



Referee Committee

Minutes of Meeting
January 12, 2017
Telephone Conference

Attendance

Referee Committee:

Andrew Blackwood – Chair
John Musial – Regional Coordinator Representative to Committee
Jean Reilly – FISA
Rachel Le Mieux – Trials Coordinator
Terese Friel-Portell – Safety/Referee Utilization
Marcus McElhenney – Athlete Representative

USRowing Staff:

John Wik – Director of Referee Programs

Absent:

Ruth Macnamara – Vice Chair, Secretary
Bob Appleyard – Referee College
Gevvi Stone, Athlete Representative

Andy Blackwood called the meeting to order at 8:30PM EST.

Agenda:

- A. Allocation of the Six (6) additional Jury members for each of the National Championships.

John Musial opened the discussion by presenting the approach discussed by the Regional Coordinators. The Regional Coordinators recommendation included:

- (1) Add one additional Jury slot to each region. This would bring the current allocation from 4 slots per region to 5 slots per region; and
- (2) If a region is unable to fill all 5 slots the National Championship Chief Referee would be given the opportunity to fill the unused slots with his/her selections.

The Regional Coordinators recognized that it may be difficult for the smaller regions to fill the 5 person quota with qualified referees. This approach would allow the Regions to select the members of the Jury, and also provide the Chief with the ability to select his/her own referees in the event that qualified applicants were not available.

Discussion:

Terry Friel-Portell suggested that in her interviews with the Chiefs from the 2015 National Championships there was a great deal of emphasis placed on the need for the Chief Referee to be able to select some of the members of their Jury. The rationale given was that the Chief would be more comfortable with individuals that are known to them and they have worked with.

Terry proposed that rather than allocating one of the six additional slots to each of the six regions, all six slots be given to the Chief Referee to fill. The concept was supported by discussion from Rachael Le Mieux and Jean Reilly.

The Chair indicated it was time to call the question.

Rachael Le Mieux made a Motion that all six of the additional National Championship referee slots, allocated by the Board of Directors at their December 2016 Board Meeting, be given to the Chief Referees to fill.

Terry Friel-Portell: Seconded the motion.

Discussion: No Further Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

Marcus McElhenney	Yes
Terry Friel-Portell	Yes
Rachael Le Mieux	Yes
Jean Reilly	Yes
John Musial	No
Ruth Macnamara	No (by proxy from Chair)

The motion carried 4 to 2.

As follow up discussion, the Committee requested that:

1. The Coordinators consider developing a new allocation plan for all 30 referee slots at each of the National Championships for 2018, and
2. The Coordinators prepare an "After Action" survey of the Chief Referee for each National Championship in 2017.

There being no further business, Marcus made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Terry seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM EST.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wik
Director of Referee Programs