

U.S. J/24 Class Association Minutes

Date: 5/6/2013

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:10 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
12 – Kevin O'Brien
14 – Charles Singstad X
15 – Tim Oelschlager X
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Randall Rasicot for Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – John Cianciarulo X
22 – James Foster
Lambert Lai X
Nancy Zangerle
Reid Stava X
Kelly Holmes-Moon X
Jeff Johnstone

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. 1Q Office/Financial Report
4. Mallory Cup Qualifiers
5. District Governor Responsibilities
6. Succession Plan for USJCA Executive Committee
7. Update on 2013 Worlds Berths
8. Regatta Status Reports & Planning
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjournment

Description:

1. **Call to order and attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance and noted that a quorum is present.
2. **Approval of minutes of last meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *Tim made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Molly. No discussion ensued, and the minutes were approved unanimously.*
3. **1Q Office/Financial Report** – Chris H. e-mailed the current financial reports (Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet) to all earlier today. The checking balance is just under \$16,000, and there will be an upcoming expense of about \$600 for postage. There have not been any unexpected expenditures. Nancy is sending letters to try to obtain past due amounts, and the unattainable amounts will then be written off. Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 486 current members. The IJCA Rule Books are in house so an additional membership solicitation will now take place. We are at about 80% of all of 2012.
4. **Mallory Trophy Qualifiers** – Lambert recapped that the US Sailing Adult Sailing Championship for the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy is being sailed in J/24s this August in Rochester, NY. He is seeking recommendations from District Governors for continental US Sailing area events to be included as J/24-specific qualifiers. A partial list has been compiled, but Lambert asked that other suggestions be sent to him within 2 weeks (a reminder will be sent with these minutes). Molly and Kelly noted several specific requirements, such as PFDs, but

US Sailing has been helpful in working through these details.

5. **District Governor Responsibilities** – Lambert discussed some of the primary functions of the District Governors such as participation, cheerleading, reaching out to fleet captains, encouraging membership. The Marketing & Promotions Committee also has been focusing on finding past members of the Class and utilizing their contact information to re-connect with them. The Committee is sorting out discounts to Class members such as parts from Waterline, which will only be available to Class members. Russ suggested that we also focus on young sailors, and Chip recommended that we also reach out to cruisers. He thought we should add a segment of the website as a cruising corner and also link to Waterline’s website for DIY information. Lambert will share these ideas with the Marketing & Promotions Committee, and everyone can anticipate more material from the Committee soon. He encouraged everyone to submit local stories and pictures to Lambert for distribution.
6. **Succession Plan for USJCA Executive Committee** – The USJCA Constitution does not specify term limits, and nominations/elections take place at the Annual Meeting at the end of the year. Lambert asked Districts to consider folks who may have an interest in joining the Executive Committee, and to contact the current Officers with ideas and discussion.
7. **Update on 2013 Worlds Berths** – Chris H. recapped the current planned USJCA participants for the 2013 Worlds: Keith Whittemore and Chris Stone (who submitted successful petitions), Colin Leon (filling the youth berth and was the recipient of a US Sailing grant), and Tim Healy, Tony Parker, Travis Odenbach and Mike Ingham (who qualified). Two teams have applied for the women’s spot: Elaine Haheer and Lindsey Nahmias Turowski. Since we still have open overall berths, one of those teams could take the women’s spot and the other could take an open US slot. But this does potentially affect the US Sailing grant. Lambert will investigate whether US Sailing might provide funds to more than one applicant. In the meantime, Chip will draft a letter to each female applicant and ask if they would still attend even if they did not receive a grant as the selected the women’s team.
8. **New Business** – Molly had some ideas for the Class wall calendar such as a regatta photo contest as well as expanding the regattas listed by publishing a deadline for date submission. Everyone expressed support for growing the photo options such as showing family pictures, cruising, etc. and potentially posting the photos on Facebook for a vote. Lambert offered Worlds hats as another photo prize. Secondly, Molly wanted to more prominently promote the qualification process for Youth and Women’s teams for upcoming Worlds. Chris said it would not be a problem to add this to the website, but that we would need to establish deadlines and criteria. Lastly, Tim shared that they have a Swiss watch company looking to be a title sponsor for the 2013 Nationals, and the company also has a desire to sponsor future Nationals as well. They are talking about cash in addition to product. Everyone voiced excitement, and Lambert asked Tim to provide his contact information to the sponsor.
9. **Next Meeting** – Monday, August 12 at 7:00 pm EDT
10. **Adjournment** – *Tim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Molly.*

Action Items:

- Chris H. will e-mail an additional member e-mail solicitation with a Rule Book focus.
- District Governors are asked to submit Mallory Trophy J/24 qualifying event suggestions to Lambert.
- Lambert will investigate whether US Sailing might provide funds to more than one women’s applicant for the 2013 Worlds, and Chip will proceed with letter drafts.

Next Meeting:

Monday, August 12 at 7:00 pm EDT