

**Canadian J/24 Class Association Annual Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2006**

The meeting commenced at 8:00 EST

In Attendance were: Katie Coleman Nicoll, Todd Irving, Nick Jako, Lee Grant, Chuck Ramsay, Joe MacDonald

Business arising out of 2005 minutes – none

Motion to approve 2005 minutes by Chuck and seconded by Lee. Carried.

Financial Report: Katie Nicoll

Some scale maintenance done – two scales (one in Toronto, stored with 2 sets of keel templates at Fogh Marine and the other in Vancouver). The Toronto scale had the “guts” replaced so that it is essentially a new scale.

A higher dues this year due to recovery of Visa payments and a final payment from our provider, which we didn’t think we would recover. Higher royalty tags due to the fact that the Quantum loft in Toronto has secured the rights to manufacturer all North American J/24 sails, so they buy their royalty tags from the CJCA.

Move to approve Chuck and seconded Joe M. Carried.

President’s Report (Todd Irving)

Report sent out from IJCA meeting in Ireland in the summer. First point, memberships and how different countries collect memberships – everyone who sails in some countries, to staggered memberships. Look at bundled memberships for skipper and crew. Second point, about revival of Junior North Americans to tie into the North American Championships. Third point, thirtieth anniversary celebration with a world map on the IJCA website. – Regatta with a day of racing as the clock moves around the world to contribute to an overall team result. Fourth point, helping people to gain sponsors for boats and fleets. Create a catalog of sponsor logos on the IJCA website to show depth of sponsorship worldwide.

2006 Canadian Championships (Todd Irving)

Held at the RCYC in September. We lured two boats from Chili and one from Rochester. Disappointing in the turn-out, as we had hoped to have more boats. Made approx. \$250.00. Daily race winner jerseys (yellow, blue, or red).

2006 North Americans in Rochester (Todd Irving)

10-12 boats from Canada – Rossi Milev won the event and won an independent spot outside of Canada, and won a Pan Am spot. Be careful with extreme conditions and try to arrange for extra safety boats, extra anchors, etc. (lessons learned from very windy last day of racing).

2007 Canadians (Todd Irving)

August 3 – 5, 2007 long weekend in Shediac, New Brunswick – their website is already up and running. Of note: 12-14 hour drive from Hudson to Shediac.

Worlds in Mexico in 2007 (Todd Irving)

To attend: one from Ontario and BC, and possibly a second from Ontario. We have 8 spots available to us.

Western District (Chuck Ramsay)

Attendance down a bit. J&B won the championship, John Polglase won the right to go to the Worlds. Sea to Ski to be run again in March. Our season kicks in full gear in April. Trying to get a WAVES regatta again in June with participants from Seattle.

Ontario(Nick Jako)

44 boats participated in world qualifier events. We are reducing our number of regattas – to see if this will up the numbers. We plan to make the Ontario Championships a one shot opportunity to go to the Worlds. Of note, is Rossi certainly put Canada on the map at the North American Championships.

Quebec (Lee Grant)

Did not add any new boats, but interest is really up. Starting to rebuild. Trying to add some more boats next year. Love to see some boats from outside the province join our regattas.

Maritime (Dale Roberson)

Absent

Election of Officers:

Lorne Chapman has moved up to IJCA measurer and has relinquished the National measurer's spot.

Motion to keep the slate of officers of President: Todd Irving, Secretary/Treasurer: Katie Coleman Nicoll and National Measurer: Joe MacDonald

Motion to approve slate: by Chuck and seconded by Nick Jako. Carried.

Other Business:

Discussion around new members to the class get their first year of membership free. Each district could have two free memberships to use at their discretion to encourage people to come out and race a couple of times. Discussion ensued around the fact that something for free does not have good value. In the West, they allow a guest driver for one regatta. After buying the boat, the membership is the cheapest thing going.

Membership bundles of skipper and 4 crew for \$125, (Ontario \$170 – which includes \$45 Ontario fee). Good year to test this, and see how it goes, as we have the Worlds in

Annapolis in 2008. Ship two magazines with every bundled membership of \$125.00. Get a hat for a full membership.

Motion: to create a bundle of skipper and 4 crew for \$125 which would include two hats and two magazines. Each full base membership would include a hat and magazine. Proposed by Lee Grant and seconded by Chuck. Carried.

2007 Canadian Subsidies

Discussion to remove the time frame and have it in place until such time that it is no longer needed. The subsidies included that each visiting boat that travels outside of district would receive a grant of \$1000 per boat. For example, two \$1,000 and one \$500 for Ontario and one \$500 for Ontario for Shediac. Decided that there would be a maximum of \$3,000.00 for 2007 and divide it up by a maximum of 2 from the west, and if they do not go, it is divided up among Ontario and Quebec. The pecking order is established by the results from the previous year's Canadians

Sending out e-mail vote to change bi-law change.

Website

Please put fleet captain's name and e-mail on each district's site. Joe Mac to talk with Michael Lucas about doing that.

-2009 to have Hudson host Canadians. 2008 is slated to go to the west (in the summer – probably in the WAVES regatta) – last weekend in June 23 – 25.

- Peter Wickwire is working on a revision of the by-laws to reword the by-law regarding world qualifier regattas.

- Request from Julie Mitchell has requested a spot for Worlds. She had such a request a few years back and was not a member then, and is not a member now. To qualify she must have been a member in 2006. Request denied.

The Treasurer will get the regional allotment cheques out to the districts in the new year, of the Profit for 2006 of \$3,123.33 divided by membership percentages of Ontario 59, Quebec 16, Maritime 14 and Western 16. She requested that Quebec get in touch to receive their 2005 allotment of \$105.00 which will be added to the 2006 amount.

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 by Joe M. seconded from Chuck.
Minutes respectfully submitted by: Katie Coleman Nicoll