

J/70 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/7/16

Start: 7:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 7:45 p.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone (Copyright Holder) X
Henry Brauer (President) X
Craig Tallman (Vice President) X
Kristen Robinson (Secretary) X
Scott Deardorff (Treasurer)
Frank McNamara (Technical Chair) X
Joe Colling (Past President) X
Fleet 1 Chesapeake Bay – Jonathan Pollak X
Fleet 2 Newport/Narragansett Bay - Suzy Leech X
Fleet 3 Lake Erie Central – Tim Gibbs X
Fleet 4 Southern California – Jim Murrell X
Fleet 5 Southern Chesapeake Bay - Matt Braun X
Fleet 6 Erie - Tim Weibel
Fleet 7 Niagara - Tim Finkle
Fleet 8 Rochester - Charles Corbishley
Fleet 9 Marblehead – Cindy Smith for Daan Goedkoop X
Fleet 10 Fort Worth Boat Club - James Mitchell
Fleet 11 Santa Barbara - Scott Deardorff
Fleet 12 Eastern Long Island - David Becker X
Fleet 13 Southern Lake Michigan – Amy Neill X
Fleet 14 Austin - Matthew Romberg
Fleet 15 Western Long Island Sound - Ed Austin
Fleet 16 Fishers Island Sound - Brad Gibbs X
Fleet 17 Pacific Northwest - Michael Pitt
Fleet 18 Canandaigua Finger Lakes - Anne Lambert
Fleet 19 San Francisco - Justin Kromelow
Fleet 20 Galveston Bay - Alfred Poindexter
Fleet 21 Edgartown - Harald Findlay
Fleet 22 Cedar Point – Stephanie Swan for Josh Goldman X
Fleet 23 Tampa Bay - Steve Liebel X
Fleet 24 Cape May NJ - Bob Herzog
Fleet 25 Harbor Springs - Polk Wagner X
Fleet 26 Detroit - Jason Geisz
Fleet 27 Lake Champlain - James Unsworth

Agenda:

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Reports
2. 2017 Championship Updates & Future Planning
3. Technical Report
4. 2017 Budget Proposal and Approval
5. Election of Officers
6. New Business
7. Tentative 2017 Meeting dates

Description:

Chris Howell conducted a roll call of the Officers and Fleet Captains (attendance noted above).

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Reports –

Jeff Johnstone, Copyright Holder: Jeff's report and corresponding Club Fleet information was e-mailed to everyone today. He pointed out that Grosse Point Yacht Club had a sailing league demonstration, and published an article on stadium sailing. Watch for more on this format as a great opportunity for the Class. There are new boats available for Key West, Midwinters, etc.

Henry Brauer, President: Henry said that the US Class has 27 fleets after just a few years. The regatta schedule was full with winter events, the North American Championship in Texas (our first Championship there) and the epic World Championship in San Francisco. Thank you St. Francis Yacht Club and Alcatel! We also hosted our first US Corinthian National Championship at

Eastport Yacht Club in Annapolis. Over 45 boats attended, and it garnered great exposure for the Class. Henry has noticed more Classes following our lead. The 2017 Midwinter Championship will allow only “1 pro per boat.” St. Petersburg YC has a fleet of J/70s, which was just used for High School Nationals. Henry thanked the Executive Committee, Chris & Julie Howell and all Fleet Captains for their support in growing the Class.

Chris Howell, Executive Director: Chris reported that the US Class had 408 members in 2016 (we had 394 in 2015). 2017 invoices will be mailed next week. There are 27 total fleets, including three new fleets: Harbor Springs, Detroit, Lake Champlain.

2. **2017 Championship Updates & Future Planning –**

-2017 Midwinter Championship, St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Florida, February 24-26: This stand-alone event will be limited to only one ISAF Group 3 sailor per boat. Steve said that the three Davis Island events + St. Pete NOOD supplement the Midwinters...feel free to contact him for any help needed with storage/moving boats/etc.

-The 2017 Corinthian National Championship will be at the Buzzards Bay Regatta at New Bedford Yacht Club in South Dartmouth, MA from August 4-6.

-The 2017 World Championship is hosted by Yacht Club Costa Smeralda in Italy from September 12-16. The Notice of Race is still in the works, but 10 charter boats are set aside for international competitors.

-2017 North American Championship, American Yacht Club, Rye, NY, October 9-15: Chris said that the Notice of Race is currently under review. Mark Foster will be the PRO, and the limit will be 100 boats.

-The 2018 North Americans will be in Mexico.

-The 2018 World Championship will be in Marblehead, MA. You can warm-up at the Marblehead NOOD in July and the Storm Trysail Club Ted Hood Regatta in August. The Worlds will be limited to 100 boats to adequately accommodate our entrants. Look for information on how to qualify, but expect a “traditional” format of major Championships + regional Championships. Hank Stuart is the PRO.

3. **Technical Report –** Frank said that the Committee has worked to improve the measurement process at major Championships and weigh more boats. The Worlds had a thorough procedure (see the current newsletter for specifics), and this will continue. Frank is moving to the IJ70CA Technical Chair position, and more International Measurers are coming into the Class. The Committee continues to improve the FAQs on the website. The template NOR and SI were prepared, but with the new RRS taking effect, a few new changes need to be made. Once that is complete, the templates will be posted online. Chris added that no major Rules proposals are in the queue, but there are several clerical items that need to be updated with the new RRS. Everyone will be advised before anything is presented to World Sailing for approval.

4. **2017 Budget Proposal and Approval –** Chris circulated the current Profit & Loss + proposed budget for 2017, reflecting a recommendation by the Executive Committee to increase the membership dues amount to \$100 for full members (no change to Associate membership). Funds will be used to cover updates to the US website and calendar, a new Class scale and an increase in travel/administration fees moving forward. *Stephanie Swan made a motion to accept the dues increase, seconded by Kristen Robinson. The dues increase passed unanimously. Kristen Robinson made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Steve Liebel. The budget passed unanimously.*

5. **Election of Officers –** The Executive Committee has prepared the following slate of Officers:
President: Craig Tallman
Vice President: Kristen Robinson
Treasurer: Scott Dearnorff
Secretary: Jim Murrell

Technical Chair: Polk Wagner

Steve Liebel made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Suzy Leech. The slate passed unanimously.

6. **New Business** – Kristen wondered about a Corinthian circuit. The Regatta Committee will research this idea.
Chris apologized about the phone troubles this evening. He thanked Henry for all his work on behalf of the US Class! Congratulations Henry on becoming the new IJ70CA President next week.
7. **Tentative 2017 Meeting Dates** – 3/6/17, 6/5/17, 9/5/17, 12/4/17

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--The Regatta Committee will research the Corinthian Circuit idea.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ET