

U.S. J/24 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/15/2015

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 7:38 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Charlotte Kinkade X
2 – Craig Correia X
3 – Aidan Glackin
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Anthony Parker
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Alex Bolan X
10 – Dave Noble X
12 – Marcus Rogers X
14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon X
15 – Tim Oelschlager X
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – Vacant
22 – James Foster
Will Welles X
Chip Till X
Molly White X
Kat Malone X
Bob Kinsman
Jeff Johnstone

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. World Council Meeting Report
5. Class Office Report
6. Financial Report
7. Technical Report
8. Regatta Reports & 2017/2018 Planning
9. 2017 World Championship Qualifiers
10. Election of Officers
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *No comments were made via e-mail or on this call, and the minutes were approved.*
3. **President's Report** – Will said that we've had great competition in 2015. Let's pump up the 2016 Midwinters in the Districts/Fleets. Feedback to the Class is always welcome. We need your help in keeping the USJCA online regatta calendar up to date, including event websites. Remember to promote these events continually. Other big 2016 events are the US Nationals in May and the North Americans in September...more on these later in the meeting. The IJCA took on the project of scanning all the old magazines, available here: <http://j24archives.com/>. Be sure to confirm your local owners are members.
4. **World Council Meeting Report** – The minutes of the October meeting in Miami, FL are available at <http://www.j24class.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/WCM-minutes-2015.pdf>. Chris H. recapped that the meeting had good international representation. The Rules have been hung up with ISAF for the past year, but Tim Winger is making process. Will added that there is great enthusiasm for the J/24 worldwide.
5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA had 511 2015 members (we had 530 in 2014). 2016 membership renewal invoices were mailed two weeks ago, including a calendar solicitation and charitable contribution request. The USJCA website is an old Wordpress site, and a Wordpress update caused some visual changes. The site is currently being rebuilt.

6. **Financial Report** – Chris H. distributed the budget via e-mail prior to the call. *Kat Malone made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Tim Oelschlager. The budget passed unanimously.*
7. **Technical Report** – Bob was not able to attend the call, but Chris H. reiterated that Tim’s re-write of the Rules into ISAF format is ultimately delayed by a difference of opinion on how things are said (not content, just wording). The goal is to be able to implement the Rules by March 1, 2016.
8. **Regatta Reports & 2017/2018 Planning** –
2016 Midwinter Championship, February 19-21, Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL: Kat has a promo in the upcoming e-newsletter, and a logo is forthcoming. Registration is open. North Sails is the title sponsor, and they are putting on a clinic prior to racing. DIYC will have a crawfish broil, and hopefully a Mount Gay sponsorship. Judy Hanlon is the PRO.
2016 US National Championship, May 11-15, Sayville Yacht Club, Blue Point, NY: Molly spoke for Aidan, saying Anderson Reggio is the PRO. Registration is open, and a crane is secured. The social side will be well taken care of.
The 2016 J/24 North American Championship is at Port Credit Yacht Club in Mississauga (Canada) from September 8-11, and the 2016 J/24 World Championship is in Wakayama (Japan) from September 19-23.
The Executive Committee is working on a long-term geographic plan for the major US events in 2017 and 2018 (Midwinters, Nationals, North Americans, Worlds). Look for this information in the next month or so. Chris H. said that the Class has traditionally followed this protocol, and the USJCA is working to return to this strategy moving forward.
9. **2017 World Championship Qualifiers** – Following lengthy discussion and research by the USJCA Executive Committee, Chris H. distributed a proposed chart of 2017 World Championship berths for the USA. The goal is to dispense the berths fairly across the US, with an emphasis on healthy attendance at our major events. Chip noted that the Class often receives comments on the Northeast being weighted in its number of berths, and therefore the Class wanted to spread the berths more equally geographically. Kelly added that a Texas boat, for example, has had to travel significant distance to reach a qualifying event, whereas many East/Northeast boats have multiple close opportunities to qualify. Chris H. recapped that the total of 32 slots was approved by the IJCA, emanating from a request by the CAN-JCA to boost numbers for their Worlds. Molly drafted a map which shows how the berths have been spread out, and she is happy to e-mail it out.
2016 Event
District Championships
District 14 – 1
District 15 – 1
District 18 – 1
District 19 – 1
District 20 – 1
District 21 – 1
District 22 – 1
Midwinters – 4
Nationals – 5
North Americans – 6
Northeast Regionals – 1
Southeast Regionals – 1
Southwest Regionals – 1
Western Regionals – 1
East Coasts – 1
Great Lakes – 1

All Female Crew – 2

Under 25 crew – 2

USA Total – 32

In addition, the following are automatic qualifiers for a World Championship. These entries cannot be passed on to any person other than that designated in the list below. Entries in these categories do not count in the country entries.

All Past World Champions

Second place previous year's World Championship - 1 entry

Third place previous year's World Championship - 1 entry

National Champions - Winner of past year's event - 1 entry/nation

North American Champion - Winner of past 3 years' events - up to 3 entries

South American Champion - Winner of past 3 years' events - up to 3 entries

European Champion - Winner of past 3 years' events - up to 3 entries

Asian Champion - Winner of past 3 years' events - up to 3 entries

Designer* - 1 entry

Copyright Holder - 1 entry

Active Licensed Builders – up to 3 entries

Jasper Van Vliet made a motion to accept the qualifiers as presented, seconded by Tim Oelschlager. The qualifiers passed unanimously.

10. **Election of Officers** – *No nominations were made from the floor. Tim Oelschlager made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Marcus Rogers. The slate passed unanimously.*

President - Will Welles

Vice President - Chip Till

Governor's Representative - Molly White

Technical Chair - Bob Kinsman

Finance Chair - Kat Robinson-Malone

Copyright Holder's Representative - Kelly Holmes-Moon

11. **Old Business** – N/A

12. **New Business** – Molly welcomed Charlotte Kinkade as the new District 1 Governor.
We need to fill the Governor role in District 21.

13. **Next Meeting** – Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. ET

Action Items:

- The Executive Committee will share the long-term geographic plan for the major US events in 2017 and 2018.
- Chris H. will post the 2017 Worlds qualifiers.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. ET