

J/111 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/4/15

Start: 12:05 p.m. EST

Adjourn: 12:42 p.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone X
Ned Jones X
Frederic Bouvier
Norman Davant
Paul Hayes
Tracy Brand
Karl Brummel X
Mark Caliban
Marcel Côté
Douglas Curtiss
Sebastien de Liedekerke
Carl Desgagnes
John Donovan X
Peter Dreher X
Bradley Faber
George Gamble
Bennet Greenwald X
Robert Hesse
David Irish X
Deke Johnson X
Chris Jones X
John Kalanik X
Daniel Kitchens
Warren Konkel
Anthony Mack
Mike Mayer X
David McCreight
Thomas McIntosh X
Dorian McKelvy
George Miz
Gorkem Ozcelebi
Reuben Rocci X
Martin Roesch
Rob Ruhlman
Ryan Ruhlman X
Len Siegal X
William Smith X
Dick Swanson
Sam Talbot
Rob Theis X
Alfred Van Liew
Peter Wagner
Sedgwick Ward X
Rod Warren
Richard Witzel

Agenda:

1. Attendance and Instructions
2. Class Office Report
3. Review of Ballot Results
4. Upcoming Events
5. Approval of Class Budget 2016
6. New Business

Description:

1. **Attendance and Instructions** – Chris H. welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was present. With such a large group, each person should identify him/herself when speaking.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris H. recapped that he and his wife Julie began the Class Association earlier this year with starting funds from J/Boats for opening the Association (checking account, non-profit status, etc.). A Steering Committee has been at work all year, but this is the first official meeting. The Class has 36 full member boats + 8 associates.
3. **Review of Ballot Results** – Chris H. said that 23 of 36 ballots were received. Some people who cast ballots abstained from certain items. The results are as follows:

Constitution: passed with 87% in favor

Officers: passed with 86% in favor

President: Len Siegel, Chicago, IL

Vice President: Chris Jones, Hamble, UK

Secretary/Treasurer: Rob Theis, Los Altos, CA

Chief Measurer: David Irish, Harbor Springs, MI

Member at Large: Ryan Ruhlman, Cleveland, OH

Rule change proposals

1 J/Representative: passed with 87% in favor

2 Sail Inventory Clarification: passed with 91% in favor

3 Sail Purchase Limit: passed with 82% in favor

4 Jib Attachment & Heavy Weather Jib: passed with 94% in favor

5 Forestay Configuration (Tuff Luff/Furler): failed, 30% in favor

6 Alternate Proposal (if #5 is not approved): failed, 47% in favor

The Executive Committee will establish when the Rules will go into effect, as the Constitution does not clarify. *Bennett Greenwald made a motion to accept the ballot results as presented, seconded by Sedgwick Ward. The motion passed unanimously.* Len Siegel said that we now have a member-run Class, so the Association is coming together with a Constitution, Measurer, Class Manager, etc. The Class is planning to issue bulletins, and keep the communication flowing between the Class and its members.

4. **Upcoming Events** –

The Midwinter Championship is scheduled for Key West, Florida from January 17-22. Ryan Ruhlman said that Storm Trysail is now running Key West Race Week, and there are eight J/111s registered for this Championship. He spoke highly of the conditions, and encouraged others to sign up. He added that Charleston Race Week is April 14-17, and should have a good one-design turn-out for the J/111s. It's another beautiful place to sail, so make your plans now to attend.

The North American Championship is planned for Chicago Yacht Club, probably from July 7-10 (dates to be confirmed/announced soon). The Chicago NOOD will be June 17-19, there is an America's Cup showing around that time, the Chicago Mac is July 23, and a nearby event is the following weekend. Look for more information on these events soon.

The World Championship is in Cowes, UK from August 1-4. Chris J. said that there will be a full racing schedule all summer, including Nationals in June, the Around the Island Race, and they are planning a European Championship. From July 29-30, there will be a Pre-Worlds tune-up regatta, and Cowes Week is August 6-13. He expects 20 boats from four continents at Worlds. There will be one new boat for charter, and Chris J. is working through a list of private charters (around six). If you have interest in a charter, please let Chris J. know ASAP. If the demand grows higher, he'll look into shipping from New York via ferry.

Plans for the 2017 World Championship are underway in San Francisco, CA. Rob is talking with the fleet to put the event together for September 2017. Stay tuned for more information.

5. **Approval of Class Budget 2016** – Chris H. circulated the 2015 P&L and 2016 Proposed Budget. We should end the year with a positive number. For 2016, we are planning for a few more members and the sale of sail royalty tags (although the Executive Committee is still working through the “hows” of the sail royalty program). The expenses show examples of Class support in travel, which might include a measurer to support an event or Chris H. as Class Manager. The Executive Committee will work through these details as time goes on. Bennett Greenwald asked about the membership income for 2016, which Chris H. explained was calculated at 40% of total boats. This may be slightly conservative. Jeff said that he expects 4-5 new boats in the next 4-5 months, and he sees a few available in the used boat market. He noticed more J/111 owners doing short-handed point-to-point racing. Bennett asked about growth on the West Coast, and Jeff said a new boat is coming into LA. A World Championship in California in 2017 should help. Len said that his fleet is policing membership for one-design racing. *Bennett Greenwald made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Sedgwick Ward. The budget passed unanimously.*

6. **New Business** – Karl asked about the sail tag limits, and Len stated that the Executive Committee is making this a top priority to confirm. Chris J. noted that the Committee will not disadvantage those who travel. Chris H. clarified that each fleet (a fleet is constituted by at least five paid member boats) has a representative on the Executive Committee, so discuss who will be that person amongst your fleet. He also requested that fleets send updates to the Class Office. Jeff recapped that a quarter of the boats were in Newport this summer for the Worlds, and he looks forward to continuing this momentum. Thank you all for getting involved and congratulations to the J/111 Class Association!

Julie Howell

Action Items:

- Chris H. will start issuing Class bulletins via e-mail.
- Chicago Yacht Club will confirm dates for the 2016 North American Championship.
- The San Francisco fleet will confirm their intentions for the 2017 World Championship.
- Fleets will designate an Executive Committee representative from their area and send updates to the Class Office.

Next Meeting: TBA