Race Officials Committee Minutes

The Race Officials Committee met at 09:30 – 18:00 hours at the Fairmont, Southampton, BER on Tuesday 29 October 2019

Please refer to the World Sailing website www.sailing.org for the details of the submissions on this agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
   (a) JS welcomed all attendees
   (b) Attendees at the meeting were noted and apologies received
   (c) Obituaries- a list of obituaries were shown, and the committee stood for a minute silence to remember lost officials.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Agenda
   (a) The minutes of the previous Race Officials Committee meeting held on 25 October 2018 (circulated before the meeting) were noted and approved.
   (b) No further matters arising not already covered by this agenda.

3. Governance and Strategy
   (a) Executive Committee meetings
       The committee received an updated on any decisions recently made/discussed by the Executive Committee that affect WS Race Officials.
   (b) Race Officials Committee strategy 2017-2020
       The strategy developed earlier this year was discussed and approved by the committee with no further comments were noted on the strategy and goals for the committee.
   (c) ROC confirmed they were happy with the staff support provided by WS to the committee and had no objections for the staffing to continue as currently working.
4. Development

(a) MNA non-endorsement

ROC discussed the guidelines for Regulation 31.8, second sentence, to endorse a race official application that is not endorsed by the MNA. RMSC reinforced the importance of this to ensure Race Officials are correctly approved.

JC/TH- this must be a case by case process taking into account discipline differences.

Action- Produce guidelines for MNA on suitability of a candidate and what to base an endorsement on.

(b) Conflict of Interest Guidance

Peter Shrubb (PS) Chair of COI WP lead a report from the Conflict of Interest Working Party and opened discussion on the possible developments of the guidance document created.

PS highlighted there is a lack of guidance on what to consider.

Jo Aleh (JA) Athletes Committee shared view of the athletes wanting the best officials who know the classes. Understanding the difference between real and perceived conflict, perceived conflict should not be a determining factor in removing someone from the sport.

BOH- Raised the suggestion of posting the Notice of Race confirming the officials to give sailors the chance to voice any concern prior to the event.

ACTION- ROC not approve but look at guidelines and gain guidance to suggest new changes for development.

(c) Rules Compliance

IMSC- Remain item on agenda to continue

IUSC- No issues due to discipline

RMSC- Support can be increased by SC

(d) To receive a report/feedback from:


ii) Athletes Commission- AC/YR Highlighted no pathway for sailors to consider progressing to officials, how can this be developed (not just MNA) promote from top.

   Noted the heat mitigation and the essentiality of being well prepped.

(e) WS Race Officials appearance

Scott Over (WS) gave an overview on kit for race officials and the cost of providing a full kit for each appointed official at an event.

ROC discussed their desire for a shift to balance, an effort to be made for all officials to be given something branded on becoming an International Official.
5. Education and Training

(a) Seminars and Clinics
i) A review was given on the 2019 program of 12 seminars and 7 clinics held within the year. ROC highlighted the lack of budget and the necessity of this being required for future. Highlighted the concern for self-funding becoming the norm. SB highlighted the concern of becoming problematic as the richer nations shall be able to afford and therefore influence the development of smaller MNAs.

ii) To discuss the 2020 program.
   - RMSC- Material dated, needs refreshing, Wishlist: £25,000
   - IUSC- Proceed with two applications £6-£8,000 Wishlist to include further seminar £12,000
   - IMSC- noted not enough budget, must be provided with £10-£15,000 to be able to impact the development
   - IJSC-£10,000-£12,000 to provide seminars and look into Moodle development for additional education.

(b) Continuous Development
To discuss what each sub-committee is doing to maintain and further develop the skills of its race officials.
   - IJSC- Renewal test feedback to areas which have received low score and how this can be assisted to provide further understanding.
   - IMSC- Symposium for measurers to discuss
   - IUSC- Refresh powerpoint to Addendum Q online- safety documents online
   - RMSC- symposium/conference- to gain knowledge from each other, Quarterly report for IRO reports
   - Dimitris Dimou- highlighted the requirement for a separate symposium budget for purpose of continuous development.

(c) Publications
i) To receive a report on updates of the manuals.
   - RMSC- Updated Manual released in August includes Kite and Offshore.
   - IMSC- Included Kites in manual
   - IUSC- Fleet Race Updated, Team Racing in final stages
   - IJSC- Updated publication Aug 2019, Rule 2 and 69 updated

ii) Jurgen (JC) gave a report on behalf of Alex Finsterbusch (WP Chair) from the Manuals Group on common sections highlighting the lack of communication on the subject. Sub-committees completed changes without discussing with the WP. This has limited the impact of the WP.
6. **Race Official Administration**

   (a) Regulation 31 and the Application document
   
   i) DD provided an update on the RQC document
   
   ii) To discuss differences in the counting of events towards qualification between IJs and IUs and decide on a solution

   (b) To receive Sub-committee reports on race official administration and make any recommendations to Council:
   
   i) Race Management Sub-committee- nothing to report

   ii) International Umpires Sub-committee- nothing to report

   iii) International Measurers Sub-committee- nothing to report

   iv) International Judges Sub-committee- nothing to report

   (c) Administration of other WS Race Official disciplines:
   
   i) International Classifiers- Massimo Dighe (MD) provided a report on the development of International Classifiers, highlighting the number of events and opportunities provided. Focus on updating RQC and ensure all 2019 renewals provided with a one-year extension are given the opportunity to complete their event requirements in 2020.

   ii) International Expression Judge

   To discuss what the committee should do about the discipline.

   iii) International Technical Delegates

   David Brookes gave an overview on the application process for ITD. All applicants renewed and 2 first time applications received. Discussed the concern for number of events and the amount of time dedicated per event/ how this varies from other event disciplines. ITD WP to put forward changes to RQC document to allow events appointed to, to be accepted in an application.

