

U.S. J/24 Class Association Minutes

Date: 10/1/2012

Start: 8:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 9:25 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Molly White X
2 – Will Welles X
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – John Surguy X
6 – Anthony Parker X
7 – Russell Cook X
8 – Chip Till X
10 – Brian Malone X
12 – Kevin O'Brien X
14 – Charles Singstad X
15 – Tim Oelschlager X
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – Peter Sauer
20 – Jasper Van Vliet
21 – John Cianciarulo X
22 – James Foster
Nancy Zangerle (Transition Committee) X
Reid Stava X
Kelly Holmes-Moon X
Lambert Lai X

Agenda:

1. Feedback for WCM (Rules/Open Worlds)
2. Report from Transition Committee
3. New business

Description:

1. **Feedback for WCM (Rules/Open Worlds)** – The Rules Proposals for the World Council Meeting were distributed via e-mail to the District Governors. Kelly reviewed the proposals as follows:
 - a) Rule 3.2.5 – Eliminates the second lifeline option to eliminate hiking between lifelines. *The proposal passed unanimously.*
 - b) Rule 3.5.2c – Redefines mast chocks to include the plate on the partners. *The proposal passed unanimously.*
 - c) Rule 3.5.3f – Removes the spreader sweep measurement. *All voted in favor except District 2 but proposal passed.*
 - d) Rule 3.5.5d – Lowers boom tip weight to 3.0kg from 3.3kg. Many concerns were raised about older boats needing to new boom? *The proposal failed.*
 - e) Rule 3.5.4 & 6.1.31 – Removes restrictions on rope size and moves spinnaker pole downhaul from required rigging to optional equipment. Questions arose about whether we should require investment in new gear and whether it changes the all-up weight? Agreement that it would be a cost to owners, and it would alter the all-up weight. *The proposal did not pass unanimously, although a suggestion was made to move the spinnaker foreguy to optional equipment. This proposal failed 9-4.*
 - f) Rule 3.6.1 & 8.1.1 – Allows two spinnakers. Everyone voiced concerns about this, including that the second spinnaker is harmful as an added cost to owners. Lambert noted that an NJCA can only represent 20% of the vote at the WCM, despite how many members within each

nation. Lambert invited that comments on restrictions be sent to him as an alternative to the proposal passing as is. Will suggested that the restriction say that a spinnaker be destroyed before a second spinnaker be used. *The proposal failed.*

g) Rule 4.1.9 & 4.1.10 – Redefines outboard motors and fuel. This rule would reduce outboard weight and designate a fuel amount, a penalty of which can be imposed at regattas. *The proposal failed.*

h) Rule 6.1.14 – Allows more fittings in spinnaker twings. *The proposal failed.*

i) Rule 6.1.22 – Allows free use of inspection ports. Some expressed unease as to whether this rule might ruin the structural integrity of the boat. *The proposal failed 6-4.*

j) Rule 6.1.30 & 8.1.4 – Mast heel adjusters. *The proposal passed unanimously.*

k) Rule 7.1.19 – Adding and defining permitted uses for shock cord. Chris recapped that ISAF is moving toward “closed Class Rules” where if the Rules don’t say you can, then you can’t. *The proposal passed.*

l) Measurement Certificate Change to make more items Pass/Fail. *The proposal failed.*

m) Converting Rules to ISAF format. Please advise Lambert of your opinion.

Chris distributed a survey to members regarding an Open Worlds yesterday, and sent preliminary results after the first day, prior to the meeting. The trend is that there is limited support for a closed/qualifying situation for Worlds, and perhaps making a decision depending on each venue. Specifically, Lambert needs to know how the US is approaching the 2014 Worlds in Newport. Will summarized previous discussions about the event, saying that Newport is open to either scenario and they will work with whatever the World Council decides. Molly has been trying to gather information on whether an “open” Worlds negatively effects District events.

2. **Report from Transition Committee** – Chip reported that the Transition Committee distributed the one-design Class survey results and recommendations via e-mail. The results showed a movement away from employee-based systems to contracted service. Tony is preparing an RFP for the Executive Director position to be sent out within the next few weeks. Proposals must be received by 12/1, and a recommendation will be made by mid-January for the Executive Committee. Christopher Howell will remain in the ED position through at least the end of February. (Chris & Julie Howell will submit a proposal to be retained in their current position). The USJCA will operate separately from the IJCA in the RFP process.
3. **New Business** – Tim at District 15 noted a request for some members of District 12 to join District 15. Nancy noted the history and geography of the districts, and suggested that we table this decision to a future meeting. Nancy thanked Molly and Chris for their recent work with the Class in regard to surveys and regatta analysis.

Action Items:

--Tony Parker will lead the RFP process for the Executive Director of the USJCA.

Next Meeting:

Monday 12/3 @ 8:00 pm ET