

U.S. J/24 Class Association Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/14/2021

Start: 6:05 p.m. EDT

Adjourn: 6:45 p.m. EDT

Present (X):

Chris & Julie Howell X
1 – Finn Hadlock
2 – Hillary Noble
3 – Aidan Glackin X
4 – Chris Stone
6 – Tony Parker
7 – Mike Stasko
8 – Crisp McDonald
10 – Robby Brown
12 – Drew Blackburn
14 – John Parker X
15 – Cory Huseby X
18 – Todd Warnygora X
19 – John Mason
20 – Jasper Van Vliet
21 – Deke Klatt
22 – James Foster
Dan Busch X
Marcus Rogers X
Tonja Sanchez-Holmes X
Kat Malone X
Curt Barnes X
Molly White X
Matt Miranda
Dave Constants 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 / Survey
5. Championship Updates
6. Boat Grant Update
7. Technical Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Next Meeting

Description:

1. **Call to Order and Attendance** – Attendance noted above.
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** – Dan thanked everyone for joining. Welcome Dave Constants as our “experienced” representative. We’ve had a lot of juggling with our Worlds schedule but it’s exciting to have Corpus Christi on the calendar for 2022.

The survey was distributed in late April with 115 responses (22% crew). The Executive Committee will review the many written responses and report back with action items at a later date. There’s good support for the youth program and positive feedback on the wall calendar. There’s also a good percentage of people attending 3+ travel regattas per year. There is support for a Corinthian Nationals and for holding events outside of the Northeast. 80+% were in favor of the option for changing sails, not doing a weigh-in and reducing inspections for non-qualifying events.

- 4. Class Office Report / Survey** – Chris H. reported that the USJCA has 310 members so far in 2021. You can view current members at <http://j24usa.com/j24-fleet/view-members/>. \$1,261 in boat grant donations have been received in calendar year 2021 to date. \$2,290 has been raised thus far in calendar year 2021 charitable contributions.

Do we want to continue the same process/distribution for 2022 wall calendars/sponsorship as we did for 2021? Yes.

5. Championship Updates –

- 2021 North American Championship @ Sayville YC, NY, June 16-20: Curt is leading inspections. 33 boats are expected. Aidan was at the club Saturday, and they are in great shape.
- 2021 US National Championship @ Malletts Bay Boat Club, VT, September 10-12: We are a go. About 20 boats are registered. Curt said a Japanese team is hoping to come.
- 2022 Midwinter Championship @ Davis Island YC, Tampa, FL, February 25-27: This is one week later than originally posted because the St. Pete NOOD moved one weekend later than initially stated (it's the weekend before Midwinters). Kat said there are discussions about perhaps adding a third regatta.
- 2022 US National Championship @ Dallas Corinthian YC, Little Elm, TX, May 23-28: Their committee is meeting next week.
- 2022 World Championship @ Corpus Christi YC, Corpus Christi, TX, July 14-22: The J/22 Worlds are there this July so it will be a learning experience. The Race Committee for 2022 Worlds and Nationals are the same. It's about an eight-hour tow from Dallas to Corpus Christi.
- 2022 North American Championship @ Kingston, Ontario Canada, August 17-21
- 2023 US National Championship @ Lake George Club, Diamond Point, NY, May 17-21
- 2023 North American Championship @ Sandusky SC, Sandusky, OH, September 6-10

The 2023 and 2024 World Championships will be Greece and Argentina, but TBD which years for which host.

District 4 is hosting 2021 Northeast Regionals at Toms River YC.

- 6. Boat Grant Update** – Erica Trejo is heading back to the office so will not be using the boat any further. Marcus and Erica are coordinating the boat hand-off, and there will need to be some work done. Cory thought a youth team from Chicago might like to use the boat for the Great Lakes Championship. Marcus said he has boats available for use, although maybe not the boat grant boat for insurance reasons. There are discussions about selling the boat and refocusing our youth efforts. More information on the program's future will be forthcoming.
- 7. Technical Report** – Curt said the NAC will have a “kinder, friendlier” inspection process. Sail measurement can be seen as a way to police sailmakers, even though the boat owner is the one left to deal with any onsite issues.
- 8. Old Business** – N/A
- 9. New Business** –

14 John Parker: 37 members in the District, with over 20 Circuit racers. He hopes to add more localized events for non-travelers.

15 Cory Huseby: It's good to be back fully racing! They are having trouble getting Madison more active, so the District Championship will likely be at Wayzata in October. Ben Stauber is

working on gathering J/24s for race week. Fleet 1 has a women's helm initiative.

Dave Constants: The local fleet is scattered which is why he travels.

Marcus Rogers: District 12 has Cleveland Race Week this weekend with six J/24s. The District has had good communications.

Molly White: Come over to the Downeast Regatta and/or the double-handed regatta over Labor Day weekend on your way to Nationals. Lake George is after Nationals.

Kat Malone: Racing season gets going again in September.

18 Todd Warnygora: Next weekend is the first of a six-weekend series. A couple boats attended the Southwest Championship.

10. Next Meeting – Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. EDT

Action Items:

- The Class Office will prepare the 2022 wall calendar.
- The Executive Committee will review the survey written responses.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. EDT