

# J/70 International Class Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 12/11/19

**Start:** 10:05 a.m. EST

**Adjourn:** 10:55 a.m. EST

**Present:**

Chris & Julie Howell X  
Jeff Johnstone, J/Boats X  
Ian Wilson, President X  
Scott Weakley, Vice President X  
Henry Brauer, Past President  
Vittorio Di Mauro, Secretary  
Jürgen Waldheim, Treasurer X  
Polk Wagner, Technical Chair X  
Juan Francisco Lago, Argentina  
Andrew Tompson, Australia  
Michael Sagmeister, Austria  
Selmo Nissenbaum & Kadja Brandao, Brazil  
Graeme Carr, Canada  
Juan Eduardo Reid, Chile  
Jacob Nikolajsen, Denmark  
Staffan Lindberg, Finland X  
Cyrille Teston, France  
Christian Rau, Germany X  
John den Engelsman, Holland  
Marie-Claude Heys, Ireland  
Mauro Roversi, Italy X  
Sebastian Ripard, Malta  
Ignacio Perez Morett, Mexico X  
Michel Boussard & Leonardo Magni, Monaco X  
Halvor Friisk, Norway  
Michał Korneszczyk, Poland  
Dmitrii Zaritckii, Russia X  
Willy Alonso, Spain X  
Jan Björnsjö, Sweden X  
Ruedi Corbelli, Switzerland  
Ahmet Eker, Turkey X  
Paul Ward, UK X  
Pedro Garra, Uruguay  
Scott Deardorff, USA X

**Agenda:**

1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates
2. Class Rules Proposals
3. 2020 Budget Proposal and Approval
4. Re-election of Officers
5. Championship Updates
6. New Business

**Description:**

**1. Officer and Copyright Holder Updates –**

Ian thanked everyone for calling in. 2019 was a fantastic year, let's keep it going in 2020. Jeff said this is the eighth year of J/70 production. In 2019, we grew by 95 hulls, and are just over 1,500 now. Hulls are identified through 1570, meaning the J/70 will soon be the second largest J/Boat. Europe is the strongest growth area. The new low-profile winch is now standard build. A recent issue has been the closing of Southern Spars in Sri Lanka, which is where many J/70 rigs were produced. So we now have a single supplier (Selden), which is not ideal.

Chris reported 2019 membership lists were received from and therefore hull stickers distributed to: ARG, AUS, AUT, BRA, CAN, CHI, ESP, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, IRL, ITA, MEX, MLT,

MON, NED, POL, RUS, SUI, SWE, URU and USA (these are the NCAs with votes).

Chris added sail royalty tag sales are down 30% in 2019. This can be partly attributed to the change of jib design, reducing experimentation. He summarized that the IJ70CA has never yet charged NCAs for memberships, although it has always been in the Constitution. Unfortunately, the IJ70CA had such a low year of royalty tag sales (true among many one-design Classes). Therefore, the IJ70CA should start charging NCAs \$20.00 per Full member beginning in 2020 (this includes Group 3 members). Each country establishes its membership dues, however \$20.00 of each will go to the IJ70CA. The 2020 budget reflects this new process to bring us to a balanced budget. Chris and Julie utilize this membership purchase procedure with other Classes, and the funds will be collected either by credit card or wire transfer. Chris recapped that the IJ70CA has created an international database to track membership and World Sailing group #s. For seven years, the IJ70CA was funded fully on very high royalty tag sales, but we always knew that we could not maintain that pace.

The International J/70 Facebook page has 6,322 followers, and 2,672 on Instagram.

- 2. Class Rules Proposals** – Polk summarized that the Technical Committee prepared a series of Class Rules Proposals, which are posted at <http://j70ica.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-Rules-Change-Proposals.Final.pdf>. None of these change the way the boats are equipped or sailed (almost entirely clean-up items). The few items of note are: an optional “one-pro” division at events, scored as a subset (can be enacted by Organizing Authorities), fire extinguishers being required on all boats regardless of whether using petrol or electric motors, and clarifying language on the tightening of lifelines. Mauro asked about #16 Keel Wedge Thickness Adjustments and #24 One-Pro Division. Polk explained that the one-pro division can be enacted by Organizing Authorities as a way to encourage more participation/growth and provide trophies to these teams. Regarding the wedge, it has been necessary to allow some boat owners to slightly alter/shim the wedge thickness (not forward/aft) so the keel can fit all the way down in the trunk. This has already been approved by J/Boats, so this Rule makes it clear to all owners of what they can/can’t do. Polk reminded everyone that World Sailing will still need to approve these Rules, so the Technical Committee may have to wordsmith non-substantive items.

