



Referee Committee

Minutes of Meeting
May 24, 2017
Telephone Conference

Attendance

Referee Committee:

Andrew Blackwood – Chair
Ruth Macnamara – Vice Chair, Secretary
Bob Appleyard – Referee College
John Musial – Regional Coordinator Representative to Committee
Rachel Le Mieux – Trials Coordinator
Terese Friel-Portell – Safety/Referee Utilization
Marcus McElhenney – Athlete Representative

USRowing Staff:

John Wik – Director of Referee Programs

Absent:

Gevvi Stone – Athlete Representative
Jean Reilly – FISA (Jean recused herself; witness in the Protest)

Andy called the meeting to order at 8:04PM. USRowing does not have a written formal appeal process; therefore we are going to use the following steps proposed by John Wik earlier this week:

1. Full Committee is given the facts (both Chief and Appeal reports – Friday 5/19)
2. Full committee identifies additional issues / gaps / questions. (Wednesday night call 5/24)
 - Additional information to be requested:
 - What is at stake in this appeal? Medals and points, anything else? It does not affect invitation to IRAs.
 - Get answer as to whether the Starter and the two following referees actually witnessed OSU move or not move when Stanford entered into OSU's lane. Be clear that we are not looking for is not their opinion but whether they witnessed the act or not.
3. Full committee identifies investigator(s) to follow up.
 - Bob Appleyard
 - Terry Friel Portell
4. Investigator(s) collect additional requested information, sort and provide answers to full committee with recommendation.

- Bob and Terry agreed to do their research and provide the Committee with their results and recommendation in a short summary. (Saturday 5/28 PM)
5. Full committee deliberation and decision. (Sunday 5/29)
 - Instead of convening the entire Committee on a conference call, because of travel from Regattas over the weekend, it was agreed that the Committee will respond via email to the investigators recommendation. If any one of the Committee members would like to discuss this further, a conference will be set for Monday 5/30)
 6. Written decision will be provided to the Parties and Chief. (Monday 5/30 or Tuesday 5/31)

Meeting adjourned at 8:28PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

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