

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

Date: 12/9/2019

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 8:15 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock X
2 – Craig Correia
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Tony Parker X
7 – Mike Stasko X
8 – Crisp McDonald X
10 – Robby Brown X
12 – Drew Blackburn
14 – John Parker X
15 – Tim Oelschlager X
18 – Todd Warnygora
19 – John Mason X
20 – Jasper Van Vliet
21 – Deke Klatt X
22 – James Foster
Molly White X
Dan Busch X
Marcus Rogers X
Kat Malone X
Bob Kinsman
Chip Till X
Curt Barnes X
Jeff Johnstone

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. Boat Grant Update
8. Election of Officers
9. Technical Report
10. Regatta Reports & Future Planning
11. 2021 World Championship Qualifiers
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Chris H. read the attendance as noted above. A quorum is present. Welcome new District 7 Governor Mike Stasko!
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 thanked everyone for their extensive work and fundraising for the Worlds Opening Ceremony in Miami. Some goals for the next USA-hosted Worlds include: expediting the measurement process, more social events and non-alcoholic beverages, and better facilities. It's been great to see boats sailing more events in the Florida circuit this year, and let's make that an objective in Texas in 2022. Molly thanked Marcus for his forward-thinking with the Class, and to all the Governors as we head into a great year in 2020. Chip returned the thanks to Molly.
4. **World Council Meeting Report** – Molly represented the USA at the World Council phone conference and onsite meeting in Miami. You can review the minutes at <http://www.j24class.org/organization/class-documents/wcm-minutes/>. The structure was changed from being at the venue of the next Worlds to the current Worlds. International attendance was excellent. The Council voiced support of a higher Worlds entry fee, if providing more benefits throughout the event. 2023 Worlds was awarded to Greece. More help with inspection of charter boats in advance of a Worlds is needed. Aidan thinks it's more of a

communication issue with owners of solid boats. Perhaps there is some sort of rating program that will benefit both the charterer and charteree. This topic will be further pursued moving forward. There is also ongoing discussion to simplify event inspection and reduce the amount of time away for competitors.

5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA had 423 members in 2019 (501 purchased, 440 budgeted). \$2,026 in boat grant donations have been received in calendar year 2019 to date. \$2,776 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2019 charitable contributions. Donations received for the 2019 World Championship equaled \$1,950. The 2020 wall calendars are for sale via the homepage link at www.j24usa.com or with your membership renewal. 2020 membership renewal invoices will be mailed this week.
6. **Financial Report** – Chris H. circulated the USJCA Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2019 and Budget 2020. The USJCA purchased a new scale this year for use around the country. The travel budget is slightly higher since the World Council Meeting will be in the UK (funds are for USJCA President to attend). The IJCA is raising 2020 dues for all NCAs by \$5.00 per Full Member. Right now, NCAs have been paying the IJCA \$15.00 for every membership, so this will now be \$20.00. The USJCA recently raised its dues to \$90.00, so we think we can absorb this \$5.00 increase for now. As our goal was to build cash reserves, we'll likely have to propose another dues increase for 2021 to compensate for the IJCA increase. Chris H. said that the budget reflects a purchase of 450 USA memberships, down from our typical 501. This only drops our 2021 Worlds berths from 10-9 for the Argentina Worlds, and is more in line with our actual membership numbers. With the IJCA dues increase, this helps the overall USJCA 2020 budget.
Chip Till made a motion to accept the Budget/P&L as presented, seconded by Dan Busch. The motion passed unanimously.
7. **Boat Grant Update** – Applications for next season's program are being accepted until December 15. Details are available at <http://j24usa.com/2019-2020-boat-grant/>. Marcus hopes every District can submit one applicant. It would be great to move the boat out of the eastern half of the country. John said he is working with a few potential groups to bring the boat to Texas. The goal is to have a good working team, more so than a high quantity of events. Regatta organizers are asked to waive entry fees for the boat grant team.
8. **Election of Officers** – The slate of Officers is as follows:
President: Molly White
Vice-President: Dan Busch
Technical Chair: Curt Barnes
Finance Chair: Kat Robinson-Malone
Governor's Representative: Marcus Rogers
Chip Till made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Finn Hadlock. The motion passed unanimously.
9. **Technical Report** – Welcome Curt! Chris said the International Technical Committee is focused on making sure boats are up to speed for World/Continental Championships, such as having a certificate that is within the prior three years. No major Rules proposals are expected in 2020. Chip recalled conversations about eliminating the mast-down station, but we will need to make sure the lower mast band is legal. There is some push for putting more onus on the owners to be responsible for their boats, which are always subject to inspection. Molly said that Districts should require proof of membership, insurance and measurement at our big events.
10. **Regatta Reports & Future Planning** –
-- 2020 Midwinter Championship @ Eau Gallie and Melbourne YC, February 28-March 1:
Robby is working with Dave Noble on the boat launching process.

- 2020 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, May 27-31: Aidan said Joe has been on top of everything, including sponsorship, hospitality, paperwork, website, publicity, Jury, etc. Check out their Yacht Scoring page for hotel options. They will work with Curt on the inspection process/boat weighing. Kudos to Sayville on their organization!
- 2020 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 12-18
- 2020 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 25-27: Finn said the website is going live in February. Boat launching/hauling will be expedited with a second location. The NOR is in the works, and they are sorting out the Jury.
- 2021 Midwinter Championship: Miami, FL, details TBD
- 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 Midwinter Championship: Tampa, FL, details TBD
- 2022 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 18-22
- 2022 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 17-23
- 2022 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, September 7-11

11. **2021 World Championship Qualifiers** – Chris H. recapped that the USJCA has 9 berths for the 2021 World Championship in Argentina (in addition to perpetual berths + Youth + Women). The Executive Committee agreed on the following 2020 qualifying events:

- Great Lakes Championship
 - Southeast Regionals
 - Northeast Regionals
 - Western Regionals
 - Southwest Regionals
 - East Coast Championship
 - Midwinter Championship
 - US National Championship (the winner also receives an International berth)
 - North American Championship (the winner also receives an International berth)
- Chip Till made a motion to accept the qualifiers as presented, seconded by Tim Oelschlager. The motion passed unanimously.*
- The Class Office will add these qualifiers to the USJCA website.

12. **Old Business** – N/A

13. **New Business** – Molly discussed adding a Corinthian division to our major events. It would be great if an award sponsor came forward to donate these trophies. To be Corinthian, the entire crew would need to be World Sailing Group 1. This means all crew need to complete the free World Sailing online form to receive a Group number. The process is an administrative burden on the Organizing Authority, but worth it. We will hopefully attract more participants, and those Corinthians who are attending will get more out of it. Let's try it in Sayville.

14. **Next Meeting** – Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. ET

Thank you all, and Merry Christmas!

Action Items:

- The Class Office will add the 2021 Worlds qualifiers to the USJCA website.

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