

# U.S. J/24 Class Association AGM Minutes

**Date:** 12/3/2012

**Start:** 8:05 p.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 9:50 p.m. EST

**Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Molly White X  
2 – Will Welles X  
3 – Aidan Glackin X  
4 – John Surguy  
6 – Anthony Parker X  
7 – Russell Cook  
8 – Chip Till X  
10 – Brian Malone X  
12 – Kevin O’Brien X  
14 – Charles Singstad X  
15 – Tim Oelschlager X  
18 – Todd Warnygora  
19 – John Mason X  
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X  
21 – John Cianciarulo X  
22 – James Foster  
Nancy Zangerle X  
Reid Stava X  
Kelly Holmes-Moon X  
Lambert Lai X  
Jeff Johnstone

**Agenda:**

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President’s Report
4. WCM Report
5. Office Report
6. Financial Report
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. Regatta Status Reports & Planning
10. Nominations and Election of Officers
11. New Business
12. Next Meeting
13. Adjournment

**Description:**

1. **Call to order and attendance** – Chris conducted a roll call of the participants, and determined a quorum was present.
2. **Approval of minutes of last meeting** – Chris distributed the minutes from previous meetings via e-mail prior to this meeting. *Tim made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Chip. No discussion ensued, and the motion passed unanimously.*
3. **President’s Report** – Kelly recapped that the USJCA has had a busy year, and the Transition Committee and IJCA WCM reports will follow with more detail.
4. **WCM Report** – Minutes of the IJCA World Council Meeting from October 2012 were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. Robin Eagleson of Ireland is the new IJCA Chair, Jorge Castillo is Vice Chair, and the Executive Committee is comprised of Marianne Schoke of Sweden, Paul Scalisi of the USA, and Mark Penfold of England. Lorne Chapman was appointed as a Councilor of Honor. Lambert noted that Chris, Julie and Nancy were present, and he represented 4 US votes. J Boats has appointed Kelly Holmes Moon as Designer’s Appointee representative on the IJCA TC. Lambert presented a photo summary of the 2012 Worlds at the WCM, and stated that the 2013 Worlds will be in Ireland and 2015 in Germany. No applications have been received yet for 2016, and there is a statement of interest from Italy

following that cycle. Rule change outcomes are available in the WCM minutes already distributed. All rules proposals are awaiting approval from ISAF so are not confirmed until then.

5. **Office Report** – Chris reported that 2012 membership for the USA is 590 people. The 2013 wall calendar is available for purchase online. The US Class website has been reworked and is live. The “old” website is also still live, while some of those pages are moved over. Suggestions and calendar entries are welcome. A live listing of paid members will be viewable online.
6. **Financial Report** – Chris distributed the financials, including profit and loss statements, via e-mail. Nancy noted \$41,812.51 in total income. Some expenses that were deferred in previous years to the following year (such as calendar printing) will now be reflected at the time they actually occur. Two extraordinary expenses this year were a) a filing fee of \$850 due to 501c3 re-filing, a one-time occurrence, and b) the Class Office moving expense. There is a net loss overall, but without the accounting change on the calendar, we would have been in the black. Some membership funds are still pending from Regatta Tech, which will increase that revenue by around \$1,000. Chip inquired whether the USJCA should continue to purchase more memberships than we sell. The concern is making sure the USJCA has the needed berths for the World Championship, and will need to be dealt with on a year by year basis. *Lambert made a motion to accept the P&L statement, seconded by Chip. The motion passed unanimously.* The 2013 budget was presented by Nancy. She noted a change to include only full, associate and junior members, dropping all other categories. Nancy noted a plan for decreased expenses, including eliminating the postage meter equipment rental, and less frequent mailings. More frequent meetings to review finances are encouraged throughout the budget year. Nancy will work with Tony to create a manner for members to make a charitable contribution, and research the issue to ensure full compliance. Chris noted that the USJCA will need to utilize those funds according to the guidelines set for charitable contributions. *Kevin made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Chip. The motion passed unanimously.* Nancy then discussed the summary balance sheet, which was presented via e-mail. The checking and savings account are fully balanced, but the Accounts Receivable is not entirely collectible due to the dated nature of many of the funds due, which dates back to the USJCA and IJCA split in 2001. Nancy will work to write-off the uncollectible funds so that by the next meeting, the Class has a more accurate representation of the situation.
7. **Technical Report** – Reid’s report was distributed via e-mail. He stated that the sail templates are in Tampa for Midwinters, as are the keel templates but the box needs to be replaced for shipping purposes. *Chip made a motion that Reid be able to pursue the purchase of a new box at the cost of up to \$200, seconded by Lambert. The motion passed unanimously.* Reid also asked that the Class comprehensively consider a check on the facility capabilities for Worlds/Nationals/ NAs. He also brought up a new issue of a charge for boat measurement, which is done in other countries. Reid and Tim will confer about a plan for this idea. Reid announced that he is planning to step down as Chair at the end of 2013, and spend the next year identifying/training a replacement. He would prefer an East Coast and West Coast Chairman. Recommendations from District Governors are encouraged.
8. **Old Business** –The 2013 World Championship qualifiers that were held in 2012 include Regional and National Championships, but Nancy noted a lack of documentation on which events were selected. The US will have 8 berths for the Worlds in Howth, Ireland. Results are needed for the Great Lakes Championship (which Kevin can provide) and the upcoming event in Florida. The Executive Committee and the Class Office needs to contact qualifiers with a deadline of commitment in January, following which a pass-down effect occurs until the 8 berths are filled.
9. **Regatta Status Reports & Planning** – Brian reported on the 2013 Midwinters in Tampa, FL

