

# U.S. J/24 Class Association AGM Minutes

**Date:** 12/16/2013

**Start:** 7:08 p.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 8:13 p.m. EST

**Present (X):**

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

**Agenda:**

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. WCM Report
5. Office Report
6. Financial Report
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. Regatta Status Reports & Planning
10. Nominations and Election of Officers
11. New Business
12. Next Meeting
13. 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 Annual Meeting** – Chris distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *Nancy Zangerle 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 read his President's Report aloud which will be distributed with the meeting minutes.
4. **WCM Report** - Chris distributed the 2013 World Council Meeting minutes via e-mail. No questions were posed.
5. **Office Report** – Chris reported that the USJCA currently has 617 members. 2014 invoices were just distributed by mail, and included a request for tax deductible charitable contributions to the USJCA. Calendar sales so far are 193. That number will rise with membership renewals. 2012 membership was 590.
6. **Financial Report** - Chris e-mailed Nancy's financial report, the Profit & Loss report and the 2014 budget. Nancy highlighted two items: a) the prior period accounting is a clean-up from

pre-paid postage that was never drawn down, 2) a bad debt write-off dating back to 2002 in uncollectible funds. We are projecting that we will end the year with a net income just over \$500. Regarding the 2014 budget, the projection for membership is conservative but also includes \$5,000 in charitable contributions. She would like to break the postage meter contract. The Executive Director will rely on regatta organizers to make sure that the travel line item stays within budget. *Jasper Van Vliet made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Russ Cook. No discussion ensued, and the budget was approved unanimously.*

7. **Technical Report** – Reid Stava’s report was distributed via e-mail, which Lambert summarized briefly. Reid is retiring as the US Technical Chair, but will be involved as a resource moving forward. Although our Constitution does not reference a Councilor of Honor, Lambert wants to recognize his 18 years of service to the Class. Tim Winger and Lambert are donating an award. *Lambert Lai made a motion to create a position of honor for Reid Stava, seconded by Molly White. No discussion ensued, and the motion was approved unanimously.*
8. **Old Business** – N/A
9. **Regatta Status Reports & Planning** – Chris circulated updates via e-mail for the 2014 Midwinters, Nationals and World Championships. Lambert said that the Executive Committee has been in close contact with these regatta organizers, and he feels confident in the events. Bob Kinsman noted that he will be the measurer for Nationals. Launch/haul is included in the Nationals entry fee. Molly asked if the 2015 Nationals were moved up, and they were changed to May.
10. **Nominations and Election of Officers** –  
The Executive Committee proposed the following slate:  
Lambert Lai – President  
Will Welles – Vice President  
Chip Till – Governor's Representative  
Bob Kinsman – Technical Chair  
Kat Malone – Finance Chair  
*No new nominations were given. Nancy Zangerle motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Tim Oelschlager. This motion passed unanimously.* Lambert thanked Nancy for her countless hours of work for the USJCA. *Tim Oelschlager made a motion to approve the proposed slate, seconded by Russ Cook. No discussion ensued, and the slate was approved unanimously.* We welcome Bob Kinsman as the new USJCA Technical Chairman and Kat Malone as the new USJCA Finance Chair.
11. **New Business** – a) Chris e-mailed a proposal from Davis Island Yacht Club to host the 2015 Midwinter Championship. Kat recapped that they are open to moving the event to weekend dates, but exact dates are TBD. They will continue to welcome the fleet, as they have done over quite a few years. She is working with Robby Brown to bring in Class stalwarts as well as younger sailors to reinvigorate the event. *Nancy Zangerle made a motion to approve the DIYC proposal, seconded by Kelly Holmes-Moon. No further discussion ensued, and the proposal was approved unanimously.* b) Molly asked about the status of the IJCA weight change rule. Lambert & Chris clarified that the proposal for changing the crew weight was tabled prior to the World Council Meeting, and there are no immediate plans to reintroduce. c) Chris stated that the USJCA has currently received 1 Female and 1 Youth request for Worlds berths. This will be voted on after the new year. d) Molly wondered about free membership for Measurers to compensate for their volunteer time. Nancy agreed in the case of USJCA measurers, but wasn’t sure how to handle volunteers from outside the Class. Chris recalled that another recent suggestion was a fee back to the Measurers, and he thought that the Technical Committee should make a recommendation. Lambert added that Measurers in other nations are recompensed in some way. Bob will work with Reid and Tim on this subject. e) Lambert appealed to the Governors to talk to their local fleets/yacht clubs about bidding for future major

championships in the USA. Robby asked about the Class's position on rotating venues. Nancy stated that the North Americans and Nationals are on an established rotation, but the Midwinters is more open. Robby is inquiring more about the Midwinters, and Lambert asked Robby to work with Will Welles on making a proposal to this group for future Midwinters. Nancy offered the Regatta Guidelines as a guide in this regard. We should look at the Nationals/NAs rotation.

12. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. EST

13. **Adjournment** – *Aidan Glackin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Molly White. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

**Action Items:**

- The Technical Committee will make a recommendation on compensation for Measurers.
- Robby Brown will work with Will Welles on future Midwinters proposals.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. EST