

U.S. J/24 Class Association Minutes

Date: 2/4/2013

Start: 8:00 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 9:35 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Molly White X
2 – Will Welles X
3 – Aidan Glackin
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
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – 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 X
Will Harris X

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President’s Report
4. Office/Financial Report
5. 2013/2014 Worlds Qualifiers
6. Technical Report
7. Old Business
8. Regatta Status Reports & Planning
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjournment

Description:

- 1. Call to order and attendance** – Chris Howell and Lambert Lai conducted a roll call of the participants, and determined a quorum was present.
- 2. Approval of minutes of last meeting** – Chris Howell distributed the minutes from the previous meeting via e-mail prior to this meeting. *Lambert Lai made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Russ Cook. No discussion ensued, and the motion passed unanimously.*
- 3. President’s Report** – Lambert Lai reported that the Executive Committee has tabled a decision on the Executive Director position until the Promotion & Marketing Committee makes a recommendation over the next four months. He noted that marketing services have been offered from J Boats and US Watercraft at no cost and no risk. Jeff Johnstone summarized that the J/24 is integral to marketing of the J Boats brand. In the recent difficult economic times, they have tried to do more with less, particularly moving away from print. They have focused on getting people together in person or online, primarily through the weekly J Boats e-newsletter. Since its inception, there have been 370 articles for the J/24 in this newsletter. J/24s are now being built in the old TPI facility, and there is also a marketing person at US Watercraft. Stu Johnstone and Jeff created a J/24 news blog, which is now online, in an effort to work together between the Class, J Boats & USW. Lambert Lai confirmed that One Design Association Management (Howell) has been retained through May 31, 2013 as the Class Executive Director, per a vote of the Executive Committee on 1/28/13. He also shared that US

Sailing has selected Rochester Yacht Club as the host of the 2013 Mallory Cup from August 22-25, sailed in the J/24. More details will be forthcoming.

4. **Office/Financial Report** – Chris Howell reported that there are currently 134 USJCA members, and 215 calendars have been sold. There is approximately \$4,500 in the bank. He submitted a Class update via e-mail, and also recapped that the Executive Committee tried to move to an all online renewal process to save money. But in an effort to reach members in a more traditional manner to what the USJCA has done before and obtain more renewals, he is preparing an invoice mailing to go out in the mail this week. Per Tony Parker’s request, Chris will e-mail a year-end financial report with the minutes of this meeting.
5. **2013/2014 Worlds Qualifiers** – First, Chris Howell went through a status of committed US teams for the 2013 World Championship in Ireland (maybe = Peter Bream, Will Welles, Tony Parker; yes = John Mollicone, Travis Odenbach; no = Bryan Dyer, Kevin O’Brien, Pat Toole). Other people have expressed interest in going, and they will need to petition for available berths. Chris suggested that the qualified individuals should respond by 2/15, so the pass down can continue. Chris will include this petition request in the next USJCA e-newsletter and online. Second, a proposal was discussed via e-mail to change USJCA membership purchases plus a proposal to change the adopted 2013 budget. Nancy Zangerle summarized that the approved budget had included the purchase of 751 memberships to guarantee proper berths for the 2014 Worlds. With the additional berths awarded, *Nancy motioned that the budget be amended to make a purchase of 501 memberships, seconded by Tony Parker. The motion passed unanimously.* Chris noted that the memberships also affect the US votes at the World Council Meeting. Third, the USJCA needs to decide the distribution/award of 6 additional 2014 World Championship berths. Nancy suggested that we set aside two berths for a youth and women’s team. Everyone agreed, and this will be conducted by petition toward the end of 2013. Chris noted that the AGM minutes (sent out via e-mail last Friday and today) include a list of events that are current qualifiers. Chip thought we should divide the US map geographically to select the additional berths. The group agreed that suggestions for worthy regattas be e-mailed to the Class Office by District Governor prior to 2/8. Then Chris will distribute the recommended regattas via e-mail to the Governors, and a vote will occur to decide the top four regattas winning the berths. These four events will be open to anyone regionally. Will Harris encouraged maximum clarification, including details on the pass down process. Lambert will forward a youth petition for the 2013 Worlds via e-mail.
6. **Technical Report** – Reid Stava bought a case for the keel templates. He is still working with Tim Winger about a plan for charging for boat measurement. Reid and Chris noted that we are awaiting confirmation from ISAF on exact wording for the recent rules changes, but conversations have been ongoing between Tim and ISAF. As soon as Tim hears back, the Rules and their effective date will be communicated.
7. **Old Business** – Chip inquired about the approximately \$3,500 in bad debt currently on the books to be written off? Chris Howell said that it will be written off in the 2013 books. Nancy clarified that this will change the balance sheet but not cash.
8. **Regatta Status Reports & Planning** – Chris requested that 2013 District Championship information be sent to director@j24class.org.
9. **New Business** – Tony presented multiple requests including a) quarterly financial statements within 30 days for the year-end report, then 15 days for the other 3 quarters, b) a signed agreement with the Executive Committee and the Howells including duties/timeline, c) he found three e-mails concerning a membership dues request but “dues” was not noted in the subject line, d) limiting meetings to 1 hour, e) holding a face-to-face meeting once per year. Chris Howell supported the financial request made in (a), and agreed to send a “dues” e-mail the following day (*note as of 2/5/13: e-mail was sent*). Chris clarified again that a listing of

current paid members is available online. Chip had also distributed a template via e-mail that DGs can utilize for Fleet Captains to solicit membership renewals. *Tony Parker made a motion for the Class President and the Executive Committee to prepare a list of Executive Director duties, seconded by Chip Till. The motion passed.*

10. Next Meeting – TBD

11. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm EST.

Action Items:

- Chris Howell will e-mail a year-end financial report with the minutes of this meeting.
- Chris Howell will include a 2013 Worlds petition request in the next USJCA e-newsletter and online.
- Lambert Lai will forward a youth petition for the 2013 Worlds via e-mail.
- Lambert Lai will prepare a contract/list of duties for the Executive Director.

Next Meeting:

TBD