

Canadian J/24 Class Association
Annual General Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2003
8:00 p.m. EST

Present at meeting: Rudy Wolfs, Katie Coleman Nicoll, Todd Irving, Ron Harris, Erin Harris, Mike Lucas, Caroline Moss, Rob Lambden, Peter Wickwire, Jim Burns, Brian Awad, Anne Alymer, Morton Fogh, Mike Wolfs (Crew), Lorne Chapman, Trevor Tunnacliffe, Rebecca Turnacliffe, Will Hardy, Paul Cobban, Rob Bassett, David Doyle, Scott Weakley
There were 29 registered proxy votes from Ontario, 9 from the Maritimes, 2 from the West and 0 from Quebec.

Business arising out of 2002 minutes.

- Notation by Caroline Moss that we passed a motion to change rotation with only a majority, instead of 2/3 pass. – noted that this was an error – but motion will stand as is.
- Ron Harris made motion to pass. Seconded by Todd Irving. Passed.

Financial Report(Katie Nicoll)

- Our profit of \$2147.71 will be allocated as follows: Ontario \$1342.00, Quebec \$231.80, Maritime \$305.00, and West \$256.20.
 - capital expenses were measurement tools ordered by National Measurer.
 - Revenue sundry was US mailing for North Sails.
 - Postage up because of two mailings.
 - District Grants up because profit was allocated to Districts.
 - Pleased with only \$700 loss at Worlds, as we had to house all measurement/registration personnel – offset by profit on North Americans.
- Motion to accept financials by Jim Burns. Seconded by Lorne Chapman. Passed.

No business arising from financials

President's Report

- Appreciate everyone's support. Lorne Chapman has been very helpful with National matters.
- Would like to automate membership area.
- Class is healthy – sent out two magazines.
- If financials are good, plan to send out another.
- This will be Rudy's last year.

Web update (Mike Lucas)

- Looking for credit card provider – so that it may be automated – automatic renewals.
- Message board up and running but very little interest.
- Would like to use it for a polling device.
- Mass mailing and re-introduce message board to the membership.

2004 Canadian Championships (Brian Awad)

- Hosting in Halifax at RNSYS.
- Sponsorship looks good.
- August 6-9 (three days of racing)
- Free standing event – no other classes – but will dove-tail nicely with Chester Race Week.
- Working on PRO and jury.
- Update to be sent out to council.

2004 North Americans (Lorne Chapman)

- International jury and PRO are set.
- Committee of 12 people.
- Challenge will be charter boats (have had 3 requests so far).
- Dates are June 15-20th.

2004 District Worlds Qualifiers

- An extra spot requested and we are now at 11.
- Extra spot added to Canadian Championships.
- Allocations will be posted this week (3 month drop out clause).

District reports

West- (Jim Burns)

- Fleet is compressing – arrival of NAs is bringing people back to the fleet.
- There was a “fight” to determine tie-breaker for World’s spot.

Ontario (Todd Irving)

- Thanks to Scott Weakley for Canadians.
- Overall numbers (Ontario series – 10 regattas and World Qualifying 5 regattas) 48 boats participating – fleet very healthy.
- We have a lot of people who travel to other locations to race.
- Spinnaker raffle to generate funds.
- Thanks to Lambs Rum, Mercedes Benz, Queen’s Quay Yachting, Quantum, Fogh Marine, Mike Lucas, Morton Fogh, John Weakley, Pat Lymburner, Don MacIntyre.
- J World will be hosting a clinic in the spring thanks to Queen’s Quay Yachting.

Quebec (Ron Harris)

- 8-9 boats at Lake Tremblant – had a regatta there- will try to get them as members next year.
- A number of new boats in Quebec City.
- Very spread out – working on ways to bring district together.

Atlantic (Ann Alymer)

- Excitement about the Nationals coming out east.
- Double digit participation for some regattas.
- Raced a 4 regatta series.
- Raced in Bermuda and Lake George.
- An army crew showed up to challenge Sean!

Election of Officers

President – Rudy Wolfs

Treasurer/Secretary – Katherine Nicoll

National Measurer – Lorne Chapman

Positions filled by acclimation (Jim Burns)

By-Law Changes

6.3 Membership fees

Current:

- Class member \$55 Canadian
- Participation on J24.com member e-mail distribution list
- Full class association voting rights
- 1 x IJCA magazine per year if published

Proposed:

- Class member \$55 Canadian
- Participation on J24.com member e-mail distribution list
- Full class association voting rights
- One copy of the IJCA magazines as published

Motion made by Rob Lambden. Seconded by Jim Burns. Passed.

Proposed new by-law in section 6

6.4 Membership Currency

The owner must have paid current year membership fees to conduct any transaction involving the Measurement Certificate for the owner's boat, including obtaining a copy. The only exception to this is if the owner is obtaining a copy of the Measurement Certificate to provide as part of completing the sale of the owner's boat, in which case there is a replacement certificate fee of \$20.00.

Amendment change proposed by Jim Burns. Seconded by Todd Irving. Passed.

14.2 amendment change withdrawn.

- Discussion around funding from Canadian Class to entice members from far-away districts to attend (entry fee paid by CJCA – or mileage rebates - billets provided- charter boats). –
- Part of hosting the nationals would be to provide for three boats from far-away districts to attend. -
- Financial element is one side. -
- Surplus to go for a specific cause rather than just the districts getting money (possibly \$500/boat). ----
- Todd Irving to put together some wording and send it around to Class Council and an on-line meeting will be held.

World Qualifier 14.1 – 14.4

- Discussion as to how we allocate positions.
- Once you have qualified (either by district or nationals) chronologically, you are no longer eligible. -
- A published guideline needs to be put forth, with some consistency.
- Language to be drafted by Todd Irving – taking placement from the Canadians as the priority. ---
- Will 2003 results work on this formula? No, they will stand as they have been interpreted.

Motion for adjournment at 9:50 p.m. EST by Todd Irving. Seconded by Jim Burns. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Coleman Nicoll
Canadian J/24 Class Secretary/Treasurer