

J/111 Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/28/18

Start: 11:05 a.m. EST

Adjourn: 11:45 a.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell
Jeff Johnstone
Simon Bamford
Tracy Brand
Jeff Davis
Carl Hanssen
Ian Hill
David Irish
Chris Jones
Michael Mayer
Thomas McIntosh
Kevin Saedi
Len Siegal
Peter Wagner
Andrew Ward
Richard Witzel

Agenda:

1. Attendance and Instructions
2. Class Office Report
3. Approval of Class Budget 2019
4. Sail Tags
5. Upcoming Major Events
6. New Business

Description:

1. **Attendance and Instructions** – Chris H. conducted a roll call and welcomed all to the 2018 Annual Meeting. A quorum is present. Please identify yourself while speaking.
2. **Class Office Report** – Chris J. recapped that we've had a consistent international year, including the Worlds in the Netherlands. We look forward to the 2019 Worlds in Chicago, with hopefully many charter boats. *Skeleton Key* and *Jelvis* stayed at the top, but there are many boats on their heels. New boats are joining the Class. This is the beginning of a more unified J/111 Class heading to the future. The J/111 is the only modern boat under 40 feet where you can win a World Championship. Chris J. thanked the Officers, Class Office and J/Boats for their support.

Chris H. reported that the Class had 62 Full members this year, representing 46 boats, plus 6 Associate Members/Permitted Drivers. Renewal notifications will be sent in January. Chris H. and Julie met with the World Sailing Technical Director at the World Sailing Conference in October. There is no issue with World Sailing's approval of our Rules change, and it is just an administrative process at this point (due to staffing changes). The likely start of this Rules change is January 1, although this is dependent on World Sailing. The World Championship minimum requirement change (down to 12 boats from 20) for the J/111s passed the first round of subcommittees at World Sailing, however final approval has been delayed another year.
3. **Approval of Class Budget 2019** – Chris circulated the J/111 Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2018 and Budget 2019. He noted a 2019 expense for upgrading the Class site to better accommodate our international fleets. The budget shows regatta support for 2019, which includes shipment of trophies and other administrative support. This can be fine-tuned based on need.
Carl Hanssen made a motion to accept the Budget as presented, seconded by Simon Bamford. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Sail Tags** – Following our recent Rules change, the Executive Committee recommends that we consider sail tags for boats changing configurations as "replacements" instead of altering our

Rules for a temporary fix (maximum two replacement tags for jibs only). Chris J. recapped the logic being to make this process as easy as possible on owners. The Class Office will need to be notified of the configuration change, so the replacement tags can be issued and recorded in the database.

Jeff shared that a few orders have been received already from the Forestay Conversion Package bulletin distributed Monday. The deadline is December 15, 2018.

Dave said that he will need to resign as Chief Measurer due to travel restrictions. He is willing to assist with general guidance, but the Executive Committee will seek a replacement ASAP. Chris J. thanked Dave for his efforts!

5. Upcoming Major Events –

--2019 Midwinter Championship at St. Pete J/Fest, January 24-27: Ian asked who else is attending this event + St. Pete NOOD? The Class Office will send an e-mail about these events.

--2019 European Championship: Simon said they have eight races planned in 2019 including Europeans and UK Nationals. They hope for about 12 boats on the line. He will forward the specific dates/locations/websites/etc. to the Class Office for posting.

--2019 J/111 World Championship at Chicago YC, August 20-23: Mike said the local Committee has been meeting...look for the NOR in December. The biggest concern is getting charter boats. Two deals are set, but at least four more boats are needed. Jeff said two new boats are in the works, with one of the new owners planning to sail the Worlds. He is aware of another possible charter boat, and new boats could still be built in time. Martin Dent is shipping his boat from the Netherlands to Cleveland, Ohio, and it will sail/motor from there. Tracy said this is a 13-day transit, and cost effective (see Spliethoff Shipping:

<https://www.spliethoff.com/representatives/spliethoff-usa/>). Chicago YC may have a lead on a package deal if four boats can ship from Europe, although that means losing those boats during their usual sailing season. Mike noted that there are several regattas to be raced in Chicago over the summer.

--2020 J/111 North American Championship at Annapolis YC, September 24-27: Chris H. noted that these dates conflict with the J/70 North Americans, however AYC wants to keep these dates. No opposition was expressed on this call.

--Chris J. will forward a proposal for 2020 Worlds in Cowes.

- 6. New Business –** Simon said that the challenge in getting European boats to the USA is insurance. He has been unable to find a solution and wondered if the Class or J/Boats could hold a policy. Mike said Chicago YC is familiar with riders on the boat owners' insurance, and the local contact is Jay Kehoe: kehoe@chicagoyachtclub.org. Dave, a J/Boats dealer, added that he is chartering his J/111 for Worlds, and was able to secure coverage as the company owns the boat. Peter noted that he successfully secured insurance in the past with minimal effort, and he will forward the contact information (umbrella liability).

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Simon will forward the specific dates/locations/websites/etc. to the Class Office for their 2019 major events, including Europeans.

--Chris J. will forward a proposal for 2020 Worlds in Cowes.

--Peter will forward information on charter insurance.

--The Class Office will send an e-mail about 2019 Midwinters and St. Pete NOOD.

Next Meeting: TBD