*Polk Wagner made a motion to accept the package of Class Rules Proposals as written and to grant the Technical Committee permission to make non-substantive changes during the World Sailing approval process, seconded by Leonardo Magni. The motion passed unanimously.*

- 3. 2020 Budget Proposal and Approval** – Chris circulated the IJ70CA Class Budget: Profit & Loss 2019 and Budget 2020. The bank charges are projected higher due to the collection of the membership dues via credit card/bank transfers. Our fiscal year does not end until December 31, so final numbers are still pending. We are projecting a loss this year, hence the new 2020 membership dues process already discussed.

*Scott Deardorff made a motion to accept the Budget/P&L as presented, seconded by Paul Ward. The motion passed unanimously.*

To order 2020 membership hull stickers, please e-mail [howell@j70office.com](mailto:howell@j70office.com) with your requested quantity + the shipping/billing details. The Class Office will then e-mail an invoice for pre-payment.

- 4. Re-election of Officers** – Chris presented the slate:  
President: Ian Wilson, GBR  
Vice President: Scott Weakley, CAN  
Secretary: Vittorio Dimauro, ITA

Treasurer: Jürgen Waldheim, GER  
Technical Chair: Polk Wagner, USA

*Ignacio Perez made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Paul Ward. The slate passed unanimously.*

Henry remains an Officer as Past President, and Jeff as the Copyright Holder.

5. **Championship Updates** –

--2020 European Championship at Royal Danish YC, July 4-11: Chris is confident that the OA has their planning well-organized with the NOR, Jury, PRO, etc.

--2020 World Championship at California YC USA, July 14-19: 53 people are registered, following invitations sent this week to those who have qualified. Petitions for un-used berths can be received at <https://form.jotform.com/93036213603144>

--2020 North American Championship at Port Credit YC, Mississauga, Ontario  
September 20-27: The website is live with the NOR. Contact Scott with charter inquiries.

--2020 South American Championship at Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, December 1-6

--2021 North American Championship at Annapolis Yacht Club, Maryland USA, May 13-16

--2021 European Championship at COYCH, Hyeres France, September 10-17

--2021 World Championship at Yacht Club de Monaco, October 18-23: Leonardo said they are well into their planning. With the EC in Hyeres (only a short drive), it's a great opportunity to leave your boat for the two events.

--2021 South American Championship TBD

--2022 European Championship at Yacht Club Gdansk, Poland, July 9-16

--2022 World Championship in Newport, Rhode Island USA, dates TBA

--2022 North American Championship at St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Florida USA, October 31-  
November 6

--2022 South American Championship TBD

A Request for Proposal will be e-mailed with these meeting minutes for hosts of the 2023 European Championship and 2023 World Championship in Europe.

Paul asked about the process of letting the countries vote on our major Championships. Chris recapped that the last vote in Europe for the European Championship had France as the first choice and Poland second, therefore the two locations were slotted in back-to-back years. The RFP was distributed 1/4/19 for both the 2021 and 2022 European Championships. Geography should also be considered in selecting our hosts. The Executive Committee was asked to compile a document to explain the process.

Willy said that the J/70 has been chosen to replace the J/80 in Copa del Rey. This is excellent for the Mediterranean.

6. **New Business** – Ian thanked the Officers for their time, and also to the NCAs...you are all making the Class strong. You can always contact the Officers with feedback or questions.  
Merry Christmas!

Julie Howell

**Action Items:**

--The Class Office will e-mail a Request for Proposal for the 2023 European Championship and 2023 World Championship in Europe.

--NCAs will order 2020 membership hull stickers via the Class Office.

**Next Meeting:** TBA