

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/11/2019

Start: 7:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 8:10 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X

1 – Finn Hadlock X

2 – Craig Correia

3 – Aidan Glackin X

4 – Chris Stone

6 – Tony Parker

7 – Travis Odenbach X

8 – Crisp McDonald X

10 – Robby Brown X

12 – Ryan Lashaway X

14 – John Parker X

15 – Tim Oelschlager X

18 – Todd Warnygora X

19 – John Mason

20 – Jasper Van Vliet

21 – Deke Klatt

22 – James Foster

Molly White X

Dan Busch X

Marcus Rogers X

Kat Malone X

Bob Kinsman

Chip Till X

Jeff Johnstone

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 Update
7. Technical Report
8. Increasing Outreach & Involvement
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. 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** – Molly said we have several new District Governors with new energy...welcome! Thanks to Victor Felice, we have a new fleet in Phoenix. Our social media presence has expanded with a new USA Facebook page and Boat Grant Facebook page. The Governors met face to face at the Midwinters, and a hot topic was pushing to get events and their websites on the USJCA online calendar. Let's continue to work on this. A few of us were at the St. Pete NOOD last month, and it would be great to get more boats at this event. Thanks to all for your hard work!
4. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 283 members so far in 2019 (501 budgeted). Please check memberships at your local events. \$1,060 in boat grant donations have been received in 2019 to date. \$2,550 has been raised thus far in 2019 charitable contributions.
5. **Championship Updates** –
 - 2019 North American Championship @ Valle de Bravo, Mexico, April 1-5: Eight American teams are signed up, of about 30 expected.
 - 2019 US National Championship @ Rochester YC, NY, August 21-25: Travis said the budget is sorted, and the goal is 50+ boats. Any questions regarding housing, etc. can be sent

to Travis.

Malletts Bay is hosting NE Regionals...look for an event website next month. Storage is possible between the various northeast fall events.

- 2019 World Championship @ Regatta Park, Miami, Florida, October 19-26
- 2020 Midwinter Championship: Robby said Melbourne, FL is finalizing dates, likely the same weekend as this year. Information and logistics to come soon.
- 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)

6. **Boat Grant Update** – Marcus said Matt Miranda is the current recipient, among the two applicants. Let's rouse up more applicants for the next cycle. Matt will start his season at Charleston Race Week, but then will do a predominantly northeast circuit. He is picking up the boat in Newport this weekend, with Will Welles helping with inventory during the exchange. Aidan and Finn are Matt's mentors.
7. **Technical Report** – The current Rules went into effect on March 1, 2019.
8. **Increasing Outreach & Involvement** – Dan said we need to reach a new and younger audience, and sell that the Class is cheap and easy to get into. Finn reiterated the new US Class Facebook page. We should brainstorm ways to reduce the cost of ownership and travel. Chris said that the IJCA has Instagram and Twitter accounts too. We need to identify more editors of the US Facebook page to increase activity nationwide. If you feel comfortable with that, please advise Chris via e-mail. Kat wondered whether we should consider sail purchase limits to help control costs. One counter to this is more worn out sails in the used market. Travis noted that our major Championships still have good attendance, and we don't want to punish those who participate regularly. Perhaps there are other ways to save costs with sails, such as types of cloth used. Chris noted that this issue has come up at the international level over the years, including possibly eliminating the genoa. The USJCA should consider what, if anything, it wants to recommend to the World Council. Molly asked for a small subgroup to research options, and Kat and Finn volunteered (others are welcome). Aidan said that there are many factors that go into success, and often crew trumps the age of sails. Crisp suggested that we utilize the marketing opportunities on Facebook sponsorships to reach more folks. Chris takes pictures and posts on social media at our major Championships, but he is pushing the IJCA to invest in professional videos. The more pictures, social media, etc. we all can do at our local events, the better. John shared that District 14 focuses on basic training on land and water to recruit crew, who sometimes become boat owners down the road.
9. **Old Business** – N/A
10. **New Business** –
 - 18 Todd Warnygora:* One boat attended the Midwinters, who will compete in Worlds too. The Dillon Open is the first week in August, which will likely be the District Championship. The area has many one-design fleets which makes participation difficult for all.
 - 14 John Parker:* Three boats went to Midwinters. One boat is going to the North Americans. The Circuit gets underway this month, through November.
 - 12 Ryan Lashaway:* Their 2019 schedule is posted on their Facebook page, with five core events.
 - 10 Robby Brown:* They are focusing on building local support for events well in advance of the dates. It's a struggle to get NORs posted early, but this is the goal. Hopefully more Florida

boats will participate in the Florida State Series.

8 Crisp McDonald: They had about 10 boats out through the winter series, including a donated boat. The Atlanta Cup is this weekend. Charleston Race Week is April 11-14 with the Easter Regatta the following weekend. Southeast Regionals will likely be July 20-21, doubled up with the Charleston Open Regatta. Some of their regular travelers may be dialing that back, but they are working to get people out on the road. However, road-worthy trailers can be hard to find locally, primarily due to salt water damage.

7 Travis Odenbach: US Nationals are this August in Rochester. The District Facebook page is updated with some regatta information, but he is still working on various event websites. Oswego is hosting the Great Lakes Championship in August (two weeks before Nationals). Travis will assist with boat transport between the two locations. There are five regattas in the Pennant Series, and you must sail three of five to qualify for Worlds. Almost all of these events have 20 boats participating.

3 Aidan Glackin: Three to four boats are going to Worlds. Sayville is hosting the North Americans next year.

1 Finn Hadlock: Four boats were at Midwinters. There are lots of events in the northeast this year to keep people busy. The Sea Bags team is heading to Mexico for the NAC.

11. **Next Meeting** – Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

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