7. **Race Officials Performance and Feedback**

   (a) Race Official Groupings

   To receive an update on the grouping system for WS Race Officials

   i) International Judges- bi-annual process, next 2020

   ii) International Measurers- bi-annual process, next 2020 highlighted use of the system in 2020 appointments

   iii) International Race Officers- bi-annual process, next 2020

   iv) International Umpires ACTION- next year IU and IJ combined

8. **Event Appointments**

   (a) To receive a report from the Event Appointments Working Party on 2020 appointments and discuss procedures for 2021 appointments. Maddie (MD) gave report on behalf of Barry (EAWP Chair) based on written report provided. Highlighted 4-year schedule to build up to the Olympics.
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(b) To discuss aims for future race official development in terms of identification of new talent, gender equality etc. ROC highlighted this as a continuing discussion point outlining as long as there is development the committee is supporting the requirements. Re-enforced the need for larger budget to offer more opportunity.

9. Reports
   (a) To receive reports from 2019 major events and make any recommendations.
   (b) Q&A Panel
      i) To receive a report from the Chairman of the Q&A Panel. Marina provided a report on Q and A’s received in 2019 and highlighted aim of 2020 to plan a document ready for end of cycle with structure for development
   (c) Match Racing Organization and Race Management – Written report circulated
   (d) Race Official Cost and Payment – WP stood down
   (e) Use of Footage from On Board Cameras Working Party - -- not discussed
   (f) Rule 42 Working Party- Written report circulated
   (g) Travel Grants Working Party- Written report circulated
   (h) Race Official Website- Con Murphy reported on the tidying up of documents within each discipline’s library in preparation for the IT platform development.
   (i) Use of Drones – not discussed
   (j) To note the Chairman’s annual report to Council - Written report circulated

10. IT Systems
    To receive a report and discuss the development of online/internet-based IT systems for race officials
    (a) Internet based reporting and applications – written report circulated
    (b) Internet-based continuous training materials - written report circulated
    (c) IT-system for Conflict of Interest register - written report circulated
    (d) Digital Officiating- Report from Michael Downing (WS) on current level of digital officiating. 2022 to include in Notice of Race what’s needed for Paris 2024. What are the objectives from Race Officiating? Athletes Commission- sailors want the technology and happy to assist where possible.

11. Submissions
    Please refer to the 2019 Submissions Booklet for details of all submissions also available online at www.sailing.org/meetings
    (a) To consider submissions for which the Race Officials Committee is the an Other Committee except Racing Rules submissions:
       i) Submission 023-19 – World Sailing Regulations – Misconduct Regulation 35.4- WITHDRAWN
       ii) Submission 024-19 – Code of Ethics – Application to Events - APPROVE
       iii) Submission 025-19– World Sailing Regulations – Investigations – Regulation 35.4- APPROVE
iv) Submission 049-19 to 064-19
   Submission 044-19 REJECT
   Submission 045-19 APPROVE
   Submission 046-19 APPROVE (with classes recommendation)
   Submission 048-19 REJECT
   Submission 049-19 APPROVE
   Submission 050-19 APPROVE
   Submission 051-19 REJECT
   Submission 052-19 – 064-19 APPROVE

(b) To consider submissions on the Racing Rules of Sailing for which the Race Officials Committee is an Other Committee - Submissions 123-19 through to 247-19
   Submission 123-19 APPROVE
   Submission 133-19 APPROVE
   Submission 137-19 REJECT
   Submission 139-19-140-19 APPROVE
   Submission 148-19-149-19 APPROVE
   Submission 152-19 REJECT
   Submission 159-19 APPROVE
   Submission 176-19 APPROVE (Proposal 1)
   Submission 178-19 REJECT
   Submission 193-19 REJECT
   Submission 220-19 APPROVE (1,2,and 3)
   Submission 221-19 APPROVE (1,2,and 3)
   Submission 223-19 APPROVE
   Submission 225-19 APPROVE

12. Finance
   (a) 2019 Finance
       JS reported the overview on the 2019 expenditure for Race Officiating.
   (b) 2020 Finance
       The 2020 proposed expenditure was noted with highlighted requirement for additional budget for education and symposium.

13. Closed Session (closed to observers)
   (a) WS Judicial proceedings
       Proceedings were noted before the Judicial Commission concerning WS Race Officials.
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(b) Performance Investigations
JS reported on Performance Investigations.

(c) Commendations
Commendations put forward by IUSC

(d) Seminar/Clinic Instructors, Test Administrators and Performance Assessors
  i) To note the current list.
  ii) To note the appointment of new instructors/test administrators/assessors by the sub-committees.

(e) Race Official Appointments
The committee consider all RO application and supported sub-committee decisions to become International Officials.