

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

Date: 12/7/2020

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 7:50 p.m. EST

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock X
2 – Hillary Noble
3 – Aidan Glackin
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 – Cory Huseby
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
Curt Barnes X
Chip Till X
Tonja Sanchez-Holmes 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. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – 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 recapped that we started the year with Midwinters in Melbourne. After a COVID shutdown, we've seen some regional racing and an emphasis on local/family sailing. Thanks to everyone who worked hard to get people back on the water. It's been nice to receive appreciation for the complementary wall calendars. The new online store was recently launched, and the Texas area has bought the most items so far. Molly also shared that the Executive Committee recommends non-voting Intermediate (age 20s) and Senior (55 or older) Representatives joining our 2021 District Governors meetings to help generate ideas. Perhaps their experience might lead them to a future Governor role. The Intermediate role is meant to be the prior Boat Grant recipient (currently Matt Miranda) who will work on social media and recruiting under 25 berths and boat grant applicants. The Senior Rep would add to Class history, boat charters and mentoring. Chip voiced support of these ideas. Molly asked for ideas for the Senior Rep. Hearing no opposition to these concepts, the Executive Committee will proceed with the new positions.
4. **World Council Meeting Report** – Molly represented the USA at the World Council two-part virtual meetings. You can review the minutes at <http://www.j24class.org/organization/class->

[documents/wcm-minutes/](#). Molly recapped that there were verbiage updates to the Constitution, By-Laws and Regatta Regulations (all posted on the IJCA website). A Corinthian division was added to the Regatta Regulations for major Championships. Pre-measurement will be available at World Championships. Will Welles is the new IJCA Chair, Kat is the Finance Chair, and Michael Peters from Germany is the new ITC Chair. The IJCA Executive Committee was expanded to five members from three.

5. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA had 365 members in 2020 (450 purchased, 423 in 2019). Projected boat grant donations in calendar year 2020 is \$1,560. Projected 2020 charitable contributions is \$2,335. The 2021 wall calendars were mailed to all 2020 members with their 2021 dues invoice as a member benefit. Sponsors supported the calendar at \$200 per page + the cover; they supplied a picture and banner of their choice. Thank you sponsors! Calendars are also available for general sale.
6. **Financial Report** – Chris H. circulated the USJCA Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2020 and Budget 2021. The budget reflects a purchase of 400 USA memberships, which provides nine 2022 berths for the Argentina Worlds. We should revisit this number next year at this time so we can secure enough berths for the Corpus Christi Worlds in 2023. We were in the black for the year, primarily due to reduced travel expenses. The 2021 travel includes funds for the USJCA President to attend the World Council Meeting in the UK.
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** – Due to COVID-19 impacts, the Boat Grant Committee decided that current recipient Erica Trejo from Chicago, IL will keep the boat through 2021. She is planning to attend Midwinters. The boat is in Jacksonville, and Chris Morgan will again be making some repairs. Thank you all for your support of the program!
8. **Election of Officers** – Chip presented the slate of Officers as follows:
President: Dan Busch
Vice-President: Marcus Rogers
Technical Chair: Curt Barnes
Finance Chair: Kat Robinson-Malone
Governor's Representative: Tonja Sanchez-Holmes

Chris explained that Andres Martinez sent a letter of nomination for Rick Jarchow as Finance Chair via e-mail to Dan and the Class Office, supported by Mark Pincus. Chris asked if any District Governor would like to formally make this nomination? No such nomination/motion was presented.

Chip Till made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Molly White. The motion passed unanimously.

Thank you Molly! And Chip!

9. **Technical Report** – Curt stated there will be some minor off-cycle Rules proposals (mostly eliminating purchase restrictions). These will be posted online for review and a vote of the NCAs.
10. **Regatta Reports & Future Planning** –
-- 2021 Midwinter Championship, Miami, FL, February 25-28: Robby noted that Miami is proceeding with their Bacardi Winter Series, so hopefully that is a good sign for us. They are using thorough protocols, so we will have a better feel shortly as to how it's working. Dan had a good experience in Miami recently. Chip added that the planning is moving forward, but we need more entrants.

- 2021 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, June 16-20: Registration is open, and eight boats are on the list. It's a great venue!
- 2021 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 10-12: Finn said MBBC is keeping an eye on the VT restrictions. We are in a wait and see mode.
- 2021 World Championship @ Parkstone YC, Poole UK, September 24-October 2: Molly expects we will have a petition process.
- 2022 Midwinter Championship, Tampa, FL, dates TBD: Kat said DIYC will set dates in spring 2021, based on the dates of the St. Pete NOOD. We could add a third Tampa Bay regatta, and Dan wondered about a Corinthian-only event.
- 2022 World Championship @ Lake Potrerillos Argentina, March 12-19
- 2022 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 23-28 (TX Circuit stop is the weekend before): Tonja manages the Texas Circuit, is a Class Measurer, and is a previous Fleet Captain and District Governor. Welcome Tonja to the USJCA Executive Committee! She has several new Measurers in the works. The planning committee of the Nationals has reorganized, and they are excited to host. The Race Committee for the 2023 Worlds is the same for the 2022 Nationals.
- 2022 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada, dates TBD
- 2023 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 17-21: Mike will keep us posted in 2021.
- 2023 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 16-23: Molly talked to Mark Foster. CCYC is hosting the 2021 J/22 Worlds which is their "warm-up" to the J/24 Worlds. Go to <https://ccyc.com/j22worlds2021/> to see details such as wind graphs, attractions, housing, etc. J/24 sailors are welcome to charter a J/22 next year. Expect warm but breezy conditions and sailing later in the day. There will be J/24s available for charter in 2023. Chip added they have a solid plan and massive area for inspections.
- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, dates TBD: Marcus expects dates this week. The location is centrally located.

11. **Old Business** – N/A

12. **New Business** – Merry Christmas!

13. **Next Meeting** – Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. ET

Action Items:

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. ET