

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

Date: 12/5/2016

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m. EST

Present (X):

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

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 Reports
8. Regatta Reports & Future Planning
9. 2018 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. Chip welcomed Dan Busch, incoming Governor's Representative, to the call. Dan said that he's been involved with the J/24 since the 1990s and has served as both Fleet Captain and District Governor. He looks forward to working with everyone.
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 we had a great year with our events, which shows that our Class is healthy. The Executive Committee is always planning for the future and aims to have major events secured three years out. Will is excited to sail the Midwinters in a new venue in 2017. The used boat market is active, and the J/24 is an excellent value. Let's keep promoting locally and nationally. Thank you to all the Governors!
4. **World Council Meeting Report** – Chris H. distributed the minutes via e-mail. The meeting took place at Port Credit Yacht Club in Canada, with Will and Chip in attendance. The Rules proposals were mostly clerical, with a few others focused on simplifying our processes. Chip added that he saw a common interest among all NCAs to make it easier to sail J/24s.
5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA had 488 members in 2016 (501 budgeted). Charitable contributions in this calendar year = \$1,905. The new website launched this year. 2017 membership invoices will be mailed this week, and the calendars are for sale.

6. **Financial Report** – Chris H. distributed the 2016 Budget against Actual and 2017 Budget via e-mail. We continue to budget for 501 members. Kat asked the District Governors to help enforce membership. \$1,000 was added to the budget as a Boat Grant Program expense, which we will discuss in more detail later tonight. The travel budget for the USJCA President is a bit higher because the 2017 World Council Meeting is in Italy. *Tim Oelschlager made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Russ Cook. The budget passed unanimously.*
7. **Technical Report** – Bob said that of the Rules that went into effect this year, he has yet to see a boat with a turnbuckle on the headstay. He will be travelling to the Midwinters and Nationals and aims to connect with entrants on which measurement issues are relevant. Curt Barnes of the USA has joined the International Technical Committee. ITC Chair Tim Winger is working with Alex Finsterbusch of Argentina to fill his role after the 2017 World Council Meeting. Bob encouraged everyone to utilize the website as a thorough resource for technical questions.
8. **Regatta Reports & Future Planning** –
2017 Midwinter Championship @ Eau Gallie Yacht Club, Indian Harbour Beach, FL, February 10-12: Dave said 15 people are registered, and there are many more coming (including more from Florida and from Texas). Please have your District members sign up. A Canadian and a UK team are attending. He is working with Eau Gallie YC on housing and entertainment. If you want to bring your boat down early, let Dave know. A couple boats will have full measurement, which Bob and Chris are assisting with. The last race on Sunday will be no later than 2:00. Look for a few minor NOR amendments soon. Will said that a few charter boats could help attendance. This event is the second stop of the Winter Series, of which the Peter Bream Winter Series Trophy will be awarded to the top amateur helm of the series (Kings Day, Midwinter Championship and Easter Regatta). Dave would be willing to create a collegiate trophy...ideas are welcome.
2017 US National Championship @ Corinthian Yacht Club, Seattle, WA, May 19-21: Details are being finalized now, and look for an e-blast soon with the NOR and website/registration.
2017 North American Championship @ Houston Yacht Club, Houston, Texas, May 26-28: Will said it would be great to have some boats head to Texas following Midwinters and/or Charleston. Tonja said they are working on securing charter boats; they have three so far. There were 26 active boats in the Texas Circuit in 2016, and she expects 23 to compete at the NAC. They are working on housing + a Circuit stop and a non-Circuit-stop prior to the NAC. The website is live, and registration is open. Tim Winger will be there to lead measurement. Perhaps Tim could conduct measurement training.
2017 World Championship @ Port Credit Yacht Club, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, September 15-23, 2017: 2017 Worlds qualifiers are at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>. Chris said that after January 1, we will seek commitment from the qualified individuals. The Regatta Regulations allow for a 10% pass-down per event and a timeframe to commit. In the cases where a berth is un-used, we will accept petitions. Feel free to send those in at any time. Three youth applications (Finn Hadlock, Matt Coughlin, Nick Woviotis) and two women (Erica Spencer and Lindsey Nahmias Turowski) applications have been received. There are two berths for youth and two berths for women. Although the deadline was November 30, the Executive Committee will extend it until December 15 so if you are aware of an interested party in your District, have them e-mail their resumes to director@j24class.org by then. The Executive Committee will then review the proposals and advise the applicants by the first of the year.
The 2018 North American Championship will be in Charleston, SC. The 2018 National Championship is in Portland, ME.
Molly continues to maintain the regatta rotation schedule, so please let her know of ideas for event locations.
9. **2018 World Championship Qualifiers** – Chris H. said that the USA will have 10 berths (plus youth and women) for the 2018 World Championship in Italy. This is based on the USA

buying 501 memberships in 2017. Following previous year's Worlds in Europe, we would likely use the regional Championships (Great Lakes, Southeast, Northeast, Western, Southwest, East Coast) + Midwinters, Nationals and North Americans as qualifying events. The Executive Committee will confirm these plus one more.

10. **Election of Officers** – The following slate was prepared by the Executive Committee and e-mailed to the District Governors:

President - Chip Till

Vice President - Molly White

Governors' Representative - Dan Busch

Technical Chair - Bob Kinsman

Finance Chair - Kat Malone

Russ Cook made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Marcus Rogers. The slate passed unanimously.

11. **Old Business** – N/A

12. **New Business** – Molly and Marcus have been working on a boat grant program, similar to the Lightning program. The initiative will be named after Kelly Holmes-Moon, and the goal is to have a boat and sails donated with commitment from Waterline to assist with repairs. Ideally, the regattas they attend will “comp” the event registration. Skippers will need to be over 21 and submit applications. Mentors will be sought around the USA, which the Governors will be needed to assist with. Tonja volunteered to be on the committee, and DCYC would like to hold a fundraising event. Chris H. said that anyone holding a fundraising event should work with the Class Office to make sure the tax exempt portion is handled properly. The goal is to launch the program next summer, but there are still many details to finalize. When the platform is officially launched, promotion and funds solicitation will begin.

Chris H. thanked Will for his many years of service as a Class Officer!

13. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ET

Action Items:

- The Executive Committee will confirm 2018 World Championship qualifiers.
- Tonja will talk to Tim Winger about NAC measurement and training.

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