

**Minutes of the 2021 J/24 World Council Meeting
Business Virtual Session October 7, 2021**

- 1) **Call to Order and Chair's Overview:** Will Welles, IJCA Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. EDT and welcomed all to the meeting. We have a quorum. Attendees: Will Welles (Chair, USA), Nick Jako (Vice Chair, CAN), Kat Malone (Finance Chair, USA), Nicolas Cubria (Executive Committee, ARG), David Cooper (Executive Committee, GBR), Maike Hass (Executive Committee, GER), Keiji Kondo (Executive Committee, JPN), Nancy Zangerle (Past Chair, USA), Michael Peters (ITC, GER), Curt Barnes (ITC, USA), Mate Kakas (HUN), Mark Usher (IRL), Gianni Riccobono (ITA), Per Andersson (SWE), Dan Busch (USA), Christopher Howell and Julie Howell (ODAM, USA).

Today's meeting materials were placed in the Dropbox folder distributed to our meeting attendees:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/haxmdnog2szwhgs/AABfKCEkBCud1MTOphZ9FOwNa?dl=0>

- 2) **Appoint Secretary:** Will Welles appointed Julie Howell as the secretary.
- 3) **Introductions and Proxy Confirmation:** No proxies were received. Each person took a moment to introduce him/herself and the NJCA or committee they represent.
- 4) **Financials:** Chris and Kat prepared the year-end Profit & Loss statement and Balance Sheet for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The Class is in the black primarily due to lack of travel. Royalty tag sales are projected conservatively for 2022. The IJCA had an airline credit from 2020, which was "sold" to another Class in 2021. Nancy would like to further review how the terminology should be presented. Kat summarized that the Class financials are strong and stable.

Will Welles made a motion to accept the Year-end Financial Statements and 2021-2022 Budget as presented, seconded by Nancy Zangerle. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5) **Regatta Regulations Changes:** The IJCA Regatta Regulations have been updated and posted at the Dropbox link. Will thanked Nancy for her time on this document! Nancy recapped that the Regulations are a fluid document and not requiring World Sailing approval. She highlighted:
- under World Championships, taking out the requirement of a future event host paying the expenses of their event's Chief Judge to attend the prior year's event
 - clarification on International Jury to help control costs
 - the addition of guidance for Class-sanctioned events, such as National or Regional Championships
 - Class templates for Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for World, Continental and Class sanctioned events
 - for Continental Championships and down, the Technical Committee can propose something other than a full measurement to ease the inspection process

Chris added a change to the structure of the number of World Championship qualifying berths. At present, no NCA has more than 500 members, so the number of members range has been

reduced, and the 250 to 500 range increased by two berths to 10. Nancy would like to keep the language stating any NCA over 500 members will still receive the additional two berths.

David Cooper made a motion to ratify the Regatta Regulations as proposed, seconded by Dan Busch. The ratification was approved and passed unanimously.

- 6) **Elections:** In odd years, the IJCA elects a Finance Chair. Will nominated Kat Malone (USA) to fill the new two-year term as Finance Chair.

Will Welles made a motion to accept Kat Malone as Finance Chair, seconded by Nancy Zangerle. The nomination passed unanimously.

The Technical Committee is appointed annually. Nominations from the ITC Chair, Michael Peters, are as follows: Michael Peters (GER) Chair, Michael Johnson (USA), Designers Representative, Curt Barnes (USA), Alex Finsterbusch (ARG), Bob Kinsman (USA), Gianpietro Pollesel (ITA), Kenneth Porter (MEX), Tim Winger (USA).

Will Welles made a motion to accept the Technical Committee slate as presented, seconded by David Cooper. The motion passed unanimously.

- 7) **Rules Proposals:** See Attachment A. Curt summarized that the proposals are very minor and don't affect boat performance. The goal is to expedite inspections.

Will Welles made a motion to accept the Rules proposals as presented, seconded by Nancy Zangerle. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8) **General Discussion:**

Nancy asked the status of our ITC members getting certified as International Measurers? Michael has been in contact with Alex Finsterbusch, but there have been no courses during the pandemic. Curt has completed training and testing and expects to be approved by the end of the month. Chris has been in contact with the IM instructors about having a seminar in the USA in April, however it is not yet confirmed due to budgetary reasons. Curt and Michael are working to add more Measurers and clean up our Measurers list.

Chris stated that the Constitution requires future World Championship locations to be decided at the Annual Meeting. Due to the pandemic, our schedule has been ever-changing. He asked approval of the World Council to allow the Executive Committee to research hosts and solicit proposals for 2024 and 2025 during the next 12 months, and allow the World Council to vote their approval of hosts by an e-mail vote of the World Council (not at the Annual Meeting).

Will made the motion as stated above, seconded by Nancy Zangerle. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy asked the Council to consider investing some of our reserve funds on the acquisition of rudders and other hard to obtain parts in order to make them available to members worldwide. Chris agreed with the concept, although we will need to figure out how to disseminate this type of process internationally. Chris and the Technical Committee will research this process as far

as vendors and shipping. Michael added that rudders can be obtained through J/Boats Italy. Will shared that J/Boats is working on a North American rudder supplier, and we need to push them to secure this option. Due to the pandemic, the supply chain is disrupted, and cost is an increasing concern. Curt noted a rudder supplier in Quebec, however they are 'non-approved.' Curt, Will and Chris will monitor this.

- 9) **Date and format of next meeting:** It's been great to have so many countries on these virtual meetings! The group thought it would be good to have a casual meeting onsite in Corpus Christi, Texas at the 2022 Worlds, and then repeat the open and business sessions virtually after the fiscal year concludes.
- 10) **Closing Remarks:** Will thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and keep the Class going. The future is the key, and we have been working to improve the regatta inspection experience. We need to attract younger sailors, but also engage our current members. People are looking at our major Championships, so this is a key area to focus our attention. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am EDT.

ATTACHMENT A: Rules Proposals

Current Rule:

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

C.5.1 MANDATORY

(a) FOR USE WHILE RACING

(1) A minimum of one bucket of at least 9 liters capacity with a lanyard of at least one meter in length.

New Rule:

(1) A minimum of one bucket of at least 9 liters capacity.

Current Rule:

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

C.5.1 MANDATORY

(a) FOR USE WHILE RACING

(4) A minimum of one lifesaving device with attached drogue (sea anchor) on deck and ready to be thrown overboard.

New Rule:

(4) A minimum of one lifesaving device on deck and ready to be thrown overboard.

Current Rule:

C.5 PORTABLE EQUIPMENT

C.5.1 MANDATORY

(b) NOT FOR USE WHILE RACING

(2) Equipment capable of cutting the **standing rigging**.

New Rule:

(4) (omitted)