

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/2/2015

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Molly White X
2 – Craig Correia X
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Anthony Parker
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Alex Bolan X
10 – Robby Brown X
12 – Skip Dieball
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
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. Office/Financial Report
5. Regattas
6. District Governor Brief Reports
7. Technical Report/Rules
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. Chip will chair the meeting as Will is calling in remotely.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *Aidan Glackin 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** – Will sent Chip some topics to discuss. Chip remembered Lambert Lai, our most recent Class President, who passed away in December. A perpetual Midwinters trophy has been created in his honor after coordination by Lambert's district, fleet, yacht club (Rochester) and the IJCA. Will is the first recipient as this year's Midwinters champion. Chip stated that we had nearly 30 boats at the Midwinters, with two great days of practice followed by four races on Friday. That day was chilly but breezy. Saturday also had four races with lighter winds but warmer temperatures. Sunday's races were cancelled due to no wind. Chip thanked Kat, Brian and everyone at Davis Island Yacht Club. Chris H. spoke about the Rules status: the Rules that were approved at the last World Council Meeting were submitted to ISAF. Since we had such a major format change (to ISAF's format), Tim Winger of the IJCA is still working with ISAF on their word-smithing. Chris H. does not expect the new Rules to be in effect anytime soon. Tim, Chris H. and ISAF are meeting by phone tomorrow, so a written update is expected soon. Chip recapped that the new format encompasses "Closed Rules," i.e., if the Rules don't say that you can, then you cannot. Most other Classes already have this format, but we are catching up.
4. **Office/Financial Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 369 2015 members, and will

calendar sales total 294 so far. He distributed a year to date comparison of 2015 versus 2014. The \$10.00 dues increase just took effect on March 1. Chris H. highlighted that we are \$4,500 ahead of membership income this year, compared to last year. Kat encouraged everyone to push calendar sales. Calendar income is comparable to last year. Although there are still calendars left in stock, we typically buy more than we expect to sell due to the volume discount for printing. Molly suggested pushing sales to the CAN-JCA since some of the pictures are from Canada. Chris H. also noted that the Facebook photos from Midwinters really boosted the page. One series of photos had \$8,000 impressions. Kat and Brian also took videos onsite to get people's perceptions on the value of the Class. They took very short videos, which Chris H. is posting on the Class Facebook page. She encouraged Districts to do the same thing, as the process was very simple and only required a smart phone with video capability.

5. **Regattas** – The 2015 Nationals are to be hosted by Berkeley Yacht Club this May. Jasper stated that they are still working on getting registrations, but they expect total entries in the 20s. They have secured some professional clinics on local conditions, etc. Their biggest struggle is charter boats, but they look to have a handful available. They can house a few teams, and they are working on all the social plans and measurement details. Their Race Committee, protest committee, etc. are all set. Overall in his District, not a lot has changed, although he did note that his fleet is seeing some growth. Chris H. will send an e-mail solicitation for charter boats. For measurement, a Seattle measurer is coming down, and they plan to measure all sails and will spot check optional weight. If someone needs a full or re-measurement, they will organize those logistics.

Molly stated that they have 50 boats registered for the North Americans in Maine this fall, with a waiting list of 12. The reason for the limitation is due to their inner sailing area, which the IJCA approved. They have secured Hank Stuart as PRO, a chief judge and almost a full jury. They are making all social plans and working with Bob Kinsman on measurement.

Chris H. reminded everyone that an RFP has been issued for the 2017 and 2018 Midwinters for voting at our 2015 Annual Meeting.

Chris H. distributed a "Regatta Rubric" that Molly prepared. This is a step by step document for expectations of event hosts at all levels (from a local event through a World Championship). Timing is included for tasks such as placing the event on the Class calendar, NOR, creating a website, online registration, online entry list, promotional schedule and social media. She appealed to all District Governors to utilize this document to help increase regatta planning and promotion.

Chris H. reminded Governors to send in details for their upcoming Regional Championships.

6. **District Governor Brief Reports** –

20 – Jasper Van Vliet: see his report in the Nationals paragraph above.

