

# U.S. J/24 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 12/10/2018

**Start:** 7:05 p.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 7:50 p.m. EST

## **Present (X):**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
1 – Finn Hadlock X  
2 – Craig Correia  
3 – Aidan Glackin  
4 – Chris Stone X  
6 – Tony Parker X  
7 – Russ Cook  
8 – Crisp McDonald  
10 – Todd Fedyszyn  
12 – Ryan Lashaway X  
14 – Tonja Holmes-Moon and John Parker X  
15 – Tim Oelschlager  
18 – Todd Warnygora X  
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  
Bob Kinsman X  
Jeff Johnstone  
Will Welles X

## **Agenda:**

1. Call to order and attendance
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
3. President's Report
4. World Council Meeting Report
5. Class Office Report
6. Financial Report
7. Election of Officers
8. Technical Report
9. Regatta Reports & Future Planning
10. 2020 World Championship Qualifiers
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Next Meeting

## **Description:**

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above. A quorum is present.
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 thanked everyone, as this is his last meeting as Class President. All of your support and dedication is much appreciated! We've launched the Boat Grant Program and had great events in the last two years.
4. **World Council Meeting Report** – Chip represented the USA at the October 2018 World Council Meeting in Miami, and Molly also attended as incoming President and Will who is on the IJCA Executive Committee. The minutes are posted at <http://www.j24class.org/organization/class-documents/wcm-minutes/>. Participants took a tour of Regatta Park and Shake-A-Leg to review preparations for the 2019 Worlds. The 2021 Worlds was awarded to Mendoza Argentina and the 2022 Worlds to Corpus Christi, TX. Molly appreciated learning from so many people and putting faces with names. Chris H. added that some IJCA documents are in the works to help guide regattas and juries for our major Championships (such as moving away from the yellow flag).

5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA had 457 members in 2018 (501 budgeted). \$1,920 in boat grant donations have been received in 2018. The 2019 wall calendar is for sale. \$1,410 was raised in 2018 charitable contributions.
6. **Financial Report** – Chris H. circulated the USJCA Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2018 and Budget 2019, highlighting a proposed dues increase to \$90. The Executive Committee has reviewed the financials and is concerned that the Class is in the negative for the year. The current bank balance including the checking account & PayPal is \$13,552.50. It is recommended for all non-profit Associations to have one year of reserves in the bank, which the USJCA does not (we are at about 1/3). Notice that the boat grant donations are listed separately as these are not operating funds for the USJCA. Tony wondered about increasing dues to \$100. Chris H. noted that with the \$90 dues, the Class is projected in the black each year, which will help build reserves over time. Discussion ensued about dues in similar Classes, which ranges from around \$55 to \$100, and some Classes also require crew membership. Some people voiced favor in keeping the dues in double digits. Chip recalled that before 2007, funds from royalty tag sales went to NCAs, but since then has only funded the IJCA. We are overdue in adjusting our funds to improve revenue.  
*Dan Busch made a motion to accept the Budget as presented (with the dues at \$90), seconded by Tony Parker. The motion passed unanimously.*
7. **Election of Officers** – Chip presented the following slate of Officers:  
President Molly White  
Vice-President Dan Busch  
Technical Chair Bob Kinsman  
Finance Chair Kat Malone  
Governor's Representative Marcus Rogers  
*Chris Stone made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Ryan Lashaway. The slate passed unanimously.*
8. **Technical Report** – Bob encouraged everyone to read the World Council Meeting minutes, especially the section on event measurement vs. certification measurement. The goal is to reduce inspection times at major Championships. There were no significant Rules changes. Curt Barnes has joined the US Technical Committee. Chip thanked Bob for his service.
9. **Regatta Reports & Future Planning** –  
You can always keep up with Worlds qualifiers at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/qualified-for-worlds/>.  
-- 2019 Midwinter Championship @ Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL, February 28-March 3: Chris H. spoke to Kat this weekend. Eleven boats are registered. Kat is working on efforts to have extended storage at DIYC before and after the Midwinters. More information to come.  
-- 2019 North American Championship @ Valle de Bravo, Mexico, April 1-5: Chip will be a PRO. Two regattas will be run back to back with the Mexican Nationals preceding the NAC. All are welcome to both. Inspections will be available before each. The OA just provided details on travel in Mexico, which the Class Office will distribute. Charter boats are available, and they will also help with travel from Mexico City to Valle.  
. -- 2019 US National Championship @ Rochester YC, NY, August 21-25: Matt Hill is the PRO.  
-- 2019 World Championship @ Regatta Park, Miami, Florida, October 19-26: Chris H. said the NOR is posted. They've created a charter page to assist with international participation. Unsolicited petitions to race have already been received. The event is capped at 80 boats, and multiple yacht clubs in Coconut Grove will share the social functions.  
-- 2020 Midwinter Championship should rotate back to Melbourne, FL  
-- 2020 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, May 27-31  
-- 2020 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 12-18

- 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27
- 2021 World Championship @ Lake Potrerillos Argentina, March 6-12
- 2021 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 24-29
- 2021 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada (dates TBA)
- 2022 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 17-23
- 2022 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY (dates TBA)

10. **2020 World Championship Qualifiers** – Chris H. recapped that the USJCA has 10 berths for the 2020 World Championship in the UK (in addition to perpetual berths + Youth + Women). The Executive Committee agreed on the following 2019 qualifying events:

- Great Lakes Championship
- Southeast Regionals
- Northeast Regionals
- Western Regionals
- Southwest Regionals
- East Coast Championship
- Midwinter Championship
- US National Championship (2)
- North American Championship

The Class Office will add these qualifiers to the USJCA website.

11. **Old Business** – Tony said that the 2019 East Coast Championship will likely be October 4-6 due to the Worlds dates.

12. **New Business** – Districts were encouraged to e-mail a brief District Report to [director@j24class.org](mailto:director@j24class.org) by the end of the day Tuesday for inclusion in the Minutes.

*District 12, Ryan Lashaway:* District 12 is actively putting together the 2019 regatta schedule. Our goal is to have a final schedule done for the new year. We have our District 12 Championship event scheduled for September 21-22, 2019 at Sandusky Sailing Club. Please be sure to join the J24 District 12 Facebook group for regatta announcements, events and discussion. Any clubs in D12 interested in hosting and promoting a local J/24 event, please contact Ryan (D12 governor) through the Facebook group. Group link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/J24District12/>.

Tonja said that John Parker is stepping up to serve as the new District 14 Governor. Thank you Tonja and John!

Welcome Finn Hadlock, the new District 1 Governor.

Chris H. and Julie thanked Chip for his efforts as Class President. And thank you Will. Looking forward to working with Molly and everyone. Happy Holidays!

13. **Next Meeting** – Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. ET

**Action Items:**

- The Class Office will distribute information on the 2019 NAC.
- The Class Office will add the 2020 World Championship Qualifiers to the USJCA website.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. ET