

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/20/2018

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 7:40 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Charlotte Kinkade X
2 – Craig Correia
3 – Aidan Glackin
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Tony Parker
7 – Russ Cook X
8 – Crisp McDonald X
10 – Todd Fedyszyn X
12 – Ryan Lashaway X
14 – Tonja Holmes-Moon
15 – Tim Oelschlager
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet X
21 – Deke Klatt X
22 – James Foster
Chip Till X
Molly White X
Dan Busch X
Kat Malone X
Bob Kinsman
Jeff Johnstone
Will Welles

Agenda:

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. Class Office Report
5. Championship Updates
6. Boat Grant Program
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Officers/Annual Meeting

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above. Welcome Ryan Lashaway, District 12, from the Cleveland area. He just purchased a J/24 last year after junior sailing. His wife sails with him, and he expects more young people to buy in the District.
2. **Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting** – Chris H. distributed the previous meeting minutes via e-mail. *No comments were made via e-mail or on this call, and the minutes were approved.*
3. **President's Report** – Chip said there is tons of J/24 activity right now, and the Class is strong. He has met with US Sailing, Brad Read, etc. and delivers that message. Thanks for all the Governors do!
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 419 members so far in 2018 (501 budgeted). You can view members by fleet at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. District Championships are World qualifiers so entrants must be members! Over \$2,000 in boat grant donations have been received since mid-December 2017. The 2019 wall calendar will feature photos by Tim Wilkes and Chris Howell from our major Championships, and should go on sale in November.
5. **Championship Updates** –
You can always keep up with Worlds qualifiers at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>.
-- 2018 World Championship @ Fraglia Vela Riva del Garda, Italy, August 24-31: Chris recapped that the communication with Italy has been challenging. ITC Chair Alex

Finsterbusch arrives tomorrow, the PRO is Hank Stuart, IJCA Chair Nancy Zangerle arrives Friday, and Chris arrives Wednesday so look for social media updates. US entrants are Will Welles, Travis Odenbach, Mike Ingham, Keith Whittemore and Bill Allen.

-- 2018 US National Championship @ Portland Yacht Club, ME, September 7-9: Molly said 51 boats are signed up with two boats on the wait list. Expect thorough on-water and shoreside activities, as well as a boat grant dunk tank fundraiser.

-- 2019 Midwinter Championship @ Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, FL, February 28-March 3: Kat said that North is lined up as title sponsor, and look for education and giveaways from Sail22. Judy Hanlon is planned for PRO. Kat is hoping to arrange storage around the event. The St. Pete NOOD is two weeks prior to Midwinters.

-- 2019 North American Championship @ Valle de Bravo, Mexico, April 1-5

-- 2019 US National Championship @ Rochester Yacht Club, NY, August 21-25

-- 2019 World Championship @ Regatta Park, Miami, Florida, October 19-26

-- 2020 North American Championship @ Sayville Yacht Club, NY, May 27-31

-- 2020 World Championship @ Parkstone Yacht Club, Poole UK, September 12-18

-- 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27

-- 2021 North Americans will be in Canada (dates TBA) and Worlds in Argentina

Proposals have been received for the following:

2021 Nationals from Lake George

2021 Nationals from Dallas Corinthian

2022 Worlds from Corpus Christi (this will be an IJCA decision based on the bids received, not geography)

For 2021, the deadline (extended twice) was August 1, and for further years/events, the deadline is October 1. The USJCA Executive Committee will meet to discuss the bids following the IJCA World Council Meeting in October.

6. **Boat Grant Program** – Molly said that Kira Munger has provided some updates on their summer, which have been posted/shared online. They have had a few mechanical issues with the boat, but are signed up for Nationals. The goal for the next cycle is to move up the timeline to help with the transition between grantees. The Boat Grant Committee welcomes additional members.
7. **Technical Report** – Chris said that the ITC does not expect any major proposals to the Rules, maybe just some clean-up including the Constitution. The Regatta Guidelines will be reviewed and updated to match how we currently race the boat. Chip asked about the boom tip weight. If people have concerns about this issue (or others), please contact Alex Finsterbusch at alexfinsterbusch@gmail.com.
8. **Old Business** – N/A
9. **New Business** –
 - 21 *Deke Klatt*: They are halfway through the qualification road series, and the next event is in San Diego which is an area in need of revival.
 - 20 *Jasper Van Vliet*: The District has lots of crew, so they are trying to get skippers more involved. They've ramped up their social events and a bi-monthly training academy. Their qualifier is in December.
 - 19 *John Mason*: Western Regionals were in July in Montana. Districts are in Seattle in October.
 - 12 *Ryan Lashaway*: District Championship was last weekend in light air and 10 boats. The Great Lakes Championship is in September, hoping to increase the attendance there.
 - 10 *Todd Fedyszyn*: Look for the NOR for the Southeast Regionals in November in St Pete. The Districts is Kings Day in November too (Jacksonville).
 - 8 *Crisp McDonald*: He expects their District to head down to the Southeast events since their qualifiers are complete.
 - 7 *Russ Cook*: Districts were two weekends ago with 17 boats. Oswego hosted the Hospice

Regatta in J/24s. The Pennant Series continues in Rochester. Enthusiasm is high.
4 Dan Busch: The Parkway Series had two regattas with seven boats including a new boat. Stu Challoner won the Worlds qualifier.
1 Charlotte Kinkade: 12 boats attended their Districts. Everyone is excited for the Nationals in September. Thanks Molly!
Chip praised everyone for their local efforts!

10. **Officers/Annual Meeting** – The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. EST. If any current Officers wish to resign from their nomination, please notify the Class Office by September 15. A slate will be prepared with Officers moving “up,” and a new person being identified.

Action Items:

--The Executive Committee will meet in November.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. EST