

J/70 International Class Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/21/15

Start: 10:05 a.m. EST

Adjourn: 11:05 a.m. EST

Present:

Chris & Julie Howell X
Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats X
Ned Jones, IJ70CA Technical Chair X
Mauricio Santa Cruz, Brazil
Scott Weakley, Canada X
Juan Eduardo Reid, Chile X
Fred Bouvier, France X
Jürgen Waldheim, Germany X
Vittorio Di Mauro, Italy X
Sebastian Ripard, Malta
Julian Fernandez, Mexico X
Jacopo Carrain, Monaco X
John den Engelsman, Netherlands
Thomas Nilsson, Norway
Dmitrii Zaritckii, Russia X
Willy Alonso, Spain
Pelle Nihlmark, Sweden
Jörg Sigg, Switzerland
Ian Wilson, UK X
Pedro Garra, Uruguay X
Henry Brauer, USA X

Agenda:

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates
2. Vote on Class Rules Proposals
3. Championship Updates
4. 2018 World Championship
5. 2016 Budget Proposal and Approval
6. Election of Officers
7. Technical Committee Update
8. New Business

Description:

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates –

PRESIDENT Jürgen Waldheim's observations from the President: Jürgen welcomed everyone, and said that 2015 was a wonderful year of growth, including the Worlds in France, Europeans in Monaco, the sailing league and the North Americans. The winter events look to be very successful. Jürgen will share the ranking list of Germany. He thanked Chris and Julie for supporting the Class overall and at the major events.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Christopher Howell's Class Office report: Chris reported that the Class Office has sold 1,617 sail royalties to date in 2015 (compared to 1,896 total in 2014). This is a very solid number, and keeps the Class finances strong. Membership lists were received this year from Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Monaco, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uruguay and the USA. To receive your 2016 hull stickers, send your updated membership list to howell@j70office.com + your shipping information.

COPYRIGHT HOLDER Jeff Johnstone's annual business update: Jeff submitted a written report which was e-mailed prior to the call: "The J/70 worldwide sales continued at a high clip for 2015 and we're now shipping boats in the mid 900 hull range. Hull #1000 will ship this spring! The largest growth area for the second year running was Europe, which also hosted its first World Championship in La Rochelle, France in early July. North America has eased off the incredible first "wave" and we're now seeing increased inquiries for J/70s to be used in training and club programs. This is similar to the institutional demand we saw for the J/24 and J/22 about 3-4 years after the initial introduction of each of those models, which then led onto a second and third wave. We were pleased to see continued growth in South America with the start of a 10 boat fleet in Uruguay as well as additional sales in Chile, Peru and Brazil. This has led to the recent announcement of the first South American Championship, which will take

place in Punta Del Este Uruguay next March. We are currently pursuing a possible option to build the J/70 in Argentina with our long-time J/24 builder. This could have a dramatic impact on the long-term development of the class in South America. Demand in Asia has increased incrementally with additional boats in Australia, a new fleet in Japan, and the recent announcement of a new 10 boat fleet in China for use in sailing school and club development. The use of the J/70 in high profile events such as the Champions League and national sailing leagues across Europe has continued to fuel interest in the boat. Discussions continue about the development of a similar league in North America. We're looking forward to the J/70 Worlds making its west coast USA debut next year in San Francisco." He added that a mold from Rhode Island will be shipped to Argentina to get them up and going in spring 2016. The Asian builder has built about 20 boats. There are eight boats in Japan, with more on order, so they will likely form their NCA soon.

