

U.S. J/24 Class Association Minutes

Date: 2/26/2014

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Molly White X
2 – Will Welles
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone X
6 – Anthony Parker
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Chip Till
10 – Robby Brown X
12 – Skip Dieball
14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon X
15 – Tim Oelschlager X
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – John Cianciarulo X
22 – James Foster
Jeff Johnstone
Bob Kinsman X
Lambert Lai X
Kat Malone X

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Office/Financial Report
5. Technical Report
6. Championship Regatta updates
7. Old business
8. New Business
9. Next Meeting
10. Adjournment

Description:

1. **Call to order and attendance** – Chris Howell read the attendance as noted above. A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of minutes of last meeting** – Chris distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *Russ Cook made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Molly White. No discussion ensued, and the minutes were approved unanimously.*
3. **President's Report** – Lambert recapped his experience in Miami for the just concluded Midwinters. Everyone had a great time, and the weather was beautiful.
4. **Office/Financial Report** – Chris reported that the USJCA currently has 310 members. Tax deductible charitable contributions to the USJCA tally \$860 to date. Calendar sales are 94 + 41 5-packs. Chris distributed a Profit & Loss report via e-mail, and he has been working with Kat on the financials. Russ noted that the USJCA paid the IJCA later last year (March 2013) than this year, but it all evens out over time. Invoices were mailed in December so memberships have come in sooner this year.
5. **Technical Report** – Bob attended the Midwinters, and is getting up to speed in his role. Sail measurement was mostly straightforward with only a few issues, and boat measurement predominantly reflected boats we've seen many times before. He saw several boats coming out of heavy renovation. He will be working closely with regional measurers. He noticed that some racers get hung up with the optional required inventory list and the mast length measurement. Chris added that the IJCA Technical Committee is working to make some measurements simpler such as the keel measurement procedure and forestay length. Lambert has spoken to Tim Winger about suggestions to the Technical Committee (such as GPS devices), and he encouraged others to do the same. Russ recalled various problems at the Worlds in Rochester,

even after much preparation. Bob will carry on these sentiments with the IJCA TC.

6. **Championship Regatta updates** – Will was unable to join the call, but he has assured Lambert and Chris that everything is on track for the 2014 Worlds. They could use more reasonably priced charter boats to accommodate international teams.

7. **Old Business** – N/A

8. **New Business** –

Assignment of 2015 Worlds berths (qualifying events) for Germany: Lambert summarized that the USJCA has 8 berths, including the just concluded Midwinters. Since John Mollicone is already qualified, Travis Odenbach has qualified. The Nationals will have two berths.

Precedent would also include these championships: Northeast, Southeast, Great Lakes, West Coast, Southwest. Kelly noted that the USJCA President would have a berth, but Lambert will not use that spot. We can confirm whether this spot can be passed down. There will also be USJCA women's and youth spots awarded. Bob noted that attending a Worlds in Germany might be a challenge for folks to participate in so he encouraged the Governors to communicate with the Class on whether the qualified individuals will actually attend. Unfilled spots can then be filled by filled by resume. Lambert asked about the likelihood of anyone from the following:

District 1 – Molly thought it was unlikely

District 10 – Robby projected maybe 1

District 15 – Tim thought it was unlikely

District 21 – John thought it was unlikely

District 14/18 – Kelly thought it was unlikely

Chris wondered if we should just open up the spots to resume submission for Executive Committee vote. Molly and Kelly thought that we should still go through the qualification process, but also accept resumes throughout the year. Chris will send an e-mail explaining this. US Sailing financial assistance can be provided upon the entrant's request for international events.

Midwinters host: Chris suggested that we should give organizers more time to plan, with a two-year cycle scheduled out. At this year's Annual Meeting, we should strive to select the 2016 & 2017 sites. Everyone agreed that we should have a transparent system for regatta proposals, so Chris will plan to send out/post RFPs for major events well in advance. The deadline would be prior to the Annual Meeting, such as October 1. Link to IJCA regatta rotation:

<http://www.j24class.org/organization/class-documents/1728-2/>

Calendar contest: Molly thought that we should continue the Facebook photo contest this year, and Chris agreed that he will promote this. She asked whether we could print more regatta dates on the calendar, but the only way this doesn't hold up the printing is to have a firm deadline, such as September 1. We will also need to manage the number of regattas per the dates. We should also add the location of where the photo took place.

Chris stated that from the photos of Midwinters on Facebook, the Class had over 5,000 "views" per day, which is a good indicator of the health of the Class.

9. **Next Meeting** – Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

10. **Adjournment** – *Bob Kinsman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Molly White.*

Action Items:

--Chris will send an e-mail regarding the qualification/resume process for the 2015 Worlds.

--Chris will send RFPs for Midwinters and Nationals.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. EDT