19 – John Mason: The Western Regionals are the week before Nationals. They expect 7-8 Seattle boats, and also one from Montana. They have 48 dues paying members with the following breakdown: 60% in Seattle, 17% in Sandpoint, ID, 13% in Portland/Vancouver, 10% in Flathead Lake in Montana. Their Vancouver, Canada fleet is not currently active.

15 – Tim Oelschlager: their Regional Championship will be in either Chicago or Minneapolis. Their hull #15 went to Midwinters.

14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon: The Texas Circuit starts in March, and is as follows:

March 21-22 - GBCA Performance Cup on Galveston Bay, hosted by GBCA, Kemah, TX

April 18-19 - SW Championship- Cowtown Stampede on Lake Lewisville, hosted by Fort Worth Yacht Club and Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club, Oak Point, TX

May 2-3 - Corinthian/Heritage Cup Regatta on Lake Lewisville at Dallas Corinthian Yacht Club, Oak Point, TX

June 6-7 - Surfin' Safari on Corpus Christi Bay hosted by Corpus Christi Yacht Club, Corpus Christi, TX

September 19-20 - HOOD on Galveston Bay, hosted by Houston Yacht Club, LaPorte, TX

October 10-11 - J/Fest on Galveston Bay, hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, TX

November 21-22 - Circus on Canyon Lake, hosted by Lake Canyon Yacht Club, Canyon Lake, TX

12 – Skip Dieball: Chris H. reported that District 12 has a new fleet in Indianapolis.

10 – Robby Brown: He was pleased to see the local representation at the Midwinters. Some fleets are down, and some are up. They are doing a District 10 Series, where each Fleet hosts a marquee event annually. This was well-received last year and promoted travelling. Robby will be stepping aside soon.

8 – Alex Bolan: They are working to find out who is still active and what areas need more attention to increase participation. They have Easter Regatta and Charleston Race Week coming up, which are typically quite well attended. They've had 8-10 boats frostbitten. The 2015 Southeast Regionals will partner with the Charleston Yacht Club Open Regatta. The district is usually very willing to travel.

7 – Russell Cook: The loss of Lambert is huge in their area, but they are rallying together. The Oswego Yacht Club will host the Nationals next year. Rochester Yacht Club is hosting a regatta in July where Lambert will be honored.

3 – Aidan Glackin: Sayville is working to form a new fleet. They are hosting the Nationals in 2017. His fleet is on the north shore with 7-8 active boats.

2 – Craig Correia: They have two major fleets: Newport, RI and Marion, MA. He is also working with the less active fleets.

1 – Molly White: They have 4-5 active fleets: 15 boats in Downeast Maine and growing, the Burlington fleet is hosting the District 1 Championship following the North Americans, the Marblehead fleet has 9 boats and run the Around the Rocks Regatta, the Portsmouth fleet has 15 boats, and the Scituate fleet seems to be falling off the map. It looks like another fleet might be popping up in New York, but their boats are on cradles so travel is hard to coordinate. She's trying to get write-ups from each fleet to be posted on the website. They are hosting a ski weekend in two weeks...all are welcome!

7. **Technical Report/Rules** – See President's Report above.
8. **Old Business** – Chip reviewed our "New Business" from the last meeting. No further discussion ensued. He reiterated that the Officers are always available to talk.
9. **New Business** – Molly asked about the Women's and Youth teams for the Worlds in Germany. Chris H. will send a notice on this and overall petitions. For both 2015 Worlds in Germany and 2016 Worlds in Japan, the following events are qualifiers:
Midwinter Championship, National Championship, Northeast Regionals, Southeast Regionals, Great Lakes Championship, Western Regionals and Southwest Regionals + Women, Youth and USJCA President.
The Worlds are set through 2018. The 2019 Worlds will be voted on at the 2015 IJCA World Council Meeting in October. The host will be in North America.
10. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. EDT
11. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Chip thanked everyone for their efforts on behalf of our Class.

Action Items:

- Chris H. will reach out to the CAN-JCA regarding calendar sales.
- Chris H. will send an e-mail solicitation for charter boats at Nationals.
- Governors will send details for their upcoming Regional Championships.
- Chris H. will send a notice for 2015 Worlds petitions.
- Chris H. will post the events that are 2015 and 2016 Worlds qualifiers.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. EDT