

Canadian J/24 Class Association Annual Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2005

The Meeting commenced at 8:00 EST

In Attendance were: Katie Coleman Nicoll, Todd Irving, David Cobbett, Nick Jako, Robb Bassett, Dale Robertson

Business Arising out of 2004 minutes – none

Financial Statement:

Our revenue was down substantially from the previous years \$2,800 in royalty tags and \$1,800 in membership fees.

Great that we still maintained a profit, seeing as we helped two boats attend the Canadian Championships. The financials were not posted on the website earlier because it was not easy to get an accounting out of the VISA host regarding the VISA numbers that could not be processed (wrong numbers or expired dates). We will look into using other providers, such as CYA or OSA or moving back to cheques and cash. Motion to approve the financial statements by Dale and seconded by David.

Western Report: (Robb Bassett)

Highlight was the Canadian Nationals, down a bit, but probably from burn out from US Nationals. Two boats attended from the East Coast. Calgary area getting active. Trying to bring in some fun events for next year (Sea to Ski) and an Out of Vancouver event. At 2005 Canadians can't say enough great things about BMW as a sponsor. They were very hands on, and should have had a person just to deal with them. They had not only money, but a speaker, and some model boats, and local dealers are happy with test drive event. Grenville Island Brewery, and a meat packing plant were also sponsors at the event.

Ontario: (Nick Jako)

Good year – better than average. Great winds. Closest ever contested series. Our President was the overall winner. Tried to take the fleet out of Toronto. Try to move an event down to Kingston to get the boats out of Toronto. Would like to take the Canadians to Kingston. Sailed into late November. Busy 2006 planned. Some boat movement in the area, and some new blood coming into the fleet.

Quebec: (David Cobbott)

Floundering for awhile, as the fleet is dispersed around the province. Things are in flux. Erin and Ron Harris are now out of the fleet, and they are trying to rebuild from the grass roots. Now at 5 boats at Hudson YC. Cyrille is a great person to get this going, as he is lots of fun, outgoing, and has great business contacts.

East Coast (Dale Robertson)

Attendance way up – same number of regattas as previous years – but up 60-80%. Next year should be almost as good. Don Williams is very grateful for help to go to the

Nationals. Two owners bought bigger J boats, but have kept their J/24s. They have gotten some good sponsorships, especially through a local brewery.

2006 Canadians:

Date of September 16-18, 2006 Hosted by RCYC in Toronto, event leading up to North American Championships (September 20-24) in Rochester. Measurement will be done for both events only once.

2 - \$500 subsidies to the East Coast

2- \$1,000 subsidies to the West Coast

Waived entry fee would also be a possibility, as well as some gas money for those boats the other side of Quebec City.

2006 North Americans:

Top 2 countries that finish at the NAs will receive spots at the PAN AMS for 2007. So this will be the qualifiers for the PAN AM Games. May see some boats from Mexico and South America, or Bermuda. Once we qualify the country, the CJCA should help them with some sponsorship money. Conference call should be right after the event to discuss some of these issues.

Election of Officers:

Motion to keep the slate of officers: by Dale, seconded by Nick. Passed.

New Member proposal: to waive the membership fee for the first year.

Discussion: Small amount of dues is not the problem for losing members. Big dollars for sails, limit the sails per year, will boost up the sails, compared to that, the membership is peanuts. Shouldn't be there to play in the big regattas (Canadians). For those experimenting in the fleet, a special deal might be the way to go.

Website:

Locally only results and regattas. The West Coast and Ontario have e-mail lists that members are kept up to date with. Having access to race schedules is important for the coming summer. Getting the sponsor available has been VERY effective for getting people out on race nights. In Ontario we have pressed the local yacht clubs to have the keg available right after the sailing and have it worked into the entry fee.

Proposal to add to the district allotments \$1,450.00 from the operating funds (added to the \$139.49 profit for the year) to be doled out to the districts by members for a grand total of \$1,589.49. Also, plan to take \$5,000 out of the chequing account and invest in a GIC, at whatever the best rate at the time is.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 EST.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Katie Coleman Nicoll