

J/111 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/10/16

Start: 10:05 a.m. EST

Adjourn: 10:35 a.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell
Jeff Johnstone
Len Siegal
Chris Jones
Robert Theis
David Irish
Tracy Brand
Dorin Candea
Brad Faber
John Kalanik
Tony Mack
Tom McIntosh
Dick Olson
Jeffrey Riedle
Kevin Saedi
Peter Wagner
Andrew Ward
Sedgwick Ward

Agenda:

1. Attendance and Instructions
2. Class Office Report
3. Election of Officers
4. Approval of Class Budget 2017
5. Upcoming Major Events
6. Fleet 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 himself when speaking.

2. **Class Office Report** – Len S. thanked everyone for joining the call. He also thanked the Officers for their service this year, Chris & Julie Howell for their management of the Class Office and Jeff Johnstone.

Chris H. reported the 2016 membership numbers:

56 Full members representing 41 boats

2 Associate members

4 Permitted Drivers

Also, 129 sail royalty tags have been sold so far in 2016, and the J/111 Facebook page has 783 fans. The Class Office maintains the Class website and sends periodic e-newsletters.

Jeff J. said that the boat business has been unsettled leading up to the US presidential election, but hopefully it will pick up. Interest levels in the J/111 have stayed strong. He noted the following annual statistics:

J/Boats website J/111 page views = 51,600 (up 8%)

J/News = 167 articles featuring the J/111

He has seen more used boats for sale. In production, the builders are at hull #121, which is going to Asia.

3. **Election of Officers** – The slate for 2017 is a re-election of these Officers:

President: Len Siegal

Vice President: Chris Jones

Secretary/Treasurer: Rob Theis

Chief Measurer: David Irish

Member at Large: Ryan Ruhlman

Sedgwick Ward made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Dorin Candea. The slate passed unanimously. Chris H. extended his appreciation to the Officers.

4. **Approval of Class Budget 2017** – Chris H. circulated the 2016 P&L and 2017 Proposed Budget. The fiscal year is the calendar year so some projections are shown as we complete 2016. Net balance should be about \$8,000. *Sedgwick Ward made a motion to accept the P&L and Budget as presented, seconded by Tony Mack. The Budget passed unanimously.*

5. **Upcoming Major Events** – The Midwinter Championship at Key West Race Week has nine J/111s registered, which is increased from last year. Run by Storm Trysail, the shore-side venue has changed, which should increase the camaraderie.
Chris J. said that Europe will be hosting the 2018 Worlds, and he would like to receive feedback on who might be interested in travelling over and where they would like to race. E-mail your feedback to chris@journeymaker.co.uk as soon as possible. The 2016 Worlds was in the UK in August, which had breezy conditions. The competition was tight, and the J/111 proved a very resilient and exciting boat. The 2017 European Championship dates/location are being discussed so as not to interfere with the Worlds. They are thinking early season in Holland or mid-season UK.
The 2017 World Championship is at St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco, CA from August 23-27. Rob said that planning is well underway, and StFYC is well known for its ability to manage successful World Championships. Preceding the Worlds, people can tune-up at the Aldo Allesio Regatta from August 18-20. Competitors are welcome to stay in San Francisco for the Rolex Big Boat Series from September 15-18. Anyone with the ability to charter their boats, please step forward ASAP. Peter W. added that the racing will be epic, and he is available to assist anyone in their planning.

6. **Fleet Business** – Jeff R. asked about who is going to major US events such as Charleston Race Week and Annapolis NOOD. Peter W. said they are racing the Annapolis and Chicago NOODs. Chris H. said that St. Petersburg YC is willing to host a March event for us with our own starting line. Peter W. said that there were some issues at Charleston Race Week last year, but it is a great venue. Ideally, we get a core group of people who run in the same circuit leading up to Worlds. Jeff R. said that there are new J/111s in the Annapolis area, and they would like to have a Chesapeake fleet. He'd love to see a good group at the Annapolis NOOD from May 5-7. Dick O. invited everyone to the Queens Cup race leaving Milwaukee in the last weekend of June. Jeff J. mentioned Block Island Race Week in the third week of June. Len S. said to expect another good turnout for the Chicago Mac in July. Dick O. asked about the spinnaker limits in the Mac Race, which Len S. will address on the local level. Tony M. recommended that it's good for people to merge crews in a charter situation for major events.

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Anyone interested in attending a 2018 World Championship in Europe should e-mail Chris Jones with their preference of location.

Next Meeting: TBA