

U.S. J/24 Class Association Minutes

Date: 8/12/2013

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:09 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

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

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report
5. Regatta Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

Description:

1. **Call to order and attendance** – Chris Howell read the attendance as noted above. A quorum was established.
2. **Approval of minutes of last meeting** – Chris distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *Lambert Lai made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Russ Cook. No discussion ensued, and the minutes were approved unanimously.*
3. **President's Report** – Lambert recapped that the Mallory Trophy is starting August 22, and there are 7 entries filled out of 20 available. US Sailing recently cancelled the International Women's Keelboat Championship, so he has been concerned about this event. Lambert and the local organizers are prepared to go through with the event as far as boats, sails, Race Committee, etc. The qualifying events were all won by J/24 sailors.
4. **Financial Report** – There are 573 members to date. Chris is optimistic that we will reach 625 by the end of the year. He e-mailed the current Profit & Loss statement to all.
5. **Regatta Reports** – Molly White reported that 30 boats are registered for the 2013 North Americans, including 5 charters. A measurement plan is in place, a title sponsor was secured, live blogging/photos will be available from the water, and promotion has been ongoing. Bob Kinsman is the Chief Measurer. The attendance goal is 40, including several International teams. Lambert summarized a few reports from Mark Pincus regarding the 2014 Midwinters

including that the NOR should be available this week, they are securing sponsors such as Mount Gay, and committees have been formed. Lambert noted that we are in need of a host for the 2015 Nationals. A proposal has been received from Berkeley Yacht Club, and John Mason spoke to their desire to host this event. The Executive Committee had voiced some concern that the event should be hosted in a more concentrated area for the fleet. Lambert expressed support for the Berkley proposal, and sought feedback from the Governors. Reid Stava inquired about the staging, and Lambert clarified this would be in the Berkley Circle with free dockage. \$425 is the proposed entry fee. That fleet has about 8 boats, that travel actively on the west coast circuit. John M. expects 6-10 traveling down from Seattle, plus a few from Portland. John Cianciarulo expects 10 to attend from Southern California. The proposed dates are the third weekend in September 2015, but Molly noted that the North Americans are scheduled for September 2015 in Portland, ME. Lambert will ask if the 2015 Nationals can be moved up earlier in the year. Nancy Zangerle doesn't think that there's much overlap of the people who will attend both events, given their locations.

6. **Old Business** – Molly asked if we clarified the women's and youth opportunities on the website. A tab was created on the USJCA Class site, but details are needed on the qualification standards. For the current cycle for the 2014 Worlds, the group decided on a deadline of 12/31/13. This will be promoted on the USJCA website, upcoming e-newsletters, Facebook and an e-mail blast. District Governors were asked to submit regatta details to director@j24class.org. Russ showed concern that there is low participation on this call, so Chris will send a reminder with these meeting minutes regarding the calendar request. Nancy noticed that US Sailing has money listed for J/24s in their 2012 budget, but no one is aware of these details. Collin Leon originally was going to the 2013 Worlds, but he had to cancel his entry. The interested women's teams were not able to put their programs together.
7. **New Business** – Molly asked that we push the US Sailing Foundation harder in the future. Chip Till shared that they had 12 boats at their Southeast Regionals over the weekend, and Robby Brown won by one point, earning a qualifying spot. John Enwright won the Great Lakes Championship qualifier spot, in the same boat that won the 2012 Worlds. Regatta reports are forthcoming to the Class for both events. Brian Malone invited all to the District 10 Championship. John M. noted representatives from his District are attending the Mallory Cup. Melissa spoke highly of the Berkeley Yacht Club events, and they are working on their 2014 schedule. They are reviewing regatta formats, given the overall decline of regatta participation. Lambert noted that the Levels Regatta used to attract over 400 boats, but the last 2 years only saw about 150. The 2013 event was the last Levels Regatta, and they will likely shift to a strictly one-design event.
8. **Next Meeting** – Annual Meeting, Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm EST
9. **Adjournment** – *Chip Till made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Russ Cook.*

Action Items:

- Lambert will ask if the 2015 Nationals can be moved up earlier in the year.
- Chris H. will promote the women's and youth opportunities on the USJCA website, upcoming e-newsletters, Facebook and an e-mail blast.
- District Governors will submit upcoming regatta details to director@j24class.org, and Chris will send a reminder to do so with these meeting minutes.

Next Meeting:

Annual Meeting, Monday, December 16 at 7:00 pm EST