

Minutes for the Annual Canadian J/24 Class Association Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2001

8:00 p.m. EST by Conference call.

In Attendance: Katie Nicoll, Rudy Wolfs, Mike Lucas, Morten Fogh, Mike Wolfs, Ron Harris, Sean McDermott, Claude Savard, Rob Bassett, Graham Kirby, Lorne Chapman, Jeff Griffiths, Will Phillips, Paul Cobban, Richard Self, Bruce Long, Jim Burns, Mike Mountford, Randy Vogel, 7 proxies from British Columbia, 27 proxies from Ontario and 1 from Quebec.

President's Report:

Strong year for membership, 15 world positions, 251 members, of which crew memberships brought up that number. Looking for more ideas about crew memberships, to add value.

Successful selection of world qualifiers in each district.

World Committee has been struck and almost all positions have been filled.

CJCA has made a bid for the 2004 NA's in Vancouver (pending approval by USJCA).

Attended the general meeting in Genoa, Italy, with presentation of worlds plan. Major issues: Technical issues around keel measurement, future results to come out of that.

Measurement process was inaccurate. Official measurer was not there.

Problems with the US/International rift. The IJCA and USJCA now have separate offices and staff. Mingling of the accounts over the years. International Class will gain strength and more regular service. Magazine has been inconsistent – have promised magazines.

We have decided to only purchase one magazine. May have a windfall from Royalties, as the US class was selling royalty tags into other countries. (approx \$800).

Next International Meeting to be held in Canada (during the measurement period in Kingston).

Approval of the 2000 Minutes.

Motion 1 to approve: by Ron Harris, Second by Mike Mountford. Motion carried.

Business arising out the 2000 Minutes.

-Rudy working on standard package for NOR, SI's and Event Management for national, and international events. Will hire a local resource, if not handed in by the US class.

2000 financials

Motion 2: Changing financials to September 30th, or October 31st. so that we have a more accurate measure of what we are doing.

Approval from Mike Wolfs, Seconded by Mike Lucas. Passed

Motion 3: Amended to change year to end on October 31st, starting with 2001. Motion by Lorne Chapman, seconded by Ron Harris, motion passed.

Event Reports:

Canadian Championships: Rob Bassett will be Fleet Captain and Jim Burns District Governor. June 5 – 9, 2002 at West Vancouver Yacht Club. Sponsorship has already

been secured. Practice race on the 6th. Limited billeting will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

Worlds Report:

Good progress, jury, RC set, venue set, social committee set, currently working on measurement, sponsorship at 50% of where we want to be. Still some problems with insurance on chartered boats. We have been allowed to pre-measure charter boats for the Worlds (important to get John Peck on side for these, maybe 3-4 weeks prior). Ultimately want to keep a set of templates in each province.

District Reports:

Western: Graham Kirby

Great year, two well attended events. Team racing regatta great success, Canadians beat the Americans. Local racing has seen some increased participating. All focused on the upcoming Nationals. Possible race clinic to be run with nationals.

Ontario: Morten Fogh

Good attendance at 4 regattas, 49 different boats participating. One measurer this year, and things didn't work out, this fall we ran a measurement seminar, with 14 future measurers. Measurers will be able to charge \$100 for FULL measurement. \$25 charge for re-measurement. Charged \$10 a boat for each boat entering each regatta to raise some funds for the Ontario class. Schedule now set for five world qualifiers for next year. Two new templates and scale are in Morten's office.

Quebec: Ron Harris

Attendance was down. World Qualifiers were successful. Tough to get fleet to one racing area. \$25 per boat per regatta.

Atlantic: Sean McDermott

14 boats in Halifax, 18 around province and one from Newfoundland. Recent match racing, 7-8 boats racing regularly, problem with J/29s drawing away participants. Ran a training seminar, and many regattas, and have bumped up the fleet. Don't charge a fee per regatta, as they always get a sponsor. Have to run a measurement seminar soon.

Election of officers:

Motion 4: Rudy Wolfs nominated by Morton Fogh, seconded by Lorne Chapman, motion passed. Rudy elected as president.

Motion 5: Jim Burns nominated Katie Nicoll for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Mike Lucas. Motion passed, Katie elected Secretary/Treasurer.

New Business:

Currently each district has a National Championship once every four years. Proposal to go to a rotation that would treat the central districts as one and have a Western, Central, Atlantic and repeat rotation. Much discussion followed, both BC and Atlantic feel that the Nationals help to increase their numbers. Mandate to request a special meeting within

30 days, to reach a compromise on this issue. Suggestion to beef up a national communication base, so that all members know how each district feels. Dedicate the home page to this issue, to raise awareness. Working on dedicating a West and East Coast Championships to earn a spot at the Worlds, to beef up regattas offered. Do a mass e-mailing to direct members to the web site. Request that Jim Burns write a few paragraphs to start this web-site issue. Morten Fogh asked to please spend some time on the phone with Jim Burns to reach a compromise.

Motion 6: The location of the event, to be known as the Canadian J/24 Championship, shall be determined two years ahead at the AGM. The location shall generally follow the rotation of being hosted by Western District 2002, Central Districts (alternating between Ontario & Quebec) 2003, Atlantic District 2004, and then repeat. There would be a removal of a worlds spot when the worlds are in the West.

Proposed by Graham Kirby, Seconded by Bruce Long.

Vote: 21 for, against 28, 1 abstain. Motion is not carried.

Changes to Bi-Laws:

Motion 7: Change 6.2

6.2 Dues received during the last two calendar months of the year may be applied to the subsequent calendar year at the discretion of the Class Treasurer.

ADD: “at the discretion of the Class Treasurer.”

Motion by Morten Fogh, seconded by Lorne Chapman. Motion carried.

Motion 8: Change 7.1

7.1 The Class Council shall have the authority to suspend the membership privileges of any member for gross violation of the Class Rules or willful disregard of the rulings of the IJCA or CJCA. Membership may also be suspended for actions that are clearly detrimental to the well-being or reputation of the CJCA or membership eligibility with the IJCA. The suspension may be terminated, extended, or made an expulsion at the following Annual General Meeting of the CJCA. An expulsion motion shall require three-fourths of the vote in favour to be carried.

ADD: “or membership eligibility with the IJCA” to 7.1

Motion by Morten Fogh, seconded by Lorne Chapman. Motion carried.

Motion 9: Change 12.5

12.5 Any CJCA member may assign a proxy to any other CJCA member, so that member may attend the AGM and vote on their behalf on substantive motions. The proxy must be in writing and a copy received by the Secretary/Treasurer 24 hours before the meeting has been called to order.

ADD: “24 hours”

Motion by Morten Fogh, seconded by Lorne Chapman. Motion carried.

Other Business:

J/24 class has been selected as a class to participate in the Pan Am Games. We have been asked by the Pam Am committee to submit a recommendation to a qualification system for the Canadian Representatives. Rudy is presently working on this. The Worlds can not be a qualifier, as it is closed. Must be held after August 15 2002. (NA are in Cleveland in September). Please send any suggestions to Rudy before his submission to CYA.

Accountant and/or Lawyer to help to review if there are an liability issues with our existing association. Jim Burns volunteered some legal advice.

Canadian class must supply a marketing/brand expert volunteer to international class. Send recommendations to Rudy.

One Magazine per year, and the other one available through the website. Suggestions as to what to issue to get, please e-mail Rudy.

Trophies to Canadians, where are they? Overall one won by waterline, other two trophies in Ontario, and will be driven out when they come for Nationals.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Katie Coleman Nicoll

Secretary/Treasurer