2. **Vote on Class Rules Proposals** – Full wording of the proposals is posted at <http://www.j70ica.org/rule-change-proposals-for-2016>. *Henry Brauer made a motion to accept the proposals as presented, seconded by Ian Wilson.*
CRC1 2016 Spare Gennaker: *Passed unanimously*
CRC2 2016 Pumping: *Passed unanimously*
CRC3 2016 Corinthian division: Jacopo asked how we handle expired Group #s? Chris said that it's very simple to obtain a Group #, so the absence of a Group # infers that you are a Group 3. Jacopo requested that the Class Presidents encourage their members to obtain a valid Group #. *Passed unanimously*
CRC4 2016 Corinthian Event: *Passed unanimously*
CRC5 2016 Limited Group 3 Event: Vittorio wanted to confirm that this Rule will not apply to World, Continental and National Championships. Chris did confirm this. This does not change the Class Rules, as it is an Event Rule. Some discussion ensued about whether a future proposal should make this a Class Rule. The membership seems to be split on this issue, so the Technical Committee will continue to monitor this as we move along. *Passed unanimously*
CRC6 2016 Hull Repairs: *Passed unanimously*
CRC7 2016 Appendages Repairs: Chris noted that templates are used at major events for measurement, and Ned added that a 10-boat sampling can help NCAs accomplish the same goal. *Passed unanimously*
ISAF is currently reviewing the proposals, so we hope for more direction on timing of the Rules after January 1. Chris mentioned that ISAF has advised that a Corinthian Division at a World Championship must meet the same criteria as the overall World Champion (as far the number of countries and continents represented).
3. **Championship Updates** –
2016 World Championship at St. Francis Yacht Club, San Francisco, California USA, September 24-October 1: Henry said that Tom Duggan is the PRO (he was the PRO at the Newport Worlds). The organizing committee is working hard on logistics, including providing 10 new boats in addition to private charters. There will be several regattas leading up to the Worlds, with storage options.
2016 South American Championship at Yacht Club Punta del Este, Uruguay, March 22-27: Pedro said they have charter boats and are working hard on the first South American Championship.
2017 World Championship at Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Porto Cervo Italy, September 12-16: Vittorio said that they will have an event next June to prepare for the 2017 Worlds as far as logistics. They will work with J Composites on charter boats. Chris advised that several US members have asked about events leading up to the Worlds; the Class will be happy to promote these regattas internationally.
The 2016 North American Championship is at Lakewood Yacht Club in Houston, Texas from May 19-22. The 2017 North American Championship will be at American Yacht Club in Rye,

New York in October 2017. The plan is to have the 2018 North American Championship in Mexico in the spring.

The European activity continues to be strong, including the 2016 European Championship in Kiel Germany from June 21-26. Twelve races are planned, and they will provide more information about hotel options.

The 2019 World Championship is in the UK, and they are working through three yacht club proposals.

4. **2018 World Championship** – Chris circulated the 2018 Worlds bid recommended by the USA from Eastern Yacht Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts USA. Henry is a member of this club, and said that the planned timing is the last week of September 2018. Eastern YC is well versed in hosting major championships. There will be tune-up events that summer. *Jürgen Waldheim made a motion to accept the proposal as presented, seconded by Scott Weakley. No discussion ensued and the proposal passed unanimously.*
5. **2016 Budget Proposal and Approval** – Chris circulated the 2015 projected income/expense and 2016 projected budget via e-mail. The shipping costs were high, which came from sending measurement equipment to our major global championships. For 2016, Chris is splitting championship shipping costs versus regular shipping. The royalty projection for 2016 is 1,450 since it's unlikely we will maintain the huge sales of the last two years. The travel budget is slightly increased to account for the Class' major event support. The IJ70CA has a solid "nest egg" in the bank.
Henry Brauer made a motion to accept the P&L and budget as presented, seconded by Vittorio Di Mauro. No discussion ensued and the P&L/budget passed unanimously.
6. **Election of Officers** – The following slate of Officers was presented:
President: Jurgen Waldheim, Germany
Vice President: Henry Brauer, USA
Treasurer: Scott Weakley, Canada
Secretary: Ian Wilson, UK
Tech Chair: Ned Jones, USA
Vittorio Di Mauro made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Jacopo Carrain. No discussion ensued and the slate passed unanimously.
7. **Technical Committee Update** – Ned said he is pleased with the overall Rules compliance. Suggestions are always welcome.
8. **New Business** – Ian said that the World Champion automatically gets into the next World Championship and he asked if that applies also to the Corinthian World Champion? Chris said that the Technical Committee has already confirmed this.
The Mexican Class intends to bid on the 2020 World Championship.

Merry Christmas!

Julie Howell

Action Items:

--Chris will advise timing on the new Rules when we hear back from ISAF.

Next Meeting: TBD