

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

**Date:** 9/28/2015

**Start:** 7:05 p.m. EDT

**Adjourn:** 8:00 p.m. EDT

## **Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Molly White X  
2 – Craig Correia  
3 – Aidan Glackin  
4 – Chris Stone X  
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  
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 Report
5. Regattas
6. District Governor Brief Reports
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Annual 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 have just completed several major championships. He crewed for Mike Ingham at the Worlds in Germany, and it was a great event. Immediately following was the North Americans at Portland Yacht Club in Maine. Carter, Molly and the fleet did an excellent job on and off the water. Will commented how neat it was to see so many young sailors racing the J/24 in Europe and then to see old and new faces in Maine. Many fleets are winding down the season so it's time to push attendance at our fall and winter events.
4. **Office/Financial Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 500 2015 members (we budgeted for 500 for the year). He will prepare a full budget in advance of the Annual Meeting. There are no surprises.
5. **Regattas** – Will summarized several fall events in the Northeast coming up, as well as Florida. Let's all encourage participation for the Midwinter Championship. A group of people are working on ways to line up a winter series. The US Nationals are next May, which will be here soon. The North Americans are in Toronto next fall. Kat spoke about the 2016 Midwinters, and she is working on sponsors. They have a new Fleet Captain who is getting involved and bringing in some new blood. They will continue the crawfish boil, and they are hoping to get Mount Gay on board. She is working on educational components, possibly with J/World and/or North Sails. Chris H. recapped interested hosts for future events:  
2017 Midwinters – bid received from St. Pete, interest from Melbourne, Miami

2017 US Nationals/NAC – interest from Charleston, Miami, Houston  
The NAC is in the United States in both 2017 and 2018, so we can fill both years if possible.  
These events will be voted on at the December 2015 Annual Meeting.

Will asked Districts to submit their regatta information to the Class Office for posting on the USJCA website. Kelly said that Texas is active. The J/24s were the second largest fleet at the HOOD Regatta, and upcoming events are happening at J/Fest and Circuit events in November. Please review the Regional Championship Rotation at <http://www.j24usa.com/organization/usjca-regional-championship-rotation-schedule/>. For 2016, the hosts are as follows: Northeast Regionals - 3, Southeast - 10, Great Lakes - 7 and Western - 19. Chip went down to Melbourne last week and measured several boats. Thanks Chip! Dave noted that it's hard to find and train measurers, and Will agreed that this is a common problem among the Districts.

## 6. **District Governor Brief Reports –**

1 – Molly White: The main fleets are Portsmouth (15 boats), Vermont (11-12), Maine (18), Marblehead (up to 7-8), Scituate (2-3). The next District 1 Championship will be September 17-18, 2016 on Lake Winnepesaki. 11 boats participated in the recent 2015 District 1 Championship in Vermont. The District was proud to host the North Americans this month.

2 – Will Welles: The District is primarily Marion (20 boats) and Newport, which is seeing new young people coming in to the weekly fleet racing (25-26 boats). They have had problems getting people to commit to the Newport Regatta, and Marion has similar issues with their Buzzards Bay Regatta. Both fleets were represented at the NAC.

4 – Chris Stone: Atlantic Highlands is the primary fleet, plus a few at Raritan (racing PHRF) + Ocean City and Cape May have a couple boats each. The J/70s have gotten popular in this area. Chris S. plans to talk with folks in NYC to get involved.

7 – Russell Cook: He congratulated Rochester-based Mike Ingham and Travis Odenbach who placed second and third in the Worlds. The District has been up and down since Lambert's death, as he was the leader. Winter meetings are planned to improve this situation. Russ was disappointed that Oswego YC rescinded their bid for the US Nationals. Recently, they have seen some more District support building, and they are looking forward to next season.

8 – Alex Bolan: Southeastern Regionals were in July with 12 boats and three good days of sailing. There is a new member in the Charleston fleet. An upcoming event, which used to have 4-5 boats is scheduled to have 10-11. It's only \$20 to register! The 2016 Easter Regatta is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Columbia will offer boat storage.

10 – Dave Noble: At the Florida State Series, John Poulson was the top performer. Mark Pincus will represent at the upcoming Mallory Cup. The new series starts this weekend. He noted that traveling is down but boat loaning is up. They are seeing boats coming and going, and 33 active. He wasn't able to put together an NOR for a Winter Series, but he will help find boat storage upon request. For the Series, Will asked Dave to submit all the dates/details for the winter events to the Class Office, with the focus being on getting the information public and providing storage options.

12 – Marcus Rogers: The District Championship had 13 boats in August in Indianapolis, including 8 traveling boats. The Governors Cup had 9 boats. Both are up from last year, and two boats are expected to attend the Midwinters. He's been talking with the boat owners to garner more feedback to keep the improvement going.

14 – Kelly Holmes-Moon: Kelly's information was noted above. He added that the District is getting significantly younger.

15 – Tim Oelschlager: The Chicago fleet is growing, and the District is stable overall.

19 – John Mason: Their Districts are October 3-4, and they expect 15 boats. The racing season is winding down after a good year. 30 boats are in Seattle, plus 10 in Idaho, 8 in Portland, Oregon and 6 in Montana. They are coordinating on 2016 Western Regionals.

## 7. **Technical Report –** Chris explained that the “New Rules” are getting closer. Unfortunately, our ISAF contact changed so we have a new person to work with. Tim Winger is going back

and forth repeatedly with the new contact leading up to the October 24<sup>th</sup> IJCA World Council Meeting. There are no new votes needed, as the content of the rule changes are the same. This is a formatting discrepancy with ISAF, which should be sorted out in the coming weeks. If all goes as planned at the World Council Meeting, the Rules would be in effect as of March 1, 2016. Buy Tim a beer!

8. **Old Business** – N/A

9. **New Business** – N/A

10. **Annual Meeting** – Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm EST

**Action Items:**

--Chris H. will prepare a full budget in advance of the Annual Meeting.

--Districts will submit their regatta information to the Class Office for posting on the USJCA website.

**Next Meeting:** Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm EST.