for which the race documents will soon be published. Chris reported that the marketing for the 2013 North Americans and 2014 Worlds in Newport, RI is ramping up. Bids for the 2015 Nationals (Berkeley Yacht Club) and NAs (Portland, Maine and Tampa, FL) have been received and were distributed. John Cianciarulo noted that an official proposal will be submitted in time for the next meeting for Berkeley YC. Some concern was voiced that with Tampa hosting the Midwinters most years, perhaps the USJCA should not hold an NAs there. However, Chris noted that a proposal is forthcoming to hold a Midwinters in Miami, maybe beginning in 2014. Molly thought that Fleet 43 would be a good location since the NAs were just held in Florida, and there are strong fleets in the area. They also have a strong housing base to keep costs down. *Aidan made a motion for the 2015 North Americans to be hosted by Fleet 43 in Maine, seconded by Tim. The motion passed unanimously.*

**10. Nominations and Election of Officers** – *Kelly read through the nominated slate: Lambert Lai for President, Will Welles for Vice President, Chip Till for Governor’s Representative, Nancy Zangerle for Finance Chair, and Reid Stava for Technical Chair. No nominations were made from the floor. Kevin made a motion to accept the presented slate of officers, seconded by Charlie. The motion passed unanimously. Lambert asked the Governors to submit regular updates for the Class newsletter, as communication is his primary focus.*

**11. New Business** – The USJCA will have 24 berths for the 2014 Worlds, with the usual qualifying national and regional events + 1 more qualifier per district as designated by the district. This list is as follows:

*Regular Annual Berth Distribution (8 berths):*

USJCA Midwinter Championship – Tampa, FL  
US National Championship – Wayzata, MN  
North American Championship – Newport, RI  
Great Lakes Championship  
Western Regional Championship  
SE Regional Championship  
SW Regional Championship  
NE Regional Championship

*Additional Distribution for 2014 (16 berths):*

District 1 Championship or District selected event  
District 2 Championship or District selected event  
District 3 Championship or District selected event  
District 4 Championship or District selected event  
District 6 Championship or District selected event  
District 7 Championship or District selected event  
District 8 Championship or District selected event  
District 10 Championship or District selected event  
District 12 Championship or District selected event  
District 14 Championship or District selected event  
District 15 Championship or District selected event  
District 18 Championship or District selected event  
District 19 Championship or District selected event  
District 20 Championship or District selected event  
District 21 Championship or District selected event  
District 22 Championship or District selected event

*Kelly made a motion for the 2014 Worlds qualifying events, seconded by Molly. The motion passed unanimously. Chip Till reported on the Transition Committee, which has distributed the RFP for the Executive Director position. Responses have been received, which are being reviewed, and more information will follow in future meetings. Lambert discussed the formation of a Technical sub-committee chaired by the USJCA Technical Chair and answerable to the USJCA Vice President. The committee’s purpose would be to facilitate communication between the Technical Committee of the IJCA and USJCA regarding measurement and technical issues and the USJCA Class as a whole. An example of issues that might have been presented to the Class as a whole could include standardizing measurement points for the “J” dimension at venues such as the Worlds, the lifeline rule, any further attempts*

at taking weight out of boats, etc. Such a committee could be formed of builders reps (e.g. Will Harris on behalf of Waterline), the Designer's Appointee (Kelly Holmes-Moon ) and identified individuals with a solid resume of technical background and experience who participate in work on J/24s (e.g. Chris Morgan, Curt Barnes, Carl Anderson).

**12. Next Meeting** – Monday, February 4 at 8:00 pm EST. This meeting will include a discussion on consistent measuring of the J.

**13. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm EST. Lambert wished holidays greeting to all.

**Action Items:**

- Nancy will work with Tony to create a manner for members to make a charitable contribution.
- Nancy will work to write-off uncollectible funds.
- Reid and Tim will confer about a plan for charging for boat measurement.
- Chris will contact 2013 Worlds qualifiers.

**Next Meeting:**

Monday, February 4 at 8:00 pm EST