

U.S. J/24 Class Association Minutes

Date: 5/12/2014

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:03 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Molly White X
2 – Will Welles X
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Anthony Parker
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Chip Till X
10 – Robby Brown X
12 – Skip Dieball X
14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon X
15 – Tim Oelschlager
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet
21 – John Cianciarulo
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. District Governor Brief Reports
6. Upcoming Regatta Reports
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjournment

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above. A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *Russ Cook made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Will Welles. No discussion ensued, and the minutes were approved unanimously.*
3. **President's Report** – Lambert thanked Chris & Julie Howell for their work for the USJCA.
4. **Office/Financial Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA currently has 440 members. Tax deductible charitable contributions to the USJCA tally \$1,635 to date. Calendar sales are 322 (previous year's calendar sales were 294). People seemed to enjoy the photo contest. He distributed a Profit & Loss report and Balance Sheet via e-mail. Chip asked whether we have any retained earnings or emergency fund. Chris H. stated that what is shown on the reports is exactly the cash on hand. This is something for the Class to consider for the future. Chris H. thought that a healthy association should have a goal of one year's budget set aside for a catastrophe (around \$30,000). Kelly reminded all that several years ago, the IJCA took full possession of the sail royalty income. Since this time, USJCA funds have not had an opportunity for much growth. Chris H. summarized that the "mature Classes" he is familiar with have a similar financial situation.
5. **District Governor Brief Reports** –
 - 1 – Molly White: They have their strongest fleets in New Hampshire and in Maine. There is a new fleet captain in Vermont. Marblehead will host Districts at the Around the Rocks regatta. The Regionals in Maine are in September.
 - 2 – Will Welles: Their biggest/active fleets are Marion, MA (~18 boats) and Newport, RI (~26

boats). Newport fleet is working hard on Worlds. The District is healthy, and hoping to add more people

3 – Aidan Glackin: They have had some fleets die off. City Island is a big fleet, although they wet sail so do not travel much. Northern Long Island gets about 10 boats for local racing; to the south, their fleet is growing and they are interested in hosting a major event. Lambert congratulated Aiden for winning a race at J Daze in 25-35 knot winds.

7 – Russell Cook: They are rolling along, but dealing with some clubs facing financial issues. Four active fleets are hosting regattas regularly.

8 – Chip Till: Their District Series is underway, including the recently hosted 48th annual Easter Regatta with almost 30 boats and good breeze. A drone video-taped the action, which is available on the regatta website. Charleston Race Week was also successful. District 8 is making a push for the 50th Easter Regatta to reach a fleet of 50.

10 – Robby Brown: They just went through a push to get all the existing boats out to the starting line. They hope to have 15 at their next event. The four active fleets are Jacksonville, Melbourne, Miami and Tampa. Participation is up. Plans are underway for the 2015 Midwinters. Promotional e-mails were distributed last week.

12 – Skip Dieball: The District is struggling to re-connect with old members as well as new ones. Their previous Series has died off, but the hope is to reinvigorate it. There are only a couple fleets with sporadic racing. He welcomed advice from other Districts is establishing a true District Championship and corresponding events. The last 5-7 years have been brutal economically, plus some owners have moved on to other boats. He is hopeful that over time, the District will improve.

14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon: The District is working through its Texas Circuit, including the upcoming Southwest Championship. His fleet has doubled in size, by fixing up old boats and getting their measurement certificates updated. He is working on a new fleet in Kansas. For their championships, they enforce Class membership.

19 – John Mason: Seattle fleet is healthy and thriving with 30 boats out most Tuesday nights. Portland fleet is stable with 10 boats, including 6 active. Idaho is growing and is hosting the District Championship in July. This weekend, Seattle is hosting the NOOD with 15 J/24s registered from the west coast area.

6. **Upcoming Regatta Reports –**

Nationals: A report on the Nationals will be distributed with these minutes.

Worlds: Will asked all qualified boats to register for the event. International commitment has heated up in the last week. Sail Newport and Fleet 50 will put on a great regatta. Charter boats are still available, and limited housing.

7. **Technical Report –** Bob has been working on a project to determine the specifics of local measurement equipment. A request for information was sent via e-mail so be sure to send that data to director@j24class.org. Bob is working with the districts to service all regions. He also asked Governors to be proactive with positive messages between measurers and members. Let's help everyone get on the starting line, and then work through larger issues.

8. **Old Business –**

Report of progress of J/24 Midwinters rotation/schedule: Robby has identified several venues that will submit proposals for the 2016 and 2017 Midwinters, including Tamps, St. Pete, Sarasota, Melbourne and Miami. Jacksonville is also a possibility.

Call for RFPs for major regattas: Chris H. distributed a Request for Proposal via e-mail and via the e-newsletter to all members for bids for the 2016/2017 Midwinter Championship and the 2016/2017 National Championship. The deadline is September 15, 2014, prior to voting at our USJCA Annual Meeting. At future Annual Meetings, we will vote for another Midwinters and Nationals so that the championships are planned three years out.

9. **New Business –**

Chris H. has reached out to all the qualified individuals for the 2014 Worlds. In several cases,

the individuals will not be able to attend. The “pass down” goes through to the top 10% or top 3 (whichever is largest). If none of those individuals can attend, spots will be filled by petition. *In order to expedite the resume process, Kelly Holmes-Moon made a motion to give the Executive Committee the authority to vote on the petitions, seconded by Russ Cook. Chris H. will send an e-mail soliciting resumes by June 1. The motion passed unanimously.*

Lambert asked for more information on who owns the drone video mentioned by Chip. He will reach out to the video owner and see if we can add the link to the USJCA website. Lambert requested all District Governors to submit website content and photos for the Class website. Penalty Box Productions is another option for drone video. Lambert will follow-up.

10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. EDT. Lambert, Chris H. and Will will discuss the possibility of a meeting at Worlds.

11. **Adjournment** – *The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.*

Action Items:

--Chris H. will send an e-mail soliciting Worlds resumes by June 1.

--Chip will reach out to the drone video owner to see if we can add the link to the USJCA website.

--Lambert will follow-up with Penalty Box Productions re: drone video.

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