the need for a hearing.
098-02	Call UMP6	Accept
099-02	Call UMP	Accept
102-02, 103-02, 105-02, 134-02, 135-02	Race Signals and rule 33	All sufficiently addressed by new submission (around the table) regarding shortening course. The amended text has been submitted to the Racing Rules Committee
104-02	Race Signals	Accept
125-02	rule 26	Accept
126-02	rule 27.1	Accept

127-02	rule 28.1	Noted
128-02	rule 30	Reject, made redundant by 129-02
129-02	rule 30	Accept
130-02	rule 30.1	Accept
131-02	rule 30.1	Reject, issue is addressed by preferred submission 130-02
132-02	rule 30.2	Reject
133-02	rule 33	Accept, with amendments as follows: Replace 'or a coloured flag or shape' with ' <u>green triangular and red rectangular flag or sign</u> ' and, add sentence ' <u>The next mark need not be in position before boats begin the leg</u> '.
136-02	rule 34	Accept
137-02	rule 34	Reject
138-02, 139-02, 140-02, 170-02	rule 42.2 and Appendix N	Defer, refer to item 10 on Rules Compliance above.
141-02	rule 44.5 (new)	Noted
150-02	rule 86.1 (a)	Accept
152-02	rule 87.2	Accept
153-02	rule 87.2	Accept
154-02	rule 87.2	Accept
158-02	Appendix C	Accept
159-02	Appendix C	Accept.
160-02	Appendix C	Reject. Without this rule it is possible for the boat tacking to create an impossible trap for the boat that does not tack.
161-02	Appendix C	Accept
162-02	Appendix J	Accept
167-02	Appendix K	Reject
168-02	Appendix KE	Accept, with amendment to (a) as follows: 'Open channel radio shall <u>may</u> be used....' There will also be a need to amend RRS 41 to permit Race Committee assistance.
169-02	Appendix KE	Accept, but definition of start line needs to be altered to accommodate this submission.

15. ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee noted that a draft annual report, covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2002, needs to be submitted by the Chairman of the Committee. The deadline for submitting the final Racing Rules Committee annual report is 25 January 2003.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman was authorised to finalise the recommendations to Council in November 2002 based on submissions received.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The sad loss of six Race Officials during 2002 was respectfully noted:

Mr David Burton	IJ
Mr Livius Sherwood	IJ
Mr Hisanao Kato	IM
Mr Klaus Krogmann	IRO
Mr Daniel Scheinin	IM
Mr Paul Standley	IM

The Chairman thanked the Committee for all their hard work over the last year, and gave particular thanks to Josje Hofand-Dominicus for stepping in at such short notice as alternate for Giorgio Lauro. Josje Hofland-Dominicus in turn thanked Ken Ryan for agreeing to Chair the Race Officials Committee meeting in Steve Tupper's absence.

18. RACE OFFICIALS CERTIFICATIONS

The Race Officials certifications were reviewed. This part of the meeting was closed. The Race Officials Committee reviewed the reasons why the Sub-Committees did not approve first appointment applications and renewals, and the list of Race Officials certifications was approved.

Circulation:

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