Referee Committee Minutes
August 26, 2020
7:30 PM EST

AGENDA

1. Welcome (Lyn)
    a. Call to Order – 7:33p Eastern
    b. Roll Call – *Bob Appleyard (At Large), Dee McComb (NW Regional Coordinator), Elaine Roden (SE Regional Coordinator), Howard Meisner (NE Regional Coordinator), Jessica McAlear (At Large), John Musial (MA Regional Coordinator), Terry Friel Portell (At Large/Secretary), Lyn Wylder (Chair)*
    c. Absent – *Derek Blazo (MW Regional Coordinator), Eric Weir (SW Regional Coordinator), Kris Thorness (At Large)*
    d. Staff – Sarah McAuliffe
2. Update on Happenings at USRowing
    a. New CEO – She will start Nov. 1.
    b. Jules is working on his new role
    c. Events are all still not live.
    d. Announcement on Sept 1 about fall virtual events.
3. Awards in 2020 (USRowing is not giving any awards and would hope referees would follow suit.) – Terry asked if Sarah had shared back that we already had discussed and reached a conclusion. She replied that she had. Discussion among committee members if we should follow suit or not. Support for both sides. Franklin Lifetime Achievement Award certainly could be awarded. Dee made a MOTION that the committee suspend the taking of nominations and awards for 2020 with the exception of the Jack Franklin Lifetime Achievement Award and take nominations for that and the committee will review nominations to determine if it should be awarded. Seconded by John Musial. Further discussion; should Mama Z also be considered since it has a 3-10 year window. What awards does the Board give? Lifetime Achievement, Club of the Year, Carlin Award, Male & Female Athletes of the Year. The Board did have people already submit nominations before they declared that awards are "postponed til 2021". It has not been clarified if they will do awards for both 2020 and 2021. Vote. ***Motion Failed***. Jess made a MOTION that we do not award any awards in 2020. Seconded by Howard. Vote. ***Motion Passes.***
4. Chiefs and Deputies Interest form Discussion
    a. Dates and Locations – Sarah said at this point, USRowing is set for three nationals (U15/U17, Youth and "Nationals" – formerly Club Nationals); no date or location currently for Masters. According to the IOP, this interest form should go out by 9/15. We do have flexibility to push that date out. What's the last date that is set that we need to work back from? Jan 15 is when we send out the interest form for referees to attend. The regattas that are set are the ones that we should move forward with. And we know Masters will be in August so we can still solicit interest.
    b. Suggestions for rewording – Howard said rather than "Full Referee" it should be "Referee". Jess said we should list the events in chronological order. Is Youths equal to U19? No, it is not. Terry had a question about "official championships jury" in question 7. Reword by striking the word 'official'.

c. Process - Google form was given to Jules who sent it out. Derek captured the responses last time but everyone could see the results as they came in. The way the process has been, the Coordinators review all the people and they make the recommendation to the committee. That process was set up before the coordinators were part of the committee. Shouldn't the at-large members be part of, or have the option to be included in, the discussion? No objection that one meeting is better than two so whole committee will have discussion. Committee suggests that Sarah send out the google doc and Derek can be the person who compiles the data for review. ***ACTION****: Sarah will send out the Chief and Deputy interest form before Sept 15*.

d. Can the Committee solicit people? Yes, of course. Any solicited person should complete the form. Any solicited people need to be solicited before the deadline closes. Regional coordinators who are developing chiefs for regional championships have the responsibility to encourage them to put their name in.

e. Should Committee members (including Regional Coordinators) be able to put their name in? Goes to the point Patrick brought up about the perception of conflict of interest. Discussion for and against both sides. Ultimately, USRowing gets to weigh in and actually makes the appointment. So, anyone in this group should not put their names in. People from the committee can provide support as a chef du lac or head of control commission or other support. When we agree to be on the Committee, we essentially agree to take our name out of consideration for those years on the Committee.After more discussion, it was concluded that we should phase this in as we may have some members that want to Chief/Deputy Chief a National Championships. So, this will not be a hard and fast rule this year. However, if someone on the Committee chooses to put their name in, they must recuse themselves from the Chief and Deputy selection discussion.

f. Window for data completion is 2 weeks.

5. Rules – Opening for changes is publicized and out there. Very very few have come in.
6. Next meeting – September 9, 2020
7. Motion to adjourn by Dee; seconded by John. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:34p

Action Items				
When?	*Who?*	*What?*	*Target Completion*	*Status?*
August 2020	*Sarah*	***ACTION:*** *Sarah will send out the Chief and Deputy interest form before Sept 15.*	*Sept 15*	
August 2020	*Sarah*	***ACTION****: Sarah will check on getting a response from the attorneys regarding Abilities/Disabilities because Susan said it should get done.*	*Sept 2020*	
August 2020	*Sarah*	***ACTION:*** *Sarah send the new IOP 44 and 60 info to the whole corps by 8/15/2020.*	*8/15/2020*	*Complete*
August 2020	*All*	***ACTION****: Read this Nationals interest survey and guidelines (attached) and get comments to Dee.*	*8/26/2020*	*Complete*
August 2020	*Elaine*	***ACTION:*** *Elaine will send proposed new wording for IOP paragraph 65 regarding retirement.*	*Sept 2020*	
August 2020	*Derek / Sarah*	***ACTION:*** *Derek and Sarah will discuss what is possible on website relative to referees.*		
July 2020	*Committee*	***ACTION:*** *Lyn asked for everyone to review action items and send any updates to Terry.*	*August 12*	*Complete*
May 2020	*Committee*	***ACTION:*** *Discuss if new or same chiefs should be used for Nationals 2021.*	*June*	*Complete, voted at July 2020 mtg*
May 2020	*Howard and Dan Thompson*	***ACTION:*** *Howard and Dan will join the USRowing regatta guideline development group with the Events department.*		*Complete*
April 2020		***ACTION****: If we are not printing new rulebooks, are the 2019 books appropriate for use?*		
April 2020	*Sarah*	***ACTION****: Find out what the current status is on Rule book and report back to Lyn/committee.*	*May*	*Complete*

April 2020	Sarah	**ACTION**: Send email to Corp advising of Jules and staff current status and changes at USRowing.	May	Complete
April 2020	Sarah	**ACTION:** Recover Emeritus pins from USRowing (Wik) to use.		Open
March	Jules	**ACTION**: Jules will draft a message regarding what we want to communicate and send it out by 3/13/20.		
March	Jules	**ACTION**: Jules should check with Ruth and Rachel to ensure the High Performance Group is monitoring and communicating with referees and Chiefs.		Complete
Feb 2020	All	**ACTION**: Committee members provide feedback on future meeting dates.		Complete
Feb 2020	Lyn	**ACTION:** Find the dates for the Chief/Deputy process; check if they coordinate with current activities and are synched up with the IOP and backed up for the work that needs to be done.		Complete
Feb 2020	Jules	**ACTION**: Jules said he will take our Motion to remove Lightweight Protocol 7b to Chris Chase and Susan and get back to us.		Postponed until there is a regatta with Juniors
Feb 2020	Lyn & Howard	**ACTION:** Lyn & Howard will work on getting the Chief and Deputy solicitation and selection process set up to be used for 2021 Selection		Complete
February 2020	Jules	**ACTION:** Jules will send coordinators a link for clinic attendance and online clinic attendance.		Complete
February 2020	Lyn	**ACTION:** Lyn will try to attend Board meetings in 2020		
Feb	Howard	**ACTION:** Record Rules clinic for 2020 so clinicians can play it	March 11	
February 2020	Jules	**ACTION**: Provide a USRowing contact for any regatta where there isn't a staff person on-site re: lightweight protocol.		HOLD til Junior regattas resume
February 2020	Jules	**ACTION**: Jules will pursue viability of what he suggested regarding bringing in evaluators at National Championships	2021	HOLD til Sept 2020
February 2020	Jules	**ACTION**: Jules will provide a report of what has been completed in RefCorp in the past weeks and show what is on the docket at subsequent Ref Committee meetings	Ongoing	Sarah will share with committee (4.8.20)
January 2020	Lyn	**ACTION**: Add RefCorp items to be addressed to agenda	May 2020	Open
February 2020	Lyn & Howard	**ACTION:** Lyn & Howard will work on getting the Chief and Deputy solicitation and selection process set up to be used for 2021 Selection;	Before 2021 process begins (Sept 2020)	Complete
February 2020	Lyn & Dee	**ACTION**: Update the process docs for naming Chiefs and Deputies for USRowing events and any other regional administrator is welcome to assist; Need process for selection of referees for national events in 2021 and beyond; For IOP define Chief duties, Deputy duties and a policy/plan for how we select these teams.	Before 2021 process begins (Sept 2020)	Complete
February 2020	Howard	**ACTION**: Howard will begin some drafts of Regional Coordinator job descriptions and process outlines.	May 2020	Open
January 2020		**ACTION**: Send a clarification note to all Emeritus members about the change of definition of Emeritus		Open / Hold
January 2020	All Coordinators	**ACTION**: Check our Emeritus list for deceased members.		Open
December 2019	Lyn	**ACTION**: Work with Jules to post our meeting times and participation information on website and also post in RefCorp	April	??
December 2019	Jules	**ACTION**: Get our old minutes posted and/or available through RefCorp.	Jan	Complete
December 2019	Lyn	**ACTION:** Set a meeting to decide what we want to do in 2020. What is a realistic task list for 2020? What are our priorities? Then create a roadmap for the year.		Complete
December 2019 / October 2020	Bob?	**ACTION**: Create materials for a topic next year (2021) on "Stopping a Race" because this is a shared responsibility between Starter and Referee	Nov 2020	Open
November 2019	Committee – Howard (?)	**ACTION:** Decide next steps regarding Coastal Rules for U.S.; decide if rule change needed for 2021 Rule Book	August 2020	Open
December – November 2019	Elaine	**ACTION:** Elaine should talk to regional reps about how to recognize retiring refs and what would be appropriate and appreciated. (Answer: a letter from USRowing; Note: this		Open – in progress

		was created back when Julian retired but seems to have been lost including a very nice certificate and some accolades. Jules is not aware of anything. Eric will work with Elaine to try to recapture and bring something back to committee)		
November 2019	*Terry / Mariah*	***ACTION:*** *Jules will check with RefCorp team to see what sort of living list can be utilized for Recycled gear notices.*		*Open*
November 2019	*Terry*	***ACTION****: Terry will bring recommendation regarding ref badge to January meeting*		*Complete*
October 2019	*Jules /Terry*	***ACTION:*** *fix RefCorps so that every notice from RefCorp does not come from Jules*		*Open*
October 2019	*Jules Sarah*	***ACTION:*** *Jules will send a notice to Referee Corp that new IOP is available on USRowing website. (With Board approval item and the struck half line on Emeritus from 12/6 meeting)*	*April*	*Complete*
August 2019	*Jules*	***ACTION:*** *Jules check with other NGBs regarding which have separate policy documents from Rules or included. (Rules of Rowing has lots of non-rules)*		*Open - In progress*
August 2019	*Howard*	***ACTION:*** *Create a google form for IOP deep dive*		*Complete*
May 2019	*Jules & Lyn (Chair)*	***ACTION:*** *Ask Patrick if Referees should be considered in Board discussions and we'd like to have a voice when issues affect us. (Lyn: He was not really in favor of this because we have a referee on the Board.)*		*For meeting with PM (5/01, 6/12, 7/17, 9/11, 10/09) Ongoing*
April 2019	*Jules & Lyn*	***ACTION:*** *Send out FISA Liaison nominating letter.*		*Complete – John Walker is the FISA Liaison, term ends July 31, 